

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Mary Hamann, P.E., Assistant City Engineer

Through: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Ordinance restricting through truck traffic on a portion of Huber Road

Date: March 15, 2022

Current City ordinance designates “no through truck traffic” streets as streets with a restriction on through commercial vehicles with two or more rear axles unless they are making a delivery to an address on that street. The portion of Huber Road between the eastbound IH-10 Frontage Road and FM 78 currently has frequent southbound truck traffic that crosses the railroad tracks and must stop before turning onto FM 78. Due to the grade at the railroad crossing and the distance between the stop sign and the railroad tracks causing the back of the truck to remain on the railroad crossing, there are multiple safety issues with trucks using this portion of Huber Road.

City staff is recommending a through truck restriction on the portion of Huber Road between the eastbound IH-10 Frontage Road and FM 78 to reduce the safety concerns associated with this railroad crossing. Staff has contacted nearby businesses that generate truck traffic and did not receive any opposition to the proposed through truck restriction. This proposed restriction will not limit access to any major roadways.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed truck restriction on Huber Road between the eastbound IH-10 Frontage Road and FM 78 and will be available to answer any questions at the March 15, 2022 City Council meeting.