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Amended

Alternate Lawe Street Truck Route

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Whereas large commercial trucks on Lawe Street have long been a problem for the neighborhood both as a nuisance and a safety issue, causing damage to road conditions and home infrastructure; and

Whereas amenities, such as bike lanes, and safe walkable street crossings add value to neighborhoods, but inner city truck routes, impose a burden on neighborhoods; and

Whereas Lawe Street is scheduled for surface reconstruction in 2025, underground work in 2024, and design and planning 2023; and

Whereas large commercial truck traffic will have to be re-routed during the reconstruction work on Lawe Street, this provides an opportunity to make permanent changes as well as explore options to save on cost of materials;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that when the redesign comes up prior to Lawe Street's reconstruction, staff will explore removing the Truck Route designation from Lawe Street between College Avenue and Hancock Street, and finding an alternate route for truck traffic to travel north and south. Specifically, staff will conduct a Lawe Street (from College Avenue to Hancock Street) corridor study that includes: an analysis of deterioration of terrace habitat and trees due to trucks, cost benefit analysis of construction, origin/destination study, traffic volume report, specific traffic speed reduction efforts, and an environmental impact assessment to include truck particulate matter emissions and a heavy metal analysis that are being deposited into the roadway. This study will be completed by March 2024.