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Town of Stratford Asks State Traffic Commission To Prohibit Thru-Truck Traffic On Stratford Road

STRATFORD— Mayor John A. Harkins has announced that the Town of Stratford has asked the State Traffic Commission to designate a portion of routes 110 and 113 in Lordship as a No Thru Truck route. The prohibition would apply from the intersection of Stratford Road and Access Rd. to Lordship Boulevard, and comes in response to safety concerns surrounding recently increased tractor trailer traffic along this corridor.

“Recently, residents of Lordship have expressed concern over an increase in tractor trailer traffic on Routes 110 and 113 in Lordship,” said Mayor Harkins. “These trucks appear to be using this route for either training purposes or as a link from Sikorsky Memorial Airport to Interstate 95, but have no legitimate business in this residential neighborhood. This traffic is not only a nuisance, it is a safety hazard to the many children at play, pedestrians, joggers, bikers, and other residents and visitors who enjoy the parks and beaches of this part of town. The State of Connecticut owns and maintains this portion of road, and it is my hope that the Traffic Commission will grant the Town’s request to prohibit non-essential tractor trailer traffic here.”

Residents report that the majority of tractor trailers using the road in question are operated by a driver training school based in Bridgeport and are not business related. Several requests from the Stratford Police Department and Mayor Harkins to use alternate roads have been ignored by company officials.

“Unfortunately, we cannot expect that all trucking firms will be good corporate citizens and place the concerns of residents ahead of convenience,” Mayor Harkins stated. “While those with legitimate business in Lordship have every right to use this road, it is inconsiderate of those simply passing through to forgo the safer alternative routes. Additionally, there is no legitimate excuse or reason for inexperienced tractor trailer operators to receive training here. Since Stratford residents can apparently not count on some firms to demonstrate courtesy and common-sense, I have been left no recourse other than to ask the state to place restrictions on the road.”