



District Department of Transportation

Truck Restriction Requests

Guidelines and Procedures





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Introduction

The District's increasing population and development make the metropolitan area one of the most congested in the country. Approximately five to seven percent of the total vehicle traffic in the District is truck traffic. Truck volumes in the District are projected to increase by 70 percent for inbound traffic and 137 percent for outbound traffic from 2011 to 2040. In addition, mixed use areas and neighborhood retail establishments coupled with an increase in construction and development and home package delivery result in an increase of trucks on residential (local) streets.

In 2010 the District developed a truck and bus route system to manage and monitor the truck and bus traffic in the city (see map at www.godcgo.com/truckandbusmap.com). Primary and restricted routes were identified, taking into account engineering characteristics, roadway classification, planner review, industry and community feedback, and field observations. Primary routes are roads that are able to facilitate high truck traffic volumes and/or serve as major freight generators or bus destinations. Restricted routes are those that may not be used by through trucks or buses due to security, inadequate capacity, or residential quality. However, no street in the District of Columbia is completely restricted to trucks. Streets designated as restricted are closed to through truck traffic but remain open to trucks making deliveries or picking up on or within approximately five blocks of that street.

1.0 Truck Restriction Eligibility

In order to restrict a street to through truck travel, the street must meet the following criteria:

The street must be classified as a "local" street (find your street classification here:

<http://ddot.dc.gov/publication/functional-classification-map>);

The street must NOT be a primary bus or truck route;

The street must NOT be a primary emergency vehicle route (such as a main approach to a hospital or fire house);

The observed truck traffic must be 50% of the truck traffic observed on truck routes in the District and must not be construction related or a result of a temporary increase in traffic; and

The truck traffic observed must not be traveling to/from a delivery on the street requested for a restriction or a street within approximately five blocks of that street.

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2.0 Potential Impacts

Like many operational changes to the transportation network, restricting a street to through truck traffic can result in both positive and negative impacts. When considering a through truck restriction request, the ANC needs to consider the fact that through trucks, when restricted from one street, will change their travel to another street in the area.

3.0 Request Procedures

If your street meets the eligibility requirements and you would like to request a truck restriction a request must be submitted by the ANC representative of the street requested for a restriction to the District Department of Transportation using the form at the end of this packet. Information required and instructions on how and to whom to submit this request can be found on the request form.

4.0 Truck Restriction Signage

If your street, after evaluation, is deemed appropriate for a truck restriction DDOT approved signage meeting the standards laid out in the District Freight Signage Plan will be installed.



Truck Restriction Request Form

Submit Petition To:

Freight Planner
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20003

and/or via email to:

ddot.freight@dc.gov

ANC Request Representative: _____

ANC and Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Description of Problem and Problem Area: EXAMPLE: "Maple St NW between 1st St NW & 2nd St NW,
100 trucks an hour speed through"

Reason for Request and Proposed Alternative Route (for trucks):