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ENFORCEMENT OF NEW TRUCK RESTRICTIONS PROHIBITING VEHICLES OVER FOUR AXLES ON CARBON CANYON ROAD BEGINS MAY 30

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills and Chino Hills Police Department will begin enforcement of new truck restrictions prohibiting vehicles with more than four axles from traveling through Carbon Canyon Road (SR-142) on Thursday, May 30, following the installation of new traffic signs. This enforcement initiative, unanimously approved and supported by the Chino Hills City Council, aims to enhance commuter and traffic safety along Carbon Canyon Road, by restricting the passage of large semi-trucks and other similar vehicles over four axles through the narrow S-curves.

Effective May 30, vehicles with more than four axles will be prohibited from traveling through Carbon Canyon Road as an alternative route to regional freeways such as California State Routes 57, 60, and 91. Signs will be installed to alert drivers prior to entering Carbon Canyon so they may consider an alternate freeway route. Vehicles over four axles are permitted in cases where their presence is necessary for residents who reside in Carbon Canyon and their visitors with a destination in the canyon, for the provision of goods or services to Carbon Canyon residents, or when directly related to City business. Violators will be subject to fines enforced by the Chino Hills Police Department on the San Bernardino County side, and by the Brea Police Department on the Orange County side of the canyon.

"After years of concerted efforts and collaboration between two cities and two different California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Districts, we are pleased to implement this enforcement action and limit the dangers posed by semi-trucks navigating through Carbon Canyon that have long been a concern for our community," said Chino Hills Mayor Cynthia Moran. "While we acknowledge that some trucks may continue to disregard signage, putting safety at risk as they cannot be turned around safely once they enter the canyon, we are committed to holding the violators accountable."

SR-142 is a two-lane highway that is considered a principal arterial in the national highway system and the responsibility of the State of California with two different Caltrans Districts responsible for its maintenance. The Carbon Canyon road portion of the SR-142 corridor extends from Chino Hills Parkway in Chino Hills on the north to Valencia Avenue in Brea on

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the south. Caltrans District 8 maintains the Chino Hills side to the Orange County line and District 12 maintains the Brea side to the San Bernardino County line. The 8.4-mile stretch of roadway is often congested or even blocked for hours at a time as a result of semi-trucks using the roadway as an alternative route and not being able to clear the narrow turns at the S-curve switchbacks. In some cases, semi-trucks have even collided with passenger vehicles.

The enforcement of this new law is the culmination of extensive collaboration between the City of Chino Hills, the City of Brea, and two different Caltrans Districts. For over two decades, City Council members and City leaders have expressed concern over resident and commuter safety throughout the corridor. After many discussions with Caltrans, the City of Chino Hills formally began the effort to identify a solution to truck traffic issues along Carbon Canyon Road in 2016. The City of Chino Hills has funded three different traffic studies in 2017, 2018, and again in 2021 at a cost of \$113,167. The studies and efforts have amplified the need for action to mitigate truck traffic along Carbon Canyon Road, resulting in the formal adoption of an enforceable ordinance by both the Cities of Chino Hills and Brea.

For questions regarding the new truck restrictions along Carbon Canyon Road, please contact the Chino Hills Police Department at (909) 364-2000.

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