

From: Loretta Johnson
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Caryn Johnson
Cc: Jason Gray; Jack Cauley
Subject: Re: Freight Route

I just read the Town Council agenda about "Designated Truck Routes" in Castle Rock. I can not believe what I was reading! Plum Creek is no longer underdeveloped territory! It is currently one of the most--if not the MOST congested streets in town! Hello! There are established neighborhoods on either side of this street and more being developed as I write this! It is currently dangerous enough to try to get across 4 lanes of traffic to get out of The Oaks Subdivision the way it is, let alone trying to compete with road space with semis! Has anyone looked at how many accidents have been occurring because of the roundabouts? The sirens fly through here all the time! Then there's the sound factor--those big trucks have air brakes that make very distinctive loud noises and with the current speed limits, homeowners on either side of this road will get the delight of listening to this on an hourly basis. Douglas County Schools also has buses that stop on that road. I really wonder if semis will have the response time to prepare for that. There are also numerous "flashing light" pedestrian crosswalks that I don't think a semi could respond to fast enough, especially in situations like I saw today, where an elderly man on a bicycle punched the crosswalk light and then proceeded to walk his bike across the street without looking. Plus the width of a semi is considerably larger than that of a car and at this point I don't see any accommodations to enlarge the current lane widths. Regarding those roundabouts that abound on Plum Creek, I don't foresee a semi being able to navigate them using only one lane. What happens when events like the County Fair are held and we have a large amount of traffic on that road anyway, not to mention the many bike races that disrupt driving traffic flow when they are held? What about the fair parade that blocks that road for a good portion of the day? One more thought...as one is headed from Highway 86 onto Plum Creek and they decide they want to purchase gas or diesel at the 7-11 at Gilbert/Lake Gulch Road, is there enough room in the "turn lane" for a trucker to effectively pull their vehicle out of traffic? This is a disaster waiting to happen should this come to fruition!

Also the weed cutting issue from Gilbert up to The Oaks has not been addressed. Both sides of Plum Creek look very sad and it looks like this area is a deserted slum trailer park, rather than neighborhoods that people can be proud of...especially by the park at Gilbert and Plum Creek. No homeowner would be able to get by with that, why does the Town?

On a positive note, I want to THANK the team that worked on the remilling and asphaltting of the road to my sub-division. Those men labored hard in unrelenting heat, working hard to complete their task with as little interruption to my street's occupants as possible, and did a nice job of "clean-up" afterwards! Please be sure to let them know how much they are appreciated! It's nice to ride on smooth roads and not have the big hole at the bottom of Live Oak Road and Willow Oak Road!

Sincerely,
Loretta Johnson