



NATIONWIDE HARMONIZATION EFFORTS

Minimum Requirements Agreed to by ALL AASHTO Regions

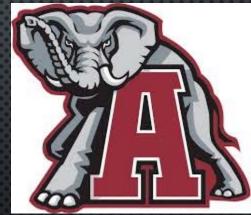


PHASE | DIRECTIVES

RESOLVED THAT AASHTO MEMBER STATES ARE COMMITTED TO HARMONIZING PERMIT PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN STATES, AMONG STATES IN REGIONS, AND ON MULTI-STATE CORRIDORS;

RESOLVED THAT BY THIS RESOLUTION THE AASHTO BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHES A TRUCK OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT PERMIT HARMONIZATION INITIATIVE TO FOCUS INITIALLY ON THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES (CONSISTENT WITH THE AASHTO GUIDE FOR VEHICLE WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS);

- ESCORT REQUIREMENTS
- WARNING FLAGS
- WARNING LIGHTS
- WARNING SIGNS
- DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION



RESOLVED That the Subcommittee on Highway Transport will identify additional candidates for truck oversize/overweight permit harmonization, coordinate with private sector shippers and carriers, and present additional initiatives to SCOHT for submission to the AASHTO Board of Directors for implementation.

HARMONIZATION DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

Days and Hours of Operation Minimum: Daylight Hours Only Monday through Saturday Sunday – State Makes Determination

HARMONIZATION

ESCORT REQUIREMENTS

Escort Requirements – 2 Lane Highway	Width: 12' – 14' = 1 Front Escort; > 14' 1 Front Escort and 1 Rear Escort Height: ≥ 14' Length: > 90'
Escort Requirements – Multilane Highway	Width: 12' – 14' = 1 Rear Escort; > 14 = 1 Front Escort and 1 Rear Escort Height: ≥ 14' Length: > 90'

HARMONIZATION <u>WARNING FLAGS, LIGHTS, AND</u> BANNERS FOR ESCORT VEHCLES

Escort Vehicle Warning Flags	Size: 18" x 18" minimum Color: Red or Fluorescent Orange	
Escort Vehicle Warning Lights	Minimum: Flashing or Strobe Amber Light Visible for 500'; 360°	
OVERSIZE LOAD Banners ("WIDE LOAD" is NOT Acceptable)	Size of Banner: 18" x 7' Size of Letters: 10" x 1.4"-1.5" Color: Black Letters on a Yellow Background Location: <u>Escort Vehicle</u> : Front and rear of escort or above roofline of escort where it is visible from front and rear	

HARMONIZATION <u>WARNING FLAGS, LIGHTS, AND</u> <u>BANNERS FOR TRANSPORT</u> <u>VEHICLES</u>

Transport Vehicle Warning Flags	Size: 18" x 18" minimum Color: Red or Fluorescent Orange Location: Four corners of the load (extremities)		
Transport Vehicle Warning Lights	Minimum: Flashing or Strobe Amber Light Visible for 500'; 360°		
OVERSIZE LOAD Banners ("WIDE LOAD" is NOT Acceptable)	Size of Banner: 18" x 7' Size of Letters: 10" x 1.4"-1.5" Color: Black Letters on a Yellow Background Location: <u>Transporting Vehicle</u> : Front and rear where license plate and lights are not blocked		

PHASE II DIRECTIVE

RESOLVED THAT BY THIS RESOLUTION THE AASHTO BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONTINUES ITS OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT PERMIT HARMONIZATION INITIATIVE THROUGH THE INCLUSION OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES (CONSISTENT WITH THE AASHTO GUIDE FOR VEHICLE WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS):

- Number of Valid days allowed on single trip permits
- PERMIT AMENDMENTS
- HOLIDAY RESTRICTIONS
- Type and size of Escort Vehicles
- Escort Requirements for Overheight Loads and Overheight Loads with other Dimensions

