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Trial turn restrictions on County Supervisors' agenda

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In an effort to ease congestion on Reliez Valley Road, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is expected to place the proposed pilot program for turn restrictions on the Pleasant Hill Road corridor on the Aug. 14 meeting agenda as a consent calendar item.

Residents of Reliez Valley Road have long complained about the congestion in their neighborhood, mostly, they say, caused by commuters "cutting through" from Taylor Boulevard. If the signed restrictions were adopted, navigation applications such as Waze would no longer be able to route commuters through Reliez Valley Road during the morning commute.

If the supervisors pass the consent item on Aug. 14, the trial period for testing the turn restrictions will be approved without further consideration.

These restrictions in the county unincorporated areas would be limited to between 7 and 8:30 a.m. on weekday mornings and school buses would be exempted. The trial project would be in place very soon after the vote and would remain in place until the end of the year.

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