



# Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

## Committee on Highway Transport

### State Report

State: Alaska

Report Date: 02-09-2012

Completed By: Susan Adkison

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 2011 - 22415

Permits Issued Year To Date: 1/31/2012 - 1838

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 5

Does your State offer  
Online Requests: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes what percentage  
Of permits does your  
System issue without  
Your review? 2011 - 19%

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#### New Legislation:

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)  
Working to increase dimensional limits for on-line permits. Working to automate routing and bridge analysis. Addkign to regualtions a \$75.00 fee for after hours permit issues.

Procedural Changes: Will be adding to regulations UCR stop order, moving to 600 lbs per llinear tire width.

#### Innovative or Special Initiatives:

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)  
Recently had a workshop with the snow removal industry to discuss various items from load securement to revision of snow removal permits. Working on introducing a webinar class to assist carriers on the process of submitting permit requests.

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations: Seasonal road weight restrictions.

#### Uniformity Pursuits:

Areas of Concern:

Successes:

Other:



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### State Report

State: CO

Report Date: 02/28/12

Completed By: D. Wells

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 53,060(FY11)

Permits Issued Year To Date: 37,102(FY12)

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 6

Does your State offer  
Online Requests:

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes what percentage  
Of permits does your  
System issue without  
Your review?

apps submitted online, but cannot self-issue

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New Legislation: Move Port of Entry from Dept. of Revenue to Colo State Patrol in DPS

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)  
none

Procedural Changes: At the direction of the legislature, Chapter 6 (special) permit applicants must provide city/county permits to CDOT prior to a state permit being issued. \*\*See Communication Efforts\*\*

Innovative or Special Initiatives:

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)  
Customer service surveys. Last survey yielded >50% response.  
In addition, CDOT has no jurisdiction over city and county roadways, therefore, OSOW carriers must contact the local jurisdictions to obtain authorization to operate over local roadways. CDOT has assembled a list of city and county OSOW contacts that is now accessible on our website @: <http://www.coloradodot.info/business/permits/truckpermits/city-county-contacts.html>

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations: staffing/budget and a permitting system that

Uniformity Pursuits: Currently in the process of examining our pilot escort requirement map and creating a map for CSP escort requirements

Areas of Concern: Rotation of staff bridge engineering staff.

Successes: Electronic region maintenance approval process for Chapter 6 special permits. Has resulted in decreasing turnaround time.

Other: Rulemaking process required by prior legislation--Super Loads



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### State Report

State: Hawaii Report Date: 02/28/12  
Completed By: Scott K. Naleimaile

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 3800+  
Permits Issued Year To Date: 526  
Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 1  
Does your State offer  
Online Requests: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If yes what percentage  
Of permits does your  
System issue without  
Your review? 0

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New Legislation: none

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)  
turn around time less than 5 minutes

Procedural Changes:n/a

Innovative or Special Initiatives:online filing program under study

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)  
identify special problems through direct communications

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations:limited staffing and inspection by law  
enforcement

Uniformity Pursuits:uniformity across all districts

Areas of Concern:inforcement of HRS and Federal CFR by law enforcement

Successes:



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### State Report

State: Idaho

Report Date: Feb 28, 2012

Completed By: Regina Phipps

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 66,684 October 1 2010 to September 30 2011

Permits Issued Year To Date:

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 6

Does your State offer

Online Requests:

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes what percentage  
only permits issued online.

40% of annuals are issued online. annuals are the

Of permits does your  
System issue without  
Your review?

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New Legislation: none at this time

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)

DMV Modernization is ongoing and permits is scheduled to be complete by November of 2014

Procedural Changes:

Innovative or Special Initiatives:

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)

Motor Carrier creates and emails a monthly etrails newsletter and a hard copy is mailed quarterly to carriers.

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations: Fee increase for permits going into affect July 1 2012.

Uniformity Pursuits: Part of Norwest Passage group working on these issues and concerns

Areas of Concern:

Successes: Won both court cases concerning the permitting of loads on US12.

Other:



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### State Report

State: Montana

Report Date: 3-2-12

Completed By: Dan Kiely

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 77,537-261 wrp

Permits Issued Year To Date: 26538-73 wrp

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 6 + any MCS officer located at a permanent Scale facility or patrol vehicle

Does your State offer  
Online Requests: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes what percentage Online users have a limitation on the size and wts that can be issued, if the permit requires to be overridn the online carrier is unable to complete the permit.

Of permits does your  
System issue without  
Your review?

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New Legislation: Yes - annual permits for mobile homes increased - flag vehicles change

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)  
NA

Procedural Changes: yes

Innovative or Special Initiatives:

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)  
Redesigned MCS website to make it more user friendly, now allowing requests for permits to be faxed/emailed in to the office, we are in the process of getting 3<sup>rd</sup> parties (Permit Services) the ability to issue permits

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations: Increase in the number of oversize/overweight loads that are travelling to Alberta and North Dakota due to oilfield activity.

Uniformity Pursuits:



Areas of Concern: Increase of the number of permits that are being issued, along with the increase of the dimensions and weights.

Successes:

Other:



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### State Report

State: nebraska

Report Date: 02/29/2012

Completed By:

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 110810 for 2011

Permits Issued Year To Date: 16958

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 4

Does your State offer  
Online Requests: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes what percentage  
Of permits does your  
System issue without  
Your review? approx 75% or 88435 for 2011

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New Legislation: one-minor change for movement of seasonally harvested products

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)  
State of Nebraska added two additional credit card providers that customers could use for ordering permits.

Procedural Changes: none

Innovative or Special Initiatives: none

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)  
none

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations: none

Uniformity Pursuits: none

Areas of Concern: none

Successes: we are gradually increasing the number/percentage of permits being solely processed by our customers.



