



STAFF REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2012

CONSENT ITEM

To: Town Council

From: Brian Fragliao, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer

Subject: Truck Parking at the Horseshoe Bar Interchange Loop

Date: June 4, 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

Informational only. Receive and File.

ISSUE AND DISCUSSION:

At the May 8, 2012 Town Council meeting, Councilmember Ucovich asked staff to look into why commercial trucks have been parking at the Horseshoe Bar Interchange Loop and what can be done. Staff spoke to Caltrans last year regarding this issue and Highway Patrol was notified. Trucks continue to park in the eastbound loop. Staff spoke to Jim Calkins the Chief Freeway Operation Director of Caltrans in May and he again notified Highway Patrol. With the loop being an open area, it is tough to enforce truck traffic going in and out during all times of the day. Staff has discussed with Caltrans an option to close off the loop and they prefer not to. Caltrans Traffic Operation is planning to install "Emergency Parking Only" signs along the loop which has worked in other locations. In the future, this area will be planted with trees as part of the bridge raising project slated for 2013/2014.

CEQA:

Any work within Caltrans right-of-way will be required to follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental process.

FINANCIAL AND/OR POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

No funding is needed at this time.