

# Colorado Springs Truck Route Map

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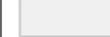


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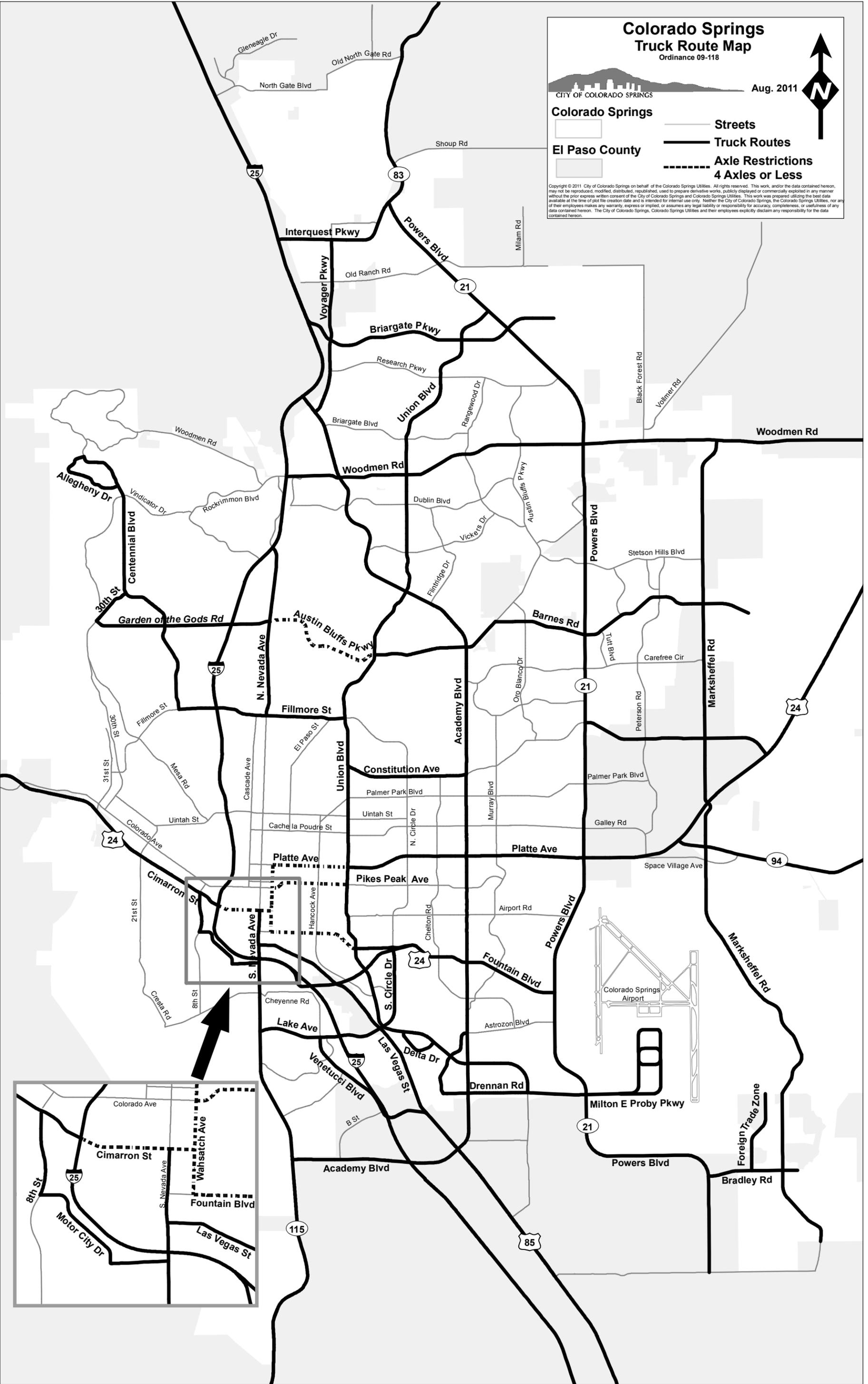
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Truck Routes

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Axle Restrictions  
4 Axles or Less

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# Colorado Springs Adopts New Truck Route Map and Creates Truck Route Zones

A new truck route map and other changes to City Code that affect commercial vehicles has been adopted by the City of Colorado Springs. All changes effective January 1, 2010.