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### State Report

State: NEVADA

Report Date: 3/6/12

Completed By: JEFF RICHTER

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Permits Issued Prior Year:

USG FY11:

4,368 (ANNUAL ODV) + 31,307 (5-DAY ODV) + 1,723 (WRP) = 37,398 TOTAL;  
3574 (ANNUAL LCV)

Permits Issued Year To Date:

USG FY12:

1,180 (ANNUAL ODV) + 6,893 (5-DAY ODV) + 427 (WRP) = 8,500 TOTAL;  
205 (ANNUAL LCV)

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: ODV staff - 5

Does your State offer

Online Requests:

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes what percentage  
Of permits does your  
System issue without  
Your review?

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New Legislation: For 2013, we will revise SB48 that failed in 2011; it will clarify agency authority, admin fines, penalties, definitions, exceptions.

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)

We have had set-backs because NV lost CVISN funding in 2011 which included a new ODV PS. We are now prepping a new Technology Investment Request for a consolidated CV/OS/OW Vehicle PS (FY13-14 Budget); anticipate issuing a RFP in 6-12 months; we expect to include highway restrictions manager and route screening functions.

Procedural Changes:

1. In 2011, added "LCV" and "divisible" definitions to regs.
2. Proposing reorganization of OS/OW/ODV administrative code for early 2012 to simplify and clarify it; also add new definitions, police escort requirements, WRP authorization; permit suspension rules; high profile vehicle rules; state advisory committee procedures.
3. Revised bridge restrictions database and mapping being prepped; will be much more extensive than past restrictions with greater impact on permittees; may be able to expand our annual permit envelopes though.

Innovative or Special Initiatives:

1. NDOT and interagency reorganization study underway to evaluate and improve permitting and related trucking functions; maybe reconstituting ODV Permits Office with added staff capabilities and additional emphasis on cross-training and compliance.
2. Drafting an Interagency Joint Ops Statement and an Interagency 5-Year Strategic Plan for Highway Transport.

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)  
Will consolidate NDOT truck services web sites with DMV (Motor Carrier) and DPS/NHP; will include web portal to new permitting and route screening system.

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations: Staff, time and \$\$\$

Uniformity Pursuits: Recommend (1) WASHTO COHT continue to investigate a centralized WRP permit and restriction system, that automatically taps into each state's 511 or highway restriction manager and allows state's better control/visibility; (2) upgrade committee web site; (3) coordinate meetings with AASHTO SCOHT to expand participation and save costs; (4) use AASHTO registration/fee billing system.

Areas of Concern: Improve individual state's ability to audit and control WRPs being issued on its behalf and to eliminate misrouting.

Successes: TBD

Other:



# Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

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### State Report

State: Oregon

Report Date: 02/28/2012

Completed By: Ed Scrivner

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 284,882

Permits Issued Year To Date:

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 13

Does your State offer  
Online Requests: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes what percentage  
Of permits does your  
System issue without  
Your review?

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New Legislation: None

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)  
None

Procedural Changes:None

Innovative or Special Initiatives:None

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)  
None

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations:Highway Mobility

Uniformity Pursuits:None

Areas of Concern:Highway Mobility: Ongoing mobility of oversize loads through areas of highway construction.

Successes:Coordination of permitting program with industry and highway construction staff in order to maintain or improve oversize load mobility in and through Oregon.

Other:



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### State Report

State: Texas

Report Date: March 2012

Completed By: Carol Davis

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 590,980

Permits Issued Year To Date: 330,346

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 64

Does your State offer  
Online Requests:

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes what percentage  
Of permits does your  
System issue without  
Your review? 60%

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New Legislation: None

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)  
Completing full TxPROS integration and evaluating needs. Since day one of implementation, 50+ of customers have self-issued without the pre-set envelope of 16' wide, 16'6" tall, 180k, and 110 long. TxPROS has improved our work environment, customer service and reporting capabilities much more quickly than anticipated. We are currently evaluating processes, performance metrics, organizational structure, etc based on new operating environment TxPROS provides. Because of the increased ability to meet customer (latent) demand, in addition to economic factors, we are on track to issue more than 700,000 permits in fiscal year 2012, about an 18% increase over FY 2011's record-breaking year.

Procedural Changes: In transition

Innovative or Special Initiatives: In transition with TxPROS integration as well as division transfer to TxDMV effective 1/1/12.

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)  
quarterly newsletter, social media (FB, Twitter), Superload Common Interest Group, outreach/attendance at numerous shipper and carrier industry events to tell our story and improve collaboration. Developed/implemented ongoing TxPROS Communication and Education Plan.

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations: Transitions, new operating environment and 18% permit volume increase over last year. Development of the Eagle Ford Shale, which stretches across 30 south Texas Counties, is expected to play out for decades. Learning from the lessons of Barnett Shale, TxDOT, TxDMV, counties, industry and other regulatory agencies are working proactively to address infrastructure needs, economic and housing needs, employment and other issues in what was previously a largely rural/ranching area of the state.

Uniformity Pursuits: Continue working with relevant WASHTO and AASHTO committees. Currently cleaning up and modernizing administrative rules - will ensure WASHTO minimum standards are met. Developing legislative agenda items for 2013 sessions to aid in uniformity pursuits.

Areas of Concern: Lots of change and associated change management

Successes: TxPROS has been our primary focus over the past 18 months and has been extremely successful.

Other: Integrating with existing TxDMV functions (TxIRP and credentialing) to further one-stop-shop efforts, proposed statutory revisions to streamline and modernize. Continue collaborating with TxDOT (post-transfer) to ensure open lines of communication.