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County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: TRANSPORTATION, WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE  
Date: April 10, 2018

Subject: Support For "Coalition Against Bigger Trucks" (Opposition to Increases in Truck Weight/Length)

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE a position of "Support" for the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks initiative opposing increases in truck length and weight, and AUTHORIZE the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter communicating the County's position.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) approached the County with a request that we support their effort to oppose increases in truck length and weight. These increases are being considered by the federal Department of Transportation. There are numerous studies and statistics that provide a reasonable rationale for the opposition (Attached:CSAC Ltr to Asm Trans Re Freight Reccos.pdf: "Heavier and Longer Trucks...").

The list of CABT supporters from California is attached and includes the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). CSAC's communication on this topic is attached for additional background. The Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee (TWIC)

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/10/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

ABSENT: Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 10, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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cc:

considered the CABT request at their March 12, 2018 meeting.

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

TWIC commented that electric or hybrid public transit busses are heavier than their conventionally powered counterparts and directed staff to ensure that the weight limitations would not apply to these vehicles. Subject to that clarification, staff was directed to bring the CABT initiative to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of support. Staff clarified that the limitations only apply to tractor-trailer vehicles.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Board of Supervisors does not take the recommended action the County will miss an opportunity to communicate its policy preferences on the subject issue.

### ATTACHMENTS

California Support: CABT

CSAC Ltr to Asm Trans Re Trucks

CSAC Truck Size and Weight Study Comments

04-10-18 BOS to House of Reps re DRAFT Support CABT Initiative.pdf

04-10-18 BOS to Senators re DRAFT Support CABT Initiative.pdf