

California Transportation Permits Advisory Council (CTPAC) Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2019
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Heavy Transport
6251 Paramount Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90805

Meeting Summary

Item #1 – Welcome

CTPAC chairperson Eric Sauer, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs with the California Trucking Association (CTA), welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and California Highway Patrol (CHP) representatives who participated in the CTPAC meetings.

Kien Le, Chief of Caltrans' Office of Commercial Vehicle Operations also provided opening remarks to CTPAC attendees. Kien stated that Caltrans was going through a lot of changes and had a new executive management team. However, Caltrans recognized that trucking is very important to the economic growth of California.

Item #2 – SC&RA Bobby Weyer

Bobby Weyer welcomed all to the meeting at Heavy Transport. He offered a tour for everyone at the end of the meeting to go through the Heavy Transport Long Beach yard to review their operations.

Item #3 – Caltrans Updates

Kien Le expressed appreciation and thank-you to Bobby for the meeting location, and he provided some updates from Caltrans.

- New Caltrans Director, Toks Omiskakin, who comes from Tennessee DOT, has a background in sustainability and freights. New Chief Deputy Director, James Davis, a longtime Caltrans veteran.
- New Secretary for CalSTA, David Kim, who came from FHWA.

Kien relates that Caltrans' Permit Office will continue to focus on STARS to meet the expectation of the two hours turnaround time for permit processing. Caltrans is striving to improve this by backfilling vacancies and training new staff to perform work better. Kien noted that approximately 90% of the total permit applications Caltrans receives each year are through STARS and the remaining 10% are other types such as single trip paper permits, annual permits, variance permits, etc. Kien encouraged the industry to apply permits through STARS online.

Item #4 – Public Comments

Bridge Hits: Caltrans stated that the number of bridge hits has increased over the past year. Caltrans stated that bridge hit is a major concern to the Department and that industry stakeholders should do everything in their power to prevent these incidents. Additionally, Caltrans stated that the National

Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Highway Administration are looking at ways to prevent bridge hit. Some of the options being considered are online training and pilot car certification. The reason for this concern is last year, there were 3,500 bridge hits with a price tag of \$1.1 billion across the nation.

Caltrans asked the CTPAC members if they conduct routing safety meetings with their drivers on this subject. The members responded that this is a subject that they discussed frequently at their meetings. There are too much at stake for them in dealing with accidents. According to Tim McVay and Matt Klenske, most of the heavy-haul carriers are moving towards installing cameras on their equipment. Additionally, CTPAC members pointed out that in many instances it was a legal load that hit the bridge or an operator that did not have the required authorization to be traveling the specific route.

Virtual Inspections: At CTPAC's April 2019 meeting, there had been a discussion to explore virtual vehicle inspections. The feedback was positive on the idea that Caltrans could relook at the virtual inspections proposal that had been submitted a few months ago. Caltrans will probably need to have a policy in place regarding virtual inspections.

Website Access: Customers complained that they could not access to some of Caltrans Permit Website. Caltrans and California Highway Patrol (CHP) representative stated that both departments' websites are being reconstructed to make sure all the documents posted are in compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). The result being that many documents/ reports are no longer available online. Kien and Robert Nance of CHP said that if stakeholders cannot find a specific document, they can contact them on their requests.

Item #5 – Action Item Review

Listed below.

Item #6 – Workgroup Updates

a) Crane Group – Michael Vlaming

No updates.

b) Annuals – Tim McVay

CHP liaison, Robert Nance, stated that bulletins had been transmitted to all CHP divisions and other law enforcement agencies regarding the change in policy allowing permittees to carry electronic versions of Weekly Short-Term Restrictions accompaniments.

c) Fixed Loads/Tow Trucks

No discussion items.

d) Overweight Corridor

Greg Sandor stated that he cannot obtain a permit from Caltrans for his framed load bed to go under the 47/110 routes which is part of overweight corridor due to being considered reducible load. Kien stated that he would be willing to discuss this further and ask Greg to follow up with information on the issue.

