



Agenda Item: 16.M
Date of Meeting: October 27, 2025
Department: Administration

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Pam Foster
Subject: **Consideration of Request from Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) for Letter Opposing Increases in Truck Size and Weight**
Prepared On: October 21, 2025
Attachments: CABT Draft Letter

Background/History:

The Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) has submitted a request to Mayor Kong urging the City of Bishop to formally express opposition to federal legislation that would increase the size and weight limits for commercial trucks. Specifically, current discussions in Washington, D.C. include proposals to increase allowable truck weights up to 91,000 pounds and expand the length of twin-trailer configurations.

CABT is requesting that the City send a letter to its federal representatives outlining the negative impacts such proposals would have on local infrastructure, safety, and the community overall.

Analysis/Discussion:

Bishop is uniquely positioned at the junction of U.S. Routes 395 and 6, which are heavily trafficked by commercial freight vehicles. Due to the absence of a bypass around the City, all truck traffic, including oversize and wide-load vehicles, passes directly through the downtown corridor. The result is a high volume of heavy vehicle traffic navigating local streets that were not designed for trucks of expanded size or weight.

According to CABT, California has seen a 51% increase in truck crash fatalities over the past decade. In 2023 alone, the state recorded 12,212 large-truck crashes resulting in 392 fatalities and 5,308 injuries. CABT and other stakeholders believe that increasing truck size and weight would exacerbate these safety concerns, particularly in communities like Bishop where truck traffic intersects with pedestrian areas, local businesses, and constrained roadways.

CABT's proposed letter advocates for holding the line on federal truck size and weight mandates and urges federal legislators to oppose any such increases during the remainder of the current Congressional session.

Economic Impacts:

There are no economic impacts of sending a letter.

Budget Impacts:

There is no direct fiscal impact to sending a letter. However, long-term impacts from increased truck sizes and weights could include higher local costs for road repairs, increased traffic delays, and potential public safety expenditures.

Legal Review:

Recommended Action:

Council consideration to approve the attached letter from the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Bishop, to the City's federal representatives opposing proposed increases in the allowable size and weight of commercial trucks, as requested by the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT).

Approved By: Pam Foster 10/21/2025

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