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## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Calgary regulates the use of truck routes through Bylaw 60M90, being a bylaw of The City of Calgary Respecting Truck Routes. The Bylaw provides a definition of a truck and provides information on truck routes in the City. The truck route bylaw also gives authority to The City of Calgary Traffic Engineer to restrict the use of trucks on these routes based on: size, weight, type, height or other specification, and the hours (time of day) when a truck may be driven on the truck route. In addition, the Traffic Bylaw Number 26M96 outlines the control and regulation of traffic on city streets, including loading zones, slow-moving vehicles, and bridges where trucks are restricted to a single lane.

## **PURPOSE**

The City of Calgary Council and Administration recognized that there was a need to re-evaluate the existing truck route network to incorporate public involvement and to account for recent and future expansion of the road network. This policy provides guidelines and principles for identifying acceptable truck routes based on sound engineering, ensuring adherence to other City of Calgary Council policies, and minimizing impacts on the environment, social fabric, and economic sustainability.

## **SCOPE**

The profitability, productivity and competitiveness of commercial businesses depend greatly on their ability to minimize transportation time and costs. In general, the goals in the evaluation and selection of intra-city truck routes are:

1. To provide safe, efficient and connective routes to best service commercial and non-commercial truck travel while minimizing impact to surrounding communities;
2. To provide a seamless transition between external truck traffic and the internal road network; and
3. To provide easy access to truck information in the form of consistent, readable and accurate signage, readily available maps and reduced time and weight restrictions.



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## **POLICY**

This policy has been formulated to best serve both the general public and the trucking industry, at the same time ensuring the interests of The City of Calgary are met. It attempts to minimize the use of truck restrictions, while satisfying the city's mobility needs.

The City of Calgary will use a procedure that considers: social implications, environmental impact, network connectivity and economic considerations in determining whether routes should be designated or maintained as truck routes.

A Truck Route Committee will be established and coordinated by the Roads Business Unit to oversee the administration and enforcement of the policy. The committee will consist of representation from the following City of Calgary organizational units: Transportation; Land Use Planning and Policy; Development and Building Approvals; Bylaw Services; and the Calgary Police Service as well as external representatives. External representation will include private industry involved in the commercial trucking, distribution and manufacturing sectors, representation from the Federation of Calgary Communities (FCC), emergency services including the Calgary Health Region, and the Province of Alberta.

The Transportation Planning Business Unit will incorporate this policy into planning of new routes, as appropriate. Transportation Planning will monitor the planned infrastructure projects and notify the Truck Route Committee if a review of existing routes is required prior to a scheduled five year review.

Land Use Planning and Policy will take into consideration the guiding principles resulting from the Truck Route Policy study when drafting transportation related sections for the Municipal Development Plan (MDP). Implementation will occur through the detailed local area planning processes. At this planning level, consideration of broader truck route and related network planning issues (truck route contiguity, employment and residential area connections etc.) will be evaluated. At more detailed planning policy levels (i.e. area structure plans, community plans, area redevelopment plans and then subdivision/outline plan) more localized impacts of truck route planning and abutting land use issues (i.e. appropriate land uses, separation distances and buffers) will be considered.

The Roads Business Unit will be responsible for the ongoing administration, coordination and operation of truck routes. This will include the issuance of permits, maintenance of roadways and the updating of Truck Route Bylaw and associated map.



## **PROCEDURE**

The City of Calgary will use a procedure that considers social implications, environmental impact, traffic management and economic considerations in determining whether roadways should be designated as truck routes.

## **AMENDMENTS**

New Policy