



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: October 8, 2019

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Prohibiting Vehicles With Trailers or Semi-Trailers With Kingpin to Rear Axle Lengths Exceeding Thirty-Eight Feet (38') on Lambert Bridge Road between Postmiles 10.34 and 10.54 and Authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works to Install Associated Signage.

Whereas, Section 35401(e) in Division 15 of the California Vehicle Code authorizes a local authority to prohibit by ordinance the use of any street, road or highway by any vehicle with a trailer or semi-trailer exceeding a maximum length of thirty-eight feet (38') from the kingpin to the rearmost axle, if by accepted engineering standards, they cannot safely negotiate the street, road or highway, and

Whereas, Section 32 of the California Vehicle Code states that, whenever local authorities are given the power to take action by ordinance in pursuant to Division 11 or Division 15 of the California Vehicle Code, they shall also have the power to take such action by resolution; and

Whereas, Sonoma County seeks to ensure a safe and efficient road network; and,

Whereas, Lambert Bridge Road between Postmiles 10.34 and 10.54 is narrow with several tight angle curves, the most severe of which exists at the immediate eastern approach to Lambert Bridge, resulting in long vehicles needing to utilize the full road width to negotiate the tight radius curves, and

Whereas, Lambert Bridge is a narrow one-lane steel truss bridge with concrete abutments spanning Dry Creek, and

Whereas, there have been numerous instances of long vehicles that have been unable to negotiate the tight radius curve at the eastern approach to Lambert Bridge resulting in safety concerns, damage to Lambert Bridge and blocked traffic, and

Whereas, the repeal of the weight limit ordinance for Lambert Bridge would encourage its greater usage by long vehicles, and

Whereas, the Department of Transportation and Public Works has determined through an engineering and traffic study, that long vehicles with a trailer or semi-trailer exceeding a kingpin to rear axle length of thirty-eight feet (38') cannot safely negotiate Lambert Bridge Road between Postmiles 10.34 and 10.54 and that limiting the length of vehicles to the maximum extent allowed under Section 35401(e) in Division 15 of the California Vehicle Code is in the best interest of public safety.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma hereby:

1. Prohibits vehicles with trailers or semi-trailers with kingpin to rear axle lengths exceeding

thirty-eight feet (38') on Lambert Bridge Road between Postmiles 10.34 and 10.54.

2. Authorizes the Director of Transportation and Public Works to erect appropriate signage as required by the California Vehicle Code and California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.