

RESOLUTION

BY REICH

OPPOSING TRUCK SIZE OR WEIGHT INCREASES.

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis is concerned with the welfare of residents and the cost, quality and reliability of city, county, and state infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, transportation and infrastructure funding are a top priority for the Minnesota legislature this session; and

WHEREAS, the trucking industry is an important part of the nation's economy and safely sized and weighted trucks are vital to truck drivers to conduct their essential work in a safe and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, the Federal truck weight limit is currently 80,000 pounds; Minnesota's state limit is also 80,000 pounds, with exemptions for logging and certain agriculture products and any increase in the Minnesota truck weight limit would mean heavier vehicles would not be able to travel on the Interstate Highway; and

WHEREAS, heavier trucks will result in a diversion of truck traffic from the Interstates, which are built to a higher standard, to state and local roads not designed to withstand such heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, 1,513 bridges in Minnesota are rated as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, according to the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, it would cost \$121 billion to repair current structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridges nationwide and an additional \$53 billion in costs to allow 97,000-pound trucks, according to USDOT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis opposes any legislation to increase truck size or weight on Minneapolis alleys, streets, roads and bridges.