



Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

July 17, 2000

COUNTY ENGINEERS/COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

DESIGNATION OF TRUCK ROUTES

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This letter is to inform you of a meeting held at the Illinois Department of Agriculture on July 7, 2000. Present at this meeting were officials from the Department of Agriculture, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Mid-West Truckers Association, the Tazewell County Engineer, and representatives of private industry.

The central focus of this meeting was a concern over the issuance of overweight truck permits to move loads (in this case, produce for canneries) at 80,000 lbs. over local roads that have maximum legal weights of 73,280 lbs. In accordance with [625 ILCS 5/15-301](#) of the Illinois Vehicle Code, it was noted that this practice is not legal in the state of Illinois. Grain and other loads such as sand, gravel, etc., are divisible loads and must be hauled at or below legal weight. Overweight truck permits can only be issued for loads composed of one and only one object.

The only manner that permits this action would be under [625 ILCS 5/15-111\(f\)](#), which allows for the designation of these roadways as Class II or III truck routes. Under these conditions, 80,000 lbs. can legally be hauled when a resolution is passed by the county board or authorized by the road commissioner, and the roadways are signed as required by the Vehicle Code. Consideration should be given to the ability of the facility to accommodate the anticipated loads before establishing such a designation.

To assist you with the designation of these local roads in the future, we are enclosing a suggested resolution. Illinois Standard R5-I101 (highway sign) is the applicable sign standard. Please inform your township highway commissioners of this notice, if appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell W. McMurray".

Darrell W. McMurray, P.E.
Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

Enclosure

**Resolution Establishing a Class III
Designated Truck Route**

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, by its General Assembly, has enacted "The Illinois Vehicle Code"; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 625, Section 15-111 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes provides that local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction may, by ordinance or resolution, increase the maximum allowable weight of vehicles on designated highways, in accordance with Subsection (g) of said Section 15-111, which weight limitations shall be designated by appropriate signs placed on such highways; and

WHEREAS, the County of _____ is desirous of providing a truck route for the purpose of accommodating a load limit of 80,000 pounds:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the portions of _____ beginning at the intersection of _____ and extending _____ for _____ miles be designated as a Class III Truck Route.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Chairperson

County Board

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

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COUNTY OF _____)

I, _____, County Clerk, in and for the County and State aforesaid, and keeper of the records and files of said office, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the _____ County Board at their Adjourned Meeting held on _____, 2000.

Witness my hand and seal of the County Court of said County at _____
this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____

County Clerk

(SEAL)