



AASHTO HARMONIZATION – OVERSIZE PERMIT MOVEMENT

The American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Board of Directors adopted the following two resolutions. All recommendations assume a minimum standard. States that already meet or have less restrictive standards would achieve permit harmonization by simply retaining the status quo.

For more information visit – <http://highwaytransport.transportation.org/Pages/Harmonization.aspx>

PHASE I

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| WIDTH ESCORT 2-LANE HWY | 12' to 14' – 1 Front Escort > 14' – 1 Front & 1 Rear Escort |
| WIDTH ESCORT MULTI-LANE HWY | 12' to 14' – 1 Rear Escort > 14' – 1 Front & 1 Rear Escort |
| HEIGHT ESCORT ALL HWY's | > 14' |
| LENGTH ESCORT ALL HWY's | > 90' |

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| FLAG SIZE | 18" 18" Minimum |
| FLAG COLOR | Fluorescent Red or Orange or MUTCD Standard |
| FLAG LOCATION ON TRANSPORT | 4 Corners of Load or Extremities (Length) |
| FLAG LOCATION ON ESCORT | No Requirements |

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| DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION | Daylight Hours Monday Through Saturday Sunday (States make determination) |
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| SIGN/BANNER MESSAGE | Oversize Load |
| SIGN/BANNER COLOR | Black Letters on Yellow Background |
| SIGN/BANNER SIZE | 18" X 7" |
| SIZE OF LETTERS | 10" X 1.4" – 1.5" |
| SIGN/BANNER LOCATION | Front & Rear of Transporting Vehicle Where License Plate is Not Blocked Front & Rear of Escort OR Above Roofline Where it is Visible from Front And Rear |

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| TRANSPORT WARNING LIGHTS | Flashing OR Strobe Amber Lights Visibility of Lights from 1000', 360 Degrees |
| ESCORT WARNING LIGHTS | Flashing OR Strobe Amber Lights Visibility of Lights from 500', 360 degrees |



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PHASE II

OF VALID DAYS SINGLE TRIP PERMIT

5 Days

PERMIT AMENDMENTS

Extensions Allowed for Weather and Breakdowns

HOLIDAY RESTRICTIONS

Restriction Begins Noon Day Before Holiday
Until Sunrise Day After Holiday (New
Years, Memorial Day, Independence
Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas)

States May Establish Separate Restriction
For Unique Travel Situations on
A Case By Case Basis

TYPE AND SIZE OF ESCORT VEHICLES

Legal Size Class I, II or III Passenger Vehicles
Must Have 360 Degree Visibility
Are Not Towing a Trailer or Other Vehicle

HEIGHT ESCORT

Front Escort With a Pole if Height
Exceeds 14' 6"

INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP

Working closely with industry leaders in operations, safety and policy, SCOHT has convened an Industry Advisory Group to assess the various impacts and efforts of permit harmonization. Members include:

- Steven Todd, Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association
- Rick Clasby, Utah Trucking Association on behalf of the American Trucking Associations
- Capt. Jay Thompson, Arkansas Highway Police on behalf of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
- Jay Folladori, Bennett Motor Express LLC
- Paul Ross, Keen Transport, Inc.
- Ray Morgan, Perkins Specialized Transportation Contracting
- Peter Lynch, Specialized Freight Solutions
- Mike Morgan, National Pilot Car Association

AASHTO HARMONIZATION PHASE III

At the July 2017 AASHTO SCOHT Conference the committee announced its decision on which issues would be forwarded for approval by AASHTO Board of Directors as part of PHASE III Harmonization.

Of the below submitted SC&RA recommendations, SCOHT selected Nighttime Permit Travel and States' Communications to Industry. In addition, SCOHT chose:

- Route Surveys
- Standardization of Permit Applications
- Electronic Permit Display

Below are the original 5 recommendations submitted by SC&RA:

AUTO-ISSUED PERMITS – ESTABLISH MINIMUM THRESHOLDS

A majority of states now employ automated permit systems capable of issuing permits 24/7 without human involvement i.e. triggering an in-house review. Provided applications meet all criteria including weight and dimension for the route requested, permits are auto issued within seconds of application. This will resolve frequent problem of multi-state applications being held up for days or weeks due to one state not allowing reasonable minimum thresholds for auto-issue permits.

ESTABLISH ONE-STOP SHOP PERMIT COORDINATION BETWEEN STATE/LOCAL JURISDICTIONS

Similar to obstacles described above under "Auto Issued Permits", industry often times obtains state permits in minutes/hours only to be held up for days/weeks awaiting local jurisdiction permits. Under this resolution, states would proactively encourage an environment for intrastate one-stop shop permitting through one or more of following:

- Local permits issued through State's system
- Local permits may be applied for after re-direction to local websites through imbedded links on State's system
- Updated links to local permit information sites provided by State
- States encourage local jurisdictions to subscribe to cost effective automated/semi-automated permit solutions, provided by private vendors, which are integrated into the state permit system for routing and vehicle data.

NIGHTTIME PERMIT TRAVEL

At both regional and national level, States establish coordinated policies/procedures for movement of select permit loads during nighttime hours. Multi-state movement is often unnecessarily delayed as result of lack of harmonization between states policies.

STATES' COMMUNICATIONS TO INDUSTRY

Communicate all pertinent permit related announcements both prominently and in timely manner on state's OS/OW Permit home web page and/or via email. Information would include such notices as office closings and policy/procedure changes necessary to be communicated in a more rapid fashion than such information normally contained within a permit manual.

ESTABLISH/MAINTAIN MULTI-STATE OS/OW CORRIDORS

Through in-state and multi-state coordination between offices responsible for OS/OW permits, structure maintenance, design, construction, traffic control, etc., regional and national corridors are maintained for both routine and super loads. Efficient movement of routine loads are key to maintaining day to day success in a state's commerce and economy including vital DOT construction projects. Maintaining vital corridors for super loads is critical for safety related and economic loads for moves such as utility transformers in declared emergencies, generators for hospitals, and key equipment to maintain industrial plants. Key components of this resolution include:

- Routine Loads (200,000 pounds, 16' wide, 16' high, 120' long)
- Super Loads (500,000 pounds 20' wide, 30' high, 200' long)
- Parking (Identify, maintain and coordinate adequate OS/OW parking including critical state border locations).