PHASE II DIRECTIVE 2

RESOLVED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY TRANSPORT WILL IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES FOR TRUCK OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT PERMIT HARMONIZATION, COORDINATE WITH PRIVATE SECTOR SHIPPERS AND CARRIERS, AND PRESENT ADDITIONAL INITIATIVES TO SCOHT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE AASHTO BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

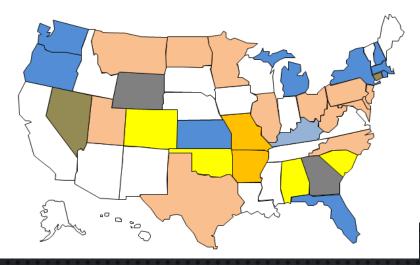
THE AASHTO SCOHT HAS DEVELOPED AN INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP (IAG)

TO HELP COORDINATE HARMONIZATION EFFORTS:

Arkansas State Police	Captain Jay Thompson
Utah Trucking Association	Rick Clasby
Keen Transport	Paul Ross
SC & RA	Steven Todd
Landstar	Jay Folladori
Perkins Specialized Transport	Ray Morgan
National Pilot Car Safety Institute	(TBD)
Specialized Freight Solutions	Peter Lynch

EACH REGION IS DELIBERATING <u>AMENDMENTS</u> AS PART OF PHASE **II**

When (if at all) Amendments are Allowed



Legend - State Responses		
Never		
Until Start Date		
Until Expiration Date		
At Any Time		
24 Hours		
48 Hours		
Case-by-case		
Other		
Missing/Incomplete		

Issues to Overcome

Because these can be validated, there is some consensus if we focus on: 1. Weather-related issues 2. Mechanical breakdown

EACH REGION IS DELIBERATING <u>HOLIDAY RESTRICTIONS</u> AS PART OF PHASE **II**

In Addition to the "Big 6":

- 1. New Years Day
- 2. Memorial Day
- 3. 4th of July
- 4. Labor Day
- 5. Thanksgiving
- 6. Christmas

Issues to Overcome

Holiday Restrictions: Additional Federal and Religious Holidays

Additional Federal and Religious Holidays Good Friday CONNECTICUT DELAWARE Good Friday Veterans Day MLK Day **GEORGIA** MLK Day Columbus Day Veterans Day NEW HAMPSHIRE Presidents Day Veterans Day **NEW YORK** MLK Day Presidents Day Columbus Day OHO Good Friday **RHODE_ISLAND** Easter Sunday Columbus Day

EACH REGION IS DELIBERATING <u>ESCORT VEHICLES</u> AS PART OF PHASE **II**

Issues to Overcome

CAMBRIDGE SYSTEMATICS GATHERED _____ DIFFERENT STATEMENTS FROM THE STATES THAT RESPONDED TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

The answers ranged from "NO limits" to very specific criteria...