Item #7 – Transportation Policy Proposal

Southern California Contractors Association (SCCA) requested for relief for the concrete pump trucks from the single-trip permit requirement on Red Routes within downtown Los Angeles. The concrete pump trucks are legal width, height, but not legal weight.

Ai Tran, Permit Policy Branch Chief, stated that at this time Caltrans cannot provide any relief for the concrete pump trucks on the red route segments requested and provided the reasons.

Moving forward, Suzanne and Doug will work with Caltrans to identify a workable solution using the 5 and 101 freeways within downtown Los Angeles that will provide relief to the concrete pump trucks.

Item #8 – Updates on Construction restrictions at Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach

Port of Long Beach (POLB) representatives discussed the ongoing construction restrictions in the Port. The main objective of the project on the 9th street was to promote operational excellence and improve environmental stewardship. The road was closed since March 2019, and the 9th street will be completely relinquished in 5 years. POLB is working with the City of LA, County, and Caltrans to come up with alternative routes to help the max oversize vehicles move.

Item #9 – Transportation Permits on Electronic Devices

Robert Nance stated that CHP is accepting STAR permits electronic versions. This allows haulers to carry electronic copies of single trip permit and accompaniments via an electronic device. Robert said that he worked with Kien last year allowing permittees to carry electronic copy of Weekly Short-Term Restrictions and this has been working fine. Annual permits and fax-in permits are still on paper.

Item #10 – Roundabouts on SHS

Kien said that a representative from Caltrans' roundabout design team was invited to the CTPAC meeting but could not attend at the last minute. Hopefully next CTPAC meeting, Caltrans Design Representative would attend.

Kien mentioned permitted vehicles are impacted at the roundabouts mostly due to length limits. Due to the installation of roundabouts, some routes previously used by permit loads can no longer be used for longer vehicles. The issue is that Caltrans has plans to install roundabouts on some highways which will impact Heavy Haul movements.

In addition, Kien stated that representatives from Caltrans Permit Program are planning to meet with Caltrans Design to discuss the roundabout issues. Leon Franks suggested that a survey be performed for the important heavy haul routes. Kien asked the heavy haul stakeholders if they could share this information with him. Leon and Matt stated that they would provide these routes. Also, Eric will send out a request to the heavy haul companies that are California Trucking Association members to assist in this endeavor.

Venkata Mandapaka, Caltrans' Permit Manager, handed out a list of all roundabouts proposed and constructed on the State Highway System. The list included projects in different phases such planning, report, design, and construction, etc.

Item #11 – Next Meeting

The next CTPAC meeting will be held at Port of Long Beach’s Maintenance Division. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled in January 2020.

Item #12 – Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned by Eric Sauer.

CTPAC Action Items

No.	CTPAC Meeting	Item	Due Date	Status/Notes
1	6/11/2015	All members to review the membership list and send updates to Eric S.	9/20/18	<p>On-going - Eric to finalize the list.</p> <p><u>2/18/16</u>: Eric S. will update the membership list. Attendees will provide current contact information to Eric S. before leaving meeting.</p> <p><u>6/9/16</u>: Eric S. is working on the list.</p> <p><u>11/3/16</u>: Members to send updates to Eric S.</p> <p><u>3/2/17</u>: Eric S. will take business cards, so he can update list.</p> <p><u>6/15/17</u>: Eric S. will work on the list.</p> <p><u>10/18/17</u>: Eric S. will cleanup list and send to Caltrans.</p> <p><u>2/15/18</u>: Ongoing item. Remove Darren and add Summer.</p> <p><u>9/20/18</u>: send to Eric and he will update.</p>
2	10/27/2015	Allowable axle loads on boom dollies should be referred to work group to be examined.	9/20/18	<p><u>2/18/16</u>: Greg D. requested to postpone this discussion until the next meeting.</p> <p><u>6/9/16</u>: Greg D. will wait to discuss at the interim meeting.</p> <p><u>11/3/16</u>: Greg D. was not present at the meeting.</p> <p><u>3/2/17</u>: Table this item until the next meeting.</p> <p><u>6/15/17</u>: Michael Vlaming will examine.</p> <p><u>10/18/17</u>: Michael Vlaming was not present at meeting.</p> <p><u>2/15/18</u>: Michael Vlaming defers to next meeting.</p> <p><u>9/20/18</u>: Proposal not given. Mike and John Bray to work on proposal.</p>
3	2/18/2016	Roundabout presentation - create advisory committee of CTPAC representatives (Leon F., Tim M., Lorin S., Curt W.)	9/20/18	<p><u>6/9/16</u>: CTPAC representatives have not been contacted.</p> <p><u>11/3/16</u>: Lorin S. will lead the group.</p> <p><u>3/2/17</u>: Establish workgroup for roundabouts and Lorin S. will lead this group.</p>

