



TRUCK ROUTE MASTER PLAN

INFORMATION UPDATE

On June 9 and July 8, 2010, Council approved changes to the City's designated truck route system. The combination of recommendations from the original report to the Truck Route Sub-Committee and changes by the Sub-Committee, Public Works Committee and Council, have resulted in approximately 30 permanent changes and three 18-month trial routing changes.

Following are the actions which have been undertaken or will be completed shortly to implement the direction of Council:

Data Collection for Pilot Truck Route Removals

Three road systems were identified to be excluded from the truck route network for an 18 month "pilot" evaluation period. These pilot locations are Dundurn St. N.; the Kenilworth Access and adjacent arterial road sections leading to the Access and Fruitland Road during night hours. Prior to implementation, data will be collected on these pilot segments to reconfirm the exact nature of trucking volumes, classes and movements on these roads. This will provide the reference basis for the report back to the Sub-Committee prior to the 18 months elapsing. Data collection is already underway.

Co-ordination with McMaster Institute for Transportation and Logistics

As a trial for use in future truck route changes, as requested by the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, consideration is being given to modelling the changes using programming developed by the McMaster Institute for Transportation and Logistics at McMaster University.

Co-ordination of Police Enforcement

The Hamilton Police Service has prepared an enforcement strategy for both immediately after implementation and longer term.

Sign Fabrication

The changes will require a large number of signs. Work orders have already been prepared and most of the signs have been fabricated and are ready. Along with revised permissive truck route signs at every key intersection, "NEW" signs (starburst) will be erected paired with every changed sign. The "NEW" signs will be removed after the introductory period.

Education / Awareness of New (Amended) Truck Route Network

- The Clerk's Division has already sent the Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) correspondence, as requested at the June 9th Council meeting, advising of the Truck Route Study implementation and requesting the OTA advise its membership to avoid using Centennial Parkway, whenever possible, use the Red Hill Valley Parkway and to avoid using engine brakes within the urban boundary of Hamilton.
- The updated truck route network maps will be posted on our municipal web-site at the time of the signing changes.
- Newspaper advertising will be used to advise of the amended truck route designations.
- Updated and improved truck route mapping is being generated and will be provided to the Hamilton Police Service (enforcement), the Chamber of Commerce and other identified stakeholders.

Scheduling

Staff anticipates commencing the signing changes in late July to early August, with the changes completed in a 6 to 8 week period.