	Specify Weight	Specify Size	Specify Vehicle	Specify Size, Type and Weight
No Limits	An escort vehicle must be either a truck of not less than one-quarter 1/4 ton rated load capacity or an automobile of not less than 2,000 pounds gross weight.	Vehicles must have at least a 100" wheelbase. Escort vehicles cannot tow a trailer.	Car, light duty van, 2-axle pickup, 2-axle single unit truck	Be either a passenger vehicle or a two-Axle Truck, not exceed a maximum Gross Vehicle Weight of 16,000 pounds, be at least 60 inches wide, and be properly registered and licensed
	Car or second division vehicle <8000 lbs.		Must be full size vehicle	Minimum width 60 inches; maximum 1 1/2 ton capacity
	Escort vehicle should be a truck of not less than one-quarter (1/4) ton-rated capacity but not more than 17,000 pounds GVWR or a passenger vehicle of not less than 2,000 pounds gross weight.		A private escort vehicle may be a passenger sedan, station wagon, window van, sport utility or pickup truck having a manufacturer's rated capacity of not more than one ton and be in good mechanical condition. Sport cars, convertibles, and other novelty vehicles are not be allowed.	A pilot car must be either a passenger car or a truck with not more than two axles, a manufacturer's gross weight rating of not more than 16,000 pounds and a width of at least 60 inches and must not exceed the legal limits of size and weight.
	The escort vehicles must weigh more than 2,000 pounds and have manufacturer's gross weight rating less than 26,000 pounds.		The size of a compact car or larger	No vehicle less than 96" wheel base and no vehicle with a gross weight over 12,000 lbs. Also the escort vehicle cannot tow a trailer. May not carry a load
	Single unit with GVW of not less than 1,000 pounds and not more than 10,000 pounds.		Vehicle must be a passenger vehicle or 2 axle truck only.	Be either a single unit passenger car, including passenger van, or a two-axle truck, not exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight rating of fourteen thousand pounds, have a body width of at least sixty inches but no greater than one hundred two inches
	Escort vehicle(s) must be a single unit vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 2,000 pounds and less than 26,000 pounds. The vehicle must be properly licensed, registered, and operated by a qualified escort.		Must be a single non-permitted vehicle no smaller than a compact. Can escort only 1 load.	Any vehicle to be used as an escort vehicle must be either a pickup truck of not less than one-quarter (1/4) ton rated load capacity or an automobile of not less than 2,000 pounds. The configuration of pilot vehicle(s) must be a passenger car, pick-up, truck, or truck-tractor of legal size and weight. A pilot vehicle may not tow another vehicle.
	A truck (single vehicle) of not less than a one-quarter (1/4) ton rated load capacity but not more than 17,000 pounds GVWR or a single passenger vehicle of not less than 2,000 pounds gross weight.		The escort vehicle must be a properly licensed single unit vehicle of standard size with unobstructed vision to the front and rear and in safe operating condition. The unit may be an automobile, pickup truck, utility vehicle, station wagon, or equivalent.	A flag vehicle may be any passenger car or two-axle truck a minimum of 60 inches wide. The maximum manufacturer's rating for the flag vehicle shall not exceed a gross vehicle weight rating of 14,000 pounds. Service or mechanic trucks owned or contracted by the permittee and used as a flag vehicle shall not exceed a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds. A flag vehicle may not exceed legal limits of size and weight. Trucks used as flag vehicles shall be clearly distinguished from and identifiable as the escort vehicle.
	Civilian escort vehicle may be a passenger car or a second division vehicle not exceeding 8,000lbs			

WHILE EACH REGION IS DELIBERATING THE ASPECTS OF PHASE II,

ALABAMA HAS COMPLETED THE PROCESS...



ALABAMA'S HARMONIZATION INITIATIVE

- CHANGING OUR "RULES AND REGULATIONS" TO REFLECT UPDATED REQUIREMENTS FOR HARMONIZATION
- IN ALABAMA, THAT ENTAILS GOING THROUGH THE "ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT"
- We held a Public Hearing and the changes have been made
 - HOWEVER, ALABAMA IS NOT GOING TO ALLOW/ENFORCE THE CHANGES UNTIL OUR NEW PERMITTING SYSTEM IS UP AND RUNNING (ESTIMATED RELEASE 04/16)

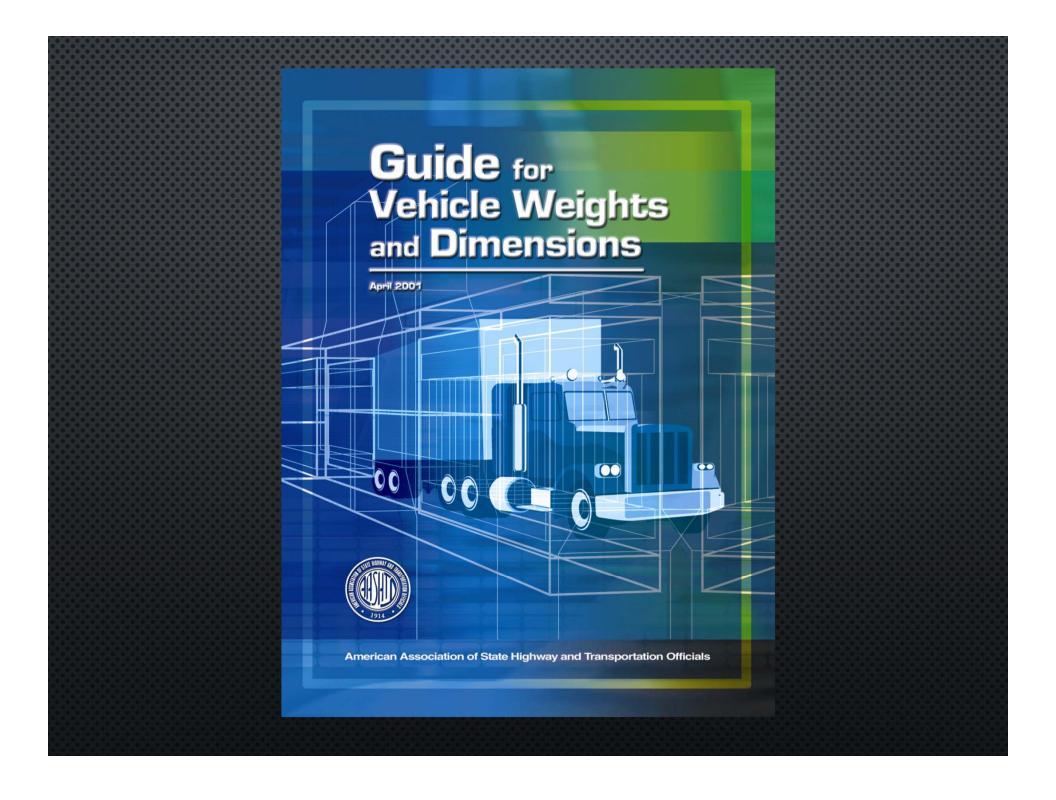


Alabama's Harmonization Initiative

• NEXT STEPS

- Updating our requirements to reflect the Changes in the New Rules & Regulations
- EDUCATION OF:
 - PERMIT OPERATORS
 - Permit Services
 - LAW ENFORCEMENT
 - HAULERS
 - INDUSTRY
 - PILOT CAR SERVICES





MOVING FORWARD PHASE III HARMONIZATION

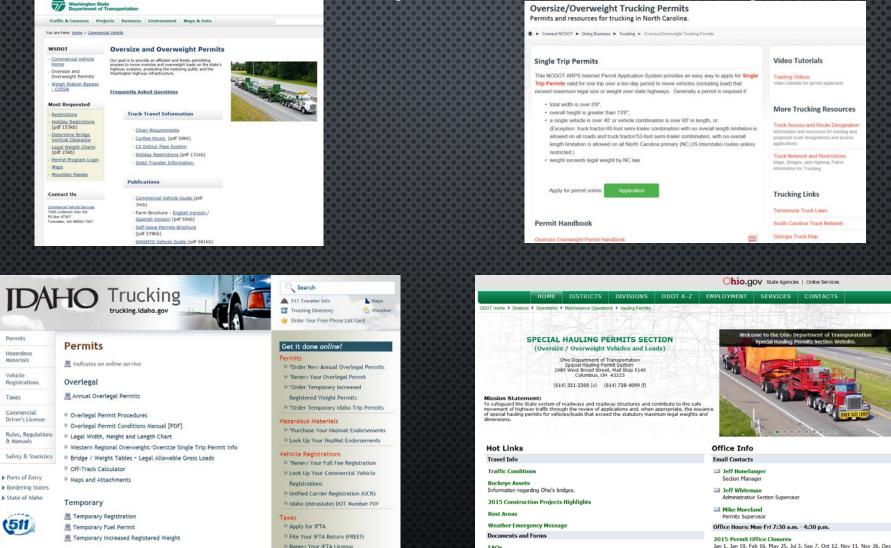
TALKING POINTS

WHAT ELEMENTS WILL WE WORK TOWARD IN PHASE III?

