



## City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL  NPUA

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**Meeting Date:** November 12, 2025

**Title:** Provide Staff Direction to Draft an Ordinance Amending the Needles Municipal Code to Extend the 3-Ton Gross Vehicle Weight Restriction to San Carlos Street E and Goodwill Street

**Background:** During public comment at the September 9, 2025, City Council meeting, residents expressed concern regarding heavy truck traffic along Monterey Street. While Monterey already carries a posted 3-ton gross vehicle weight (G.V.W.) restriction, adjacent corridors—San Carlos Street E and Goodwill Street—currently have no such limits, resulting in trucks rerouting through residential areas. Under California Vehicle Code § 35701, cities may restrict streets to vehicles under a specified gross weight while still allowing access for local deliveries.

To ensure consistent regulation and protect neighborhood safety, staff recommends extending the existing 3-ton G.V.W. restriction to San Carlos Street E and Goodwill Street, installing appropriate regulatory signage, and including standard local-delivery exemptions consistent with state law.

**Fiscal Impact:** The fiscal impact is minimal. Implementation would require installation of new regulatory signage on San Carlos Street E and Goodwill Street at both ends of each corridor. The estimated cost for fabrication and installation of four signs is approximately \$1,000, to be funded from the Public Works Street Maintenance budget. No additional ongoing costs are anticipated beyond routine maintenance and enforcement within existing Sheriff's Department patrol operations.

**Recommended Action:** Provide staff direction to draft an ordinance amending the Needles Municipal Code to extend the existing 3-ton gross vehicle weight restriction to include San Carlos Street E and Goodwill Street, consistent with California Vehicle Code § 35701.

**Submitted By:** Patrick Martinez, City Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 11/5/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_