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From: Vitale, Marty <MartyV@ashto.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 9:31 AM
To: Wyatt, Anthony D
Subject: FW: Procedure for Approval of Signing an Alternate "TRUCK" Route Parallel to an Existing US Route

I believed that this was the correct answer, "I see no need for this kind of approval as long as they keep the US route signed as this is just trying to keep the trucks off the main road," but wanted to get confirmation. Hope this helps. If you have more questions, please contact me.

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From: Kobetsky, Ken
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 4:23 PM
To: Vitale, Marty
Subject: RE: Procedure for Approval of Signing an Alternate "TRUCK" Route Parallel to an Existing US Route

Marty

I see no need for this kind of approval as long as they keep the US route signed as this is just trying to keep the trucks off the main road.

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From: Vitale, Marty
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2009 8:28 AM
To: 'Wyatt, Anthony D'
Cc: Penne, Leo; Kobetsky, Ken
Subject: RE: Procedure for Approval of Signing an Alternate "TRUCK" Route Parallel to an Existing US Route

Thank you, Tony for inquiring about truck alternate routes. I am not a hundred percent sure the answer so I have passed your message to two AASHTO staff that would possibly have expertise in this area. I do not recall ever receiving or reading anything in the policy and procedures about this. We will get back to you as soon as we have an answer.

Sincerely,
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From: Wyatt, Anthony D [mailto:awyatt@ncdot.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 5:17 PM
To: Vitale, Marty
Subject: FW: Procedure for Approval of Signing an Alternate "TRUCK" Route Parallel to an Existing US Route

Good Day Marty,

Hardee Cox suggested that I contact you concerning a "TRUCK" alternate route issue (US 421) that we have been working on in NC.

Based on the format/guidance of the AASHTO application and the Special Committee on US Route Numbering information it does not look like we would need to submit an application for a proposed/recommended US 421 TRUCK alternate route we have been working on in Wilmington, NC - but we wanted to make sure that it was not a necessary step.

We have a few of these in NC - but I could not find a history of any formal submissions or approvals for these (Please see my original request for help - further down in this thread). *A raw draft application with a map of the action we are looking at is attached - please note - this was a preliminary draft subject to what we find out about any procedures for these types of alternate routes.*

I originally launched this to our NC FHWA Safety Rep Joe Geigle - but also contacted Hardee since he had been so involved with our network and previous applications. I apologize if this gets to you from FHWA also - but we certainly appreciate your help. We are also struggling with a US 117 Connector Issue that also does not appear to be an action that the Special Committee would address - but we are trying to make sure we proceed with the correct protocols and procedures.

Any and All Help Appreciated. Take Care,

Tony Wyatt
NCDOT Field Operations & Investigations

From: Cox, Hardee R
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 3:35 PM
To: Wyatt, Anthony D
Subject: RE: Procedure for Approval of Signing an Alternate "TRUCK" Route Parallel to an Existing US Route

Hi Tony,

I'm not sure there is a category on the AASHTO application for a "Truck" route designation. Marty Vitale of AASHTO would be the one to ask. The old Universe file has a space for truck route - ex. The roads connecting to US 258 around Snow Hill (US 258 goes through) have a Truck Route designation; verify this my memory is not what it used to be. Maybe Tom Schroeder can look up this route and see if we ever did an application for AASHTO; one doesn't come to mind.

Hardee

From: Wyatt, Anthony D
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 2:58 PM
To: Cox, Hardee R
Subject: FW: Procedure for Approval of Signing an Alternate "TRUCK" Route Parallel to an Existing US Route
Importance: High

Good Afternoon Hardee -
thought you might be able to help me on this - any guidance / suggestions appreciated.

Tony

From: Wyatt, Anthony D
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 2:56 PM
To: Geigle, Joseph
Cc: 'Hibbs, Bradley'; Roach, Renee B; Embry, Vickie L; Avery, Lisa N; Schroeder, Thomas C
Subject: Procedure for Approval of Signing an Alternate "TRUCK" Route Parallel to an Existing US Route
Importance: High

Good Afternoon Joe,

During this morning's Internal Interstate & US Route Subcommittee meeting an issue came up that we need your help on.

We are recommending the establishment of a US 421 "Truck" alternate route for a short distance parallel to US 421 in Wilmington - to improve large truck operations, reduce the number of right angle turns required and to reduce through large truck conflicts with CBD type traffic.

We are aware of several other "signed" alternate primary routes with the "TRUCK" placard (some of which are ordinances as the alternate route to accommodate trucks), however we were not sure of the procedure / necessity for review/approval to officially establish one of these. Given that US 421 is a "US" route we had drafted an application for submission to AASHTO Route Naming Committee (Special Committee on US Route Numbering - see attached preliminary draft) - however it does not appear (at least based on a quick review of previous committee actions) that previously established "TRUCK" type alternate / bypass routes have been being submitted to the committee. The SCUSRN Committee's bylaws and guidance did not indicate that the "TRUCKS" route or even "Connector" routes were even on their "menu" of route naming/designation options.

Special Committee on US Route Numbering <http://www.transportation.org/?siteid=68>

There are some US Truck routes Identified on the following (non-government) web site: <http://www.us-highways.com/trkus.htm>

The route along which we would be establishing the US 421 TRUCK routing is currently a secondary road - and for the purposes of NC's Truck Network - the most appropriate alignment for the Large TRUCK 's to follow would be this SR - but before we proceeded with the necessary ordinances, sign fabrications & installations, and modifications to NC's Truck Network Map and Restrictions - we wanted to see:

(1) Should this type of action even be Submitted to the AASHTO Route Naming Committee?

(2) If Answer to Number 1 is NO - Would there be any additional steps or formal FHWA approval required to establish this approximately 1 mile long TRUCK route? If so please advise review/approval process steps.

We had checked internal records and with folks that were involved with these efforts over the years - but right now the necessity/value of some of these steps is not clear for this type of change. Could you please help us research this and advise of any guidance/findings? As always we appreciate your help and if you or any of the FHWA team have any questions please give me a yell at (919 773 2887).

Take Care,

Tony Wyatt

Sidenote tried to paste the Shoulder Sign Assembly for US 64 at I-26 in Henderson county for Your Reference (Google Street View) :

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=US+64+hendersonville+NC&sl=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=34.945679,56.25&ie=UTF8&ll=35.343573,-82.437093&spn=0,359.986267&t=h&z=16&layer=c&cbll=35.343633,-82.436993&panoid=eTelUy0o5ML0wY0HnQHPJA&cbp=12,252.2719889155949,,0,4.859375000000002

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