- NATIONAL PILOT CAR CERTIFICATION
- Standardized Superload Analysis
- STANDARDIZED COMMUNICATION TO INDUSTRY (STATE WEBSITES)
- OTHER SAFETY ISSUES

NOT UP FOR DISCUSSION: WEIGHT





39 120-hour Trip Permits Examples [PDF]

FAQs common questions regarding special hauling permits topics Operational Guide for vehicles operation with an Oversize / Overweight: Special Hauling Permit

³⁹ Order Additional IFTA Decals

Holiday Restrictions 2015 Office Location

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QUESTIONS?



Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 7:00 AM until 4:45 PM CST Alabama Department of Transportation Vehicle Enforcement Office Montgomery, Alabama

Contact Information:

Toll Free: 800-499-2782

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Order Online Now OS/OW Single Trip Permit

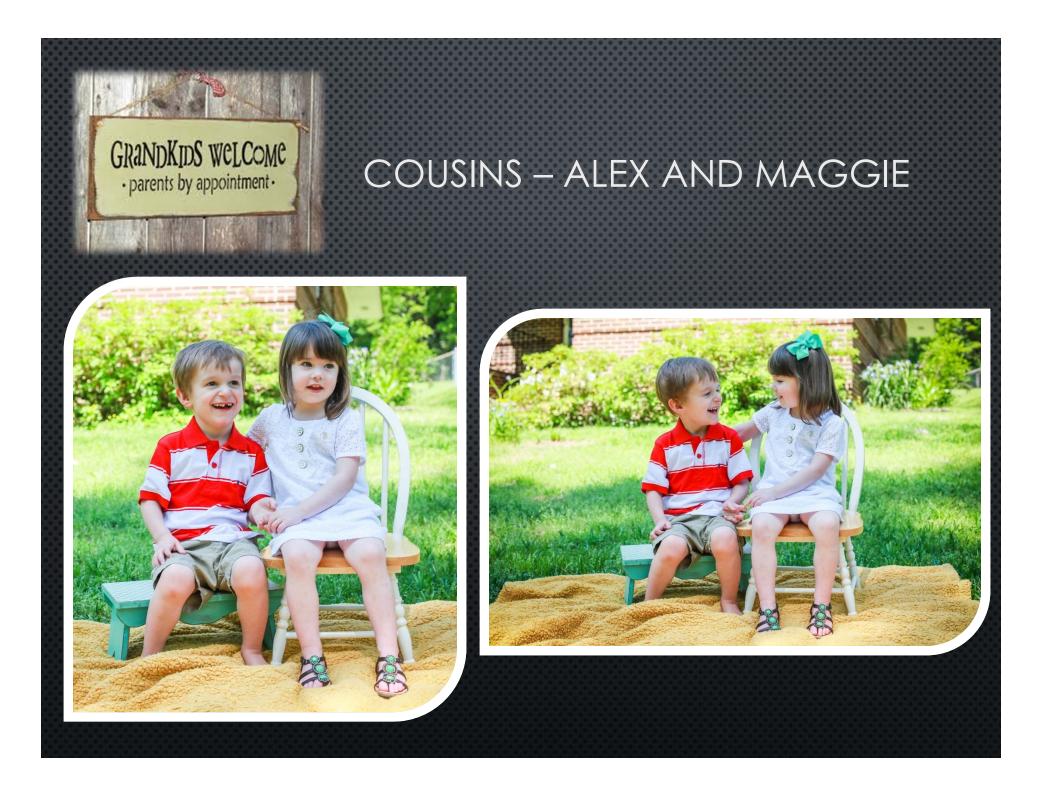
> Mailing Address: P. O. Box 303050 Montgomery, AL 36130

<u>alabamapermits@dot.state.al.us</u> (When sending e-mails, be sure to use the subject line to direct information to the correct person.)

www.dot.state.al.us

http://www.dot.state.al.us/maweb/Oversize&OverweightPermitInformation.htm







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