

# TRANSPORTATION ORDINANCE

## WHAT IS A TRANSPORTATION ORDINANCE?

Transportation ordinances are local policies that are used to tailor transportation conditions to fit the vision of a community. Transportation ordinances can assist in managing many transportation and land use conditions, including:

- **Corridor preservation** assists transportation planning by regulating land uses adjacent to a corridor in need of future expansion. A corridor preservation ordinance would not allow adjacent land uses to encroach upon the proposed future right-of-way.
- **Truck Routes** are ordinance based networks that allow freight traffic to easily navigate a community without causing unwanted congestion or noise impacts to a community.
- **Multimodal Options** ordinances can also be developed to ensure that future improvement projects include multimodal elements.
- **Access Management** local ordinances can be structured to control access to primary roadways and promote more efficient land uses through requiring linked parking lots or minimizing curb cuts to adjacent land uses.

## WHY HAVE TRANSPORTATION ORDINANCES?

Transportation ordinances can encourage consistent development patterns and integration of transportation and land uses. Enhanced management of a local community's vision can promote:

- **System Efficiency**
- **Economic Growth**
- **A more developed sense of place**
- **Safety improvements**



Multimodal Options: Transit Oriented Development, Hamilton Springs in Lebanon, TN



Access Management



## TENNESSEE EXAMPLE OF TRANSPORTATION ORDINANCES: MCMINNVILLE

The City of McMinnville created Trucking Route Ordinance 15-107 to limit load restrictions on vehicles using certain streets. The Trucking Route Ordinance designates two types of truck traffic: through truck traffic and local truck traffic. Through traffic is any truck entering the City with a final destination outside the City. Local traffic refers to trucks entering the City to load or unload freight.

All trucks weighing more than 10,000 pounds are restricted from using City streets unless they are designated as Through Truck Traffic Routes. Local truck traffic is allowed on non Through Truck Traffic Routes only for the purpose of unloading or loading freight. All local truck traffic must use the most direct route along the Through Truck Traffic Route to the local truck's destination.

Violations of Trucking Route Ordinance 15-107 is subject to a \$50 fine without eligibility for Driving Safety School.



Truck Route Signage

## HOW TO CREATE TRANSPORTATION ORDINANCES

### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

**Leadership Commitment** Community leaders must demonstrate a clear commitment to support the project.

**Visioning and Consensus** Establishing a shared vision allows the community to set project goals and objectives. Understanding needs and developing support from the community is vital to start the planning, design, and implementation processes.

**Planning and Design** Communities should leverage local resources and knowledge to assist in guiding project activities to best meet the needs of their community. Tailoring best practices to meet local conditions and desires will assist in developing an implementable, successful planning study.

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