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RESOLUTION NO. C-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH VOICING OPPOSITION TO THE OPERATION OF LONGER COMBINATION VEHICLES (LCV's) WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City Council, the local community and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), are working together to develop a solution for improving traffic congestion on the I-710 Freeway corridor; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the health and welfare of the people of Long Beach, the City Council will soon be adopting a list of recommendations culled from a number of public meetings that are designed to protect the safety of motorists, as well as incorporate a number of air quality and truck efficiency improvements; and

WHEREAS, the I-710 is key to connecting the Long Beach Port to the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature passed a resolution (SJR7) supporting the status quo on truck size and weight; and

WHEREAS, nearly 5,000 deaths and 100,000 injuries occurred as a result of large truck crashes in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, some states outside of California allow Longer Combination Vehicles (LCV's) that consist of longer double tractor and triple tractor trailers; and

WHEREAS, the operation of LCV's on state highways and freeways are opposed by the Peace Officers Research Association of California, the California Police Chief's Association, the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, the City of Ontario Fire Department, City of Riverside Chief of Police, Congress of California Seniors, and others; and

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WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation found that LCV's are at least 11% more likely to be involved in a fatal accident; are more likely to experience dangerous rollover and braking problems, and are more likely to cause a greater amount of damage to the nation's roads, highways, freeways, and bridges.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Sec. 1. The Long Beach City Council hereby opposes Longer Combination Vehicles within the City of Long Beach as a condition of approval for the I-710 project. Further, this resolution shall be submitted to the Council of Governments (COG) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for their consideration, and this resolution shall be added to the City's state and federal legislative agenda.

Sec. 2 . This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2004, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk