



Board of County Commissioners

Public Works Committee

RESOLUTION RESTRICTING TRUCK TRAFFIC ON SALEM COUNTY ROAD #642, EAST MILL STREET AND FOR LARGE WHEELBASE VEHICLES AND REDUCING WEIGHT LIMIT FOR PEDRICKTOWN BRIDGE (SALEM COUNTY BRIDGE #1700-199) OLDMANS TOWNSHIP, SALEM COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Township of Oldmans passed Resolution 2024-54 recommending Truck Restrictions on Salem County Road #642, East Mill Street for large wheelbase vehicles & reducing the weight limit for Pedricktown Bridge (Salem County Bridge #1700-199); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Oldmans is requesting that all truck traffic be restricted to a wheel base of 21' or less on Salem County Road #642, East Mill Street; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Oldmans is requesting that all truck traffic be restricted to a 10 Ton limit or less on Pedricktown Bridge (Salem County Bridge #1700-199); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Oldmans requests a dedicated "Truck Route" for Vehicles over 21' of wheelbase and 10 tons or greater in Gross Vehicle Weight; and

WHEREAS, the Salem County Engineer has reviewed the findings of the Roadway Evaluation Report which was prepared by "Pennoni Associates Inc", for the Salem County Engineers Office, dated June, 2023 with a Pennoni Project Number SALEM23007 and Recommends the following:

- 1. Large Vehicle Truck traffic will be restricted to a wheel base of 21' or less to allow small local delivery trucks per "Figure 6" of the above referenced "Pennoni" report.
2. Large Trucks with a wheelbase 21 feet and greater; which have a GVW of 10 Tons or more will be restricted from using Pedricktown Bridge (Salem County Bridge #1700-199); to prevent further damage to the bridge abutments and guide rails.
3. Proposed Truck Routes as identified in "Figure 6" of the above referenced "Pennoni" report shall be posted with signs according to the attached map as various road improvement projects are completed.
4. Implement the proposed road improvements as outlined in the "Pennoni" Report as funding becomes available.
5. The Salem County Road Supervisor be and is hereby authorized to erect the proper signage as required by law with installation conforming to the standards set forth in the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices".
6. A Duly certified copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation along with Law Enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners approves the requested truck traffic and weight limit restrictions and also approves a dedicated truck route based on the Roadway Evaluation Report and the recommendation of the Salem County Engineer.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024.

Stacy L. Pennington
STACY L. PENNINGTON Clerk of the Board

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OLDMANS TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2024-54

APPROVAL OF WHEEL BASE RESTRICTIONS ON MILL STREET (CR 642) AND
CAUSEWAY BRIDGE (1700-199)
AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATE TRUCK ROUTE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Oldmans Township Committee has determined that serious safety issues exist along Mill Street (CR 642) to the "Causeway" Bridge (1700-199) at the end of East Mill Street; and

WHEREAS Mill Street is a Salem County road and the causeway Bridge is Salem County bridge;

WHEREAS the following conditions have been observed:

1. Due to the growth of the neighboring business park in Logan Township, there has been increased car and tractor trailer traffic on local roads running through the center of Pedricktown, rather than the more accommodating roads outside of downtown Pedricktown such as US Route 130 and Interstate 295 which are more equipped in size to support such truck traffic.
2. Both approaches to the Salem County Bridge are an "S" curve which causes large trucks to drive into the opposite lane in order to make the turn, causing a hazardous condition to oncoming vehicles traveling the onto the bridge.
3. The Oldmans Township Elementary school is located in close proximity to Mill Street and as such has pedestrian traffic walking to and from school since students on Mill Street must walk to school; no busing available.
4. A Salem County Traffic Study was completed June 2023 which indicated a large amount of truck traffic travelling on Mill Street and the Salem County Bridge and recommended establishing truck restrictions based on wheelbase.
5. In an attempt to mitigate the safety concerns, Oldmans Township installed directional signs along US Route 130 to direct truck traffic off Mill Street and is still experiencing heavy truck traffic through residential streets.
6. When the Bridge is closed due to weather conditions, tractor trailers must back up Mill Street the entire length of the street since there is no turnaround space on Mill Street.

THEREFORE, the Township Committee of the Township of Oldmans respectfully recommends to the Salem County Commissioners the following:

- Prohibit thru truck traffic with a Wheel Base (WB) 40 or larger on Mill Street (CR 642).
- Redirect thru truck traffic with a Wheel Base (WB) 40 or larger on Mill Street CR 642) to Porcupine Road (CR 643) and/or Straughns Mill Road (CR 643)
- Installation of traffic signs be placed at the intersection of Mill Street and Straughns Mill to prohibit large thru-truck traffic down Mill Street and to use Porcupine Road and/or Straughns Mill Road as a truck alternate.

Adopted: March 13, 2024

ATTESTED BY:

OLDMANS TOWNSHIP



Melinda Taylor, Municipal Clerk



David Murphy, Mayor