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				<p><u>6/15/17</u>: Lorin S. is waiting for someone to contact him. Kien Le will share map.</p> <p><u>10/5/17</u>: Caltrans shared a map and list of roundabout locations via email.</p> <p><u>2/15/18</u>: Contact Eric S. of planning.</p> <p><u>9/20/18</u>: coordinate with Caltrans. Locations given.</p> <p><u>9/12/2019</u>: Roundabout Designers could not attend the meeting.</p> <p>Caltrans shares a list of roundabouts including the ones that are being constructed and proposed as on November 2017.</p> <p>Industry will provide a preferred route list to Caltrans' Roundabout Designers to evaluate.</p>
4	6/15/2017	Caltrans will send an email to Eric Sauer, so he can remind members of their past due debtor accounts.	9/20/18	<p><u>10/18/17</u>: Kien Le will send to Eric S. in a couple of weeks.</p> <p><u>2/15/18</u>: Kien L. will provide by next meeting.</p> <p><u>9/20/18</u>: did not work about paying accounts. Too many outstanding balances. Please pay. Past 45 days then consequences.</p>
5	12/14/2018	Southern California Contractors Association (SCCA) requested information for the proposal asking for relief for the concrete pump truck from the single-trip permit requirement on Red Routes within downtown Los Angeles. The concrete pump trucks are legal width, height, but weight.	4/22/2019	<p><u>4/22/2019</u>: Caltrans will review further and provide response to requestor.</p> <p><u>9/12/2019</u>: Caltrans denied the proposal (concrete pump truck, legal sizes but weight) due to restrictions of structures' weight ratings on Route 1, 10, and 110 and construction activities on Route 5, 101 on the Red Routes within downtown Los Angeles.</p> <p>SCCA will follow up Caltrans regarding possible segments without project construction on Route 5 and 101 to be considered.</p>

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6	4/22/2019	Annual electronic copy of truck permit to replace hardcopy permit		Being considered
7	9/12/2019	Single Trip Electronic Permit	9/12/2019	<u>9/12/2019</u> : CHP allows haulers to carry electronic versions of single-trip permit and required accompaniments included weekly short-term restrictions on an electronic device.
8	9/12/2019	Pilot Car Maps posted on Caltrans' Website	9/12/2019	<u>9/12/2019</u> : Single-Trip Pilot Car Maps were updated and posted on Website. Annual Pilot Car Maps will be updated and mail to annual customers.
9	9/12/2019	<p>Framed Load Bed Permit Issue from Oversize Transfer Trucking Inc.</p> <p>Greg Sanden emailed regarding permit for framed load bed container that typical sits at 4' high on framed flat rack to travel in the LA/LB Heavy Corridor.</p>	<p>9/12/2019</p> <p>10/22/2019</p>	<p><u>9/22/2019</u>: Greg Sanden will contact Caltrans' Permit Office to resolve the issue.</p> <p>The sizes of the loads are widely various – Will look into details. Single trip permits might be issued.</p>