

What part of "NO TRUCKS" do the trucks using Fifth Street between Warren and Morrie not understand?



REGULATORY SIGNS -- The United States is now using an international system of traffic control signs that feature pictures and symbols rather than words. The red-and-white **YIELD** and **DO NOT ENTER** signs prohibit access or movement. (The sign above is **NO TRUCKS**.)

The truck traffic on Fifth Street (east of I-180) on Cheyenne's southside wouldn't be much heavier if there were no signs prohibiting truck traffic.

Junior high school students don't ignore their teachers as much as truckers ignore the posted "NO TRUCKS" signs at each end of East Fifth Street, between Warren and Morrie.

Residents of Bar X have never been able to get signs such as these posted on each end of Vandehi. The best they could do was get signs directing trucks further north to access I-25 even though by going through Bar X, southbound truckers would save themselves probably ten miles.

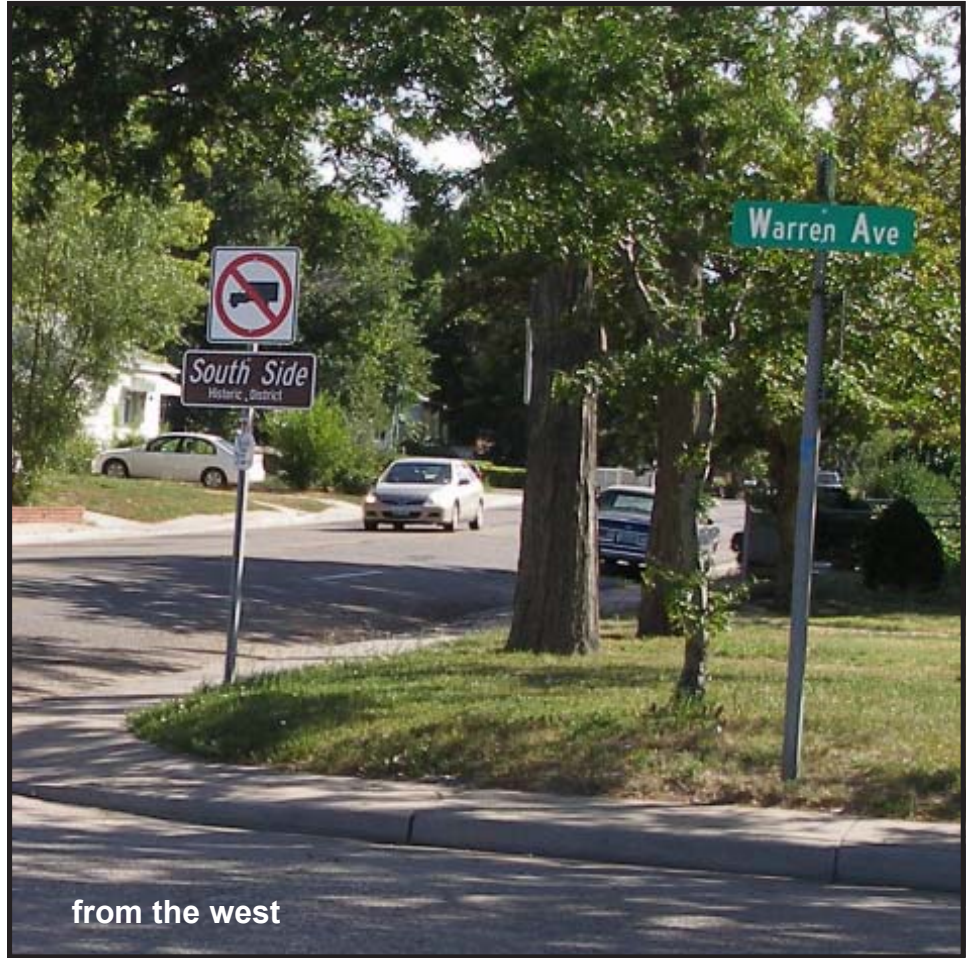
Since the new Norris Viaduct was completed, traffic has been almost guided onto Fifth St. on the east end near the refinery. It is turning south on Morrie that is now the truck traffic diversion, not continuing straight ahead on Fifth.

Thankfully, the oil tanker trucks almost all take the proper and legal route. They go south on Warren and then take First St. to Morrie, then to (or from) the refinery.

Those trucks have to navigate the intersection of Warren and Fifth which is a quarter block east of I-180 (Hwy. 85, South Greeley Hwy., etc.) and it is nearly impossible to make that turn without blocking oncoming traffic from each direction. Still, those drivers take the legal route.

Several local company's trucks of all varieties, as well as government trucks and one large national delivery service repeatedly violate the law and use Fifth Street as a shortcut. Fifth St. is a neighborhood street, very narrow and heavily used by vehicular traffic that is legal (cars, motorcycles, etc.) and has an elementary school. Neighbors have begun to park their own vehicle with right side tires on the sidewalk to try to avoid having mirrors taken off by illegal truck traffic. Then, wheelchairs cannot get past their pickups.

Neighbors have begun to accumulate a list of the violators. I will also stake out the street at times and record (and photograph) trucks illegally using Fifth St. A list of the company trucks using the shortcut between I-180 and Morrie will be provided to the Cheyenne Police Department and may be published here next month.



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