



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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**DATE:** July 17, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Report from the Traffic Operations Committee in response to a communication from Councilor Herschlag requesting that through trucking on Borough Road be prohibited as well as requesting that, if necessary, signage indicating no through trucking be replaced on River Road.

### **Recommendation**

Accept this report.

### **Background**

On June 2, 2015, Councilor Herschlag submitted a communication to City Council requesting consideration that through trucking on Borough Road be prohibited as well as requesting that, if necessary, signage indicating no through trucking be replaced on River Road. City Council referred this request to the Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) on June 8, 2015. TOC considered this request at its June 16 meeting and forwarded its findings to the City Manager for his consideration as restrictions to No Through Trucking are under his authorization.

### **Discussion**

All through roads in the northwest quadrant of the city, including Horse Hill Road, Carter Hill Road, Elm Street, River Road, Bog Road, West Parish Road and Lakeview Drive are currently posted for No Through Trucking. Borough Road, although not currently posted with this restriction, enjoys a 'defacto' restriction to truck travel to/from the west since such travel requires continuation along River Road, a road upon which through trucking is currently restricted. Although not included in the referral request, TOC noted that the same can be said of Washington Street which is currently not restricted to trucking but also has a western terminus at the Borough/Washington/River intersection. In any event, with Village Street (US Route 3) being the designated through trucking route in Penacook, it would be more informative if the restrictions to westbound trucking were located adjacent to Village Street rather than a mile to the west at River Road as currently posted. General Services estimated a material and labor cost of about \$400 to install two signs, one each on the eastern ends of Borough Road and Washington Street.

TOC members noted that a lot of trucking activity has been apparent in the area of Borough and River Roads recently, much of which was attributable to PSNH logging activity related to power line construction as well as springtime deliveries to Murray Farms on River Road, all allowable local-trucking activities. CPD staff was not aware of any significant 'through trucking' in the area.

TOC's findings were submitted to the Manager for his consideration. The posting of both Borough Road and Washington Street for No Through Trucking was authorized by the Manager on July 15, 2015. Signs (one each) were installed by General Services on July 16, 2015 on the eastern end of each street near its intersection with Village Street.

Regarding the condition of the existing no trucking signs on River Road, it was noted that there was only one sign posted on the eastern approach to River Road (just west of the Borough/Washington intersection). There is not a sign on the western approach as all roads west of River Road are already so posted. General Services noted that the current sign, while not brand new, has some years of service life left. TOC members concurred that the existing sign was adequate and that its replacement be determined in the coming years as part of General Services' periodic review and replacement of signs city-wide.

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cc: Traffic Operations Committee