## **Axle Restrictions on Downtown Truck Routes and a Section of Austin Bluffs Parkway**

Commercial vehicles traveling on Austin Bluffs Parkway from Nevada Ave. to Union Blvd. and on the trucks routes in the Downtown area are now restricted to four axles or less (in any combination – vehicle alone or vehicle plus trailer). Commercial vehicles over 4 axles are allowed on the restricted routes only if they have business in the vicinity.

## **Parts of Nevada Avenue Designated Restricted Route – No Longer Throughway**

Nevada Avenue is no longer a truck route from Fillmore Street south to Cimarron Street. Nevada Avenue is now designated a restricted route, limiting its use to smaller commercial vehicles conducting business along the corridor or in the downtown area. The street should no longer be used as a throughway. Only trucks with no more than four axles performing services on this section of Nevada Avenue may drive on the restricted route.

## **Truck Route Zones**

Truck Route Zones have been created to allow more direct travel from a designated truck route to a destination not located on a truck route. A Truck Route Zone is defined as an area contained within the perimeter created by the closest continuous truck routes as set forth on the City's truck route map. When traveling to a destination located within a truck route zone, a commercial vehicle may take the shortest direct travel path from any point along the perimeter truck routes to the destination. See City Code excerpt below for details.

The intent of the truck route system is for commercial vehicles to stay on the truck route until the closest point to service or delivery/pick-up destination. Thanks for your cooperation as we work to balance the efficient movement of freight with the protection of neighborhood character.

## **Use of Air Compression Brakes Prohibited Inside City Limits**

The use of air compression brakes (also known as "Jake brakes") is now prohibited within City limits, unless otherwise posted by the City Traffic Engineer.

**Questions?** Contact the City of Colorado Springs by phone or visit the City online:

- Oversize Load Permits information – City of Colorado Springs Traffic Engineering at (719) 385-5908  
<http://www.springsgov.com/oversizepermit>
- Report commercial vehicles being driven in an unsafe or hazardous manner. CSPD will respond to complaints only if the vehicle or company can be positively identified. Contact the Colorado Springs Police Department at (719) 482-7143.  
Information for commercial vehicle operators is available on line at <http://www.springsgov.com/Page.aspx?NavID=1664>

## **Parking Restrictions**

Don't forget to park your truck in a safe place away from the flow of traffic.

The following rules apply:

- No parking on a bridge, viaduct or tunnel.
- No parking where the vehicle obstructs normal movement of traffic.
- An unattended vehicle should have the engine shut off.
- Vehicles should be parked clear of driveways and pedestrian ways.
- Parking is permitted for less than 24 hours in a business zone, and less than 72 hours elsewhere.
- Semi-trailers are not permitted to park in metered parking spaces.

**Colorado Springs City Code** - Relevant portions follow for your information. The complete text is available online.

### **10.21.101:**

- Designated truck route:** A street or roadway designated by the Traffic Engineer upon which through travel by trucks is permitted.
- Prohibited route:** A street or roadway that is not a designated truck route.
- Restricted route:** A street or roadway upon which travel is limited to vehicles or loads of certain weight or size.
- Truck Route Zone:** The area contained within the perimeter created by the closest continuous truck routes as set forth on the City's truck route map. In areas not completely enclosed by truck routes, the truck route zone shall be the area contained within the perimeter created by a combination of the closest continuous truck routes and the City corporate limits, as set forth on the City's truck route map.

### **10.21.104: Operation of trucks:**

- A. Through truck travel shall be unlawful upon prohibited routes. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or cause to be operated a truck upon a prohibited route without an origin or destination in the immediate area of operation.
- B. Upon the designation of truck routes, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or cause to be operated a truck upon any other street, highway or other public way. Trucks may deviate from truck routes while traveling to or from a truck terminal, garage, place of repair, place of performing a service or place of loading or unloading. When traveling to a destination located within a truck route zone, a truck shall take the shortest direct travel path from any point along the perimeter truck routes to the destination. Subsequent trips from that destination either back to the truck route system or to other destinations within the same truck route zone shall be made from destination to destination or from destination to the truck route system by the shortest direct route.
- C. Any person operating a truck upon all or any portion of a street, highway, public way or roadway that is not a truck route, or upon a prohibited route, shall have in the person's possession a log book, manifest, delivery slip or other evidence of the point of origin and destination to justify the presence of the vehicle upon the route. Failure to produce evidence upon request of a police officer shall be unlawful.