

# MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: May 13, 2008

FROM: KEN GREHM / PHIL VASSION

SUBJECT: LOAD LIMITS ON LOCUST ROAD

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## **ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION**

Conduct a Public Hearing and Amend the existing County Code prohibiting commercial vehicles exceeding a gross weight of 40,000 lbs. (20 tons) from using Locust Road.

## **BACKGROUND / SUMMARY**

The Department and the Board of Supervisors have received requests to restrict heavy commercial vehicles from using Locust Road in Western Placer County. With increasing traffic congestion on the main transportation routes, Public Works is seeing an increase in the use of back roads by through trucks. Locust Road is a rural residential and agricultural road that is used by large cement trucks, dirt haulers and semi trucks. Locust Road consists of narrow lanes with minimal shoulders and two ninety-degree bends. In addition, the pavement structure is not adequate to handle the weight of heavy trucks.

Currently, the increased use of Locust Road by commercial vehicles is in part due to construction activity in the Roseville area, as concrete and other heavy trucks making deliveries from Sacramento County use Locust Road as a cut-through route to Baseline Road. A more appropriate route for these trucks is to travel east on Elverta Road and use either Watt Avenue or Walerga Road, as these roads are more suitable for heavier vehicles.

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 35701 permits local agencies to prohibit the use of certain roads in unincorporated areas by commercial vehicles. The decision to implement weight restrictions on Locust Road is based upon input from residents and the West Placer MAC. This road has been field-reviewed to confirm that it is appropriate to restrict the use of heavy commercial vehicles on these routes. Commercial vehicles making local deliveries that need to use these roads are exempt from this restriction.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

This action is exempt under CEQA guidelines per Section 15301c, Operations of Existing Streets and Highways.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost to add and maintain signing can be absorbed by the Road Fund.

Attachment: Ordinance  
Location Map

# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: AN ORDINANCE REVISING  
SECTION 10.08.160 TO PLACER COUNTY CODE,  
2000, CHAPTER 10, ESTABLISHING LOAD  
LIMITS ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS

Resol. No:.....

Ord. No:.....

First Reading:.....

The following ORDINANCE was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_,  
by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Attest:  
Clerk of said Board

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DOES  
ORDAIN AS FOLLOW:

Section 10.08.160 of Chapter 10 of the Placer County Code is hereby amended to add the  
following language:

CC. Load Limits on Locust Road (A0003)

1. Commercial vehicles exceeding a gross weight of forty thousand (40,000) pounds (twenty tons) are prohibited from using Locust Road from Sacramento County Line to Baseline Road (A0020).
2. Watt Avenue (B0011) and Walerga Road (B0015) between the Sacramento County line and Baseline Road (A0020) are designated as alternate routes for commercial vehicles prohibited from using Locust Road.

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final passage. The clerk is directed to publish this ordinance or a summary thereof within 15 days in accordance with government code section 25124.

# EXHIBIT A

4-29-08



**PROPOSED  
WEIGHT  
RESTRICTION**



