

**California Transportation Permits Advisory Council (CTPAC)  
Steering Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Online Via Zoom**

**Meeting Summary**

**Item #1 – Welcome, Purpose, Agenda Review & Introductions**

CTPAC chairperson Eric Sauer, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs with the California Trucking Association (CTA), welcomed attendees. Eric expressed his appreciation to everyone for participating in the virtual meetings, including the trucking industry, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) representatives.

**Item #2 – Caltrans Updates**

Thomas Schriber, Chief of Caltrans' Office of Commercial Vehicle Operations (CVO), expressed his appreciation to all for attending virtual meetings.

Per governor's executive order for supply chain relief, over 50 overweight transportation permits are issued to 14 companies for intermodal containers to transport from waterports and distribution centers. These permits are valid until June 30, 2022.

Three information technology staff are currently working on an online interface system for applying for and issuing annual, repetitive, and sea container transportation permits. The electronic permit system will be available for customers with debtor account.

Thomas shared that permits office located on 1823 14th Street may relocate when the lease ends and will keep members updated.

Michael Lee, Office Chief of Structures Maintenance and Investigations (SM&I), shared that an error has been found in the assumed axle spread of Truck Comparator spreadsheet that SM&I uses, and the way BrDR software applies truck axles. SM&I are working on a fix for future variance permits. The trucking industry will be seeing restrictions on bridges that have not been previously restricted and even may not be allowed to cross certain bridges. Summer Silveira, Senior Bridge Permit Engineer of SM&I, emphasized that the changes only affect variance permit holders and there is a difference of 28% in the truck demand.

During the question and answer portion of Thomas' presentation,

Q1: Eric Sauer, CTA. How many oversized containers were moved under governor's executive order so far?

R1: Thomas, Caltrans. 50 oversized containers have been moved as of January 2022.

Q2: Eric Sauer, CTA. Do you have information where containers can be stored?

R2: Thomas, Caltrans. Governor's office is leading on this issue and Caltrans haven't heard back from the governor's office yet. Sri Balasubramanian, Deputy Division Chief of Traffic

Operations, shared that Caltrans is looking for an open space, such as an abandoned airport to store these intermodal containers. More details will be shared once available.

Q3: Is there a proposal to raise annual permit fee?

R3: Thomas, Caltrans. There will be proposed fee increases on single trip, variance, and annual permits. Public hearing will be conducted prior to any fee increase and CTA & CTPAC will be notified of the public hearing.

Q4: Pilot car maps are not attached to the annual permit application anymore. Why?

R4: Thomas, Caltrans. The attachments are now electronic. The pilot car maps are available for print and view on Caltrans website and it is haulers' responsibility to print the maps off the website or have an electronic copy with them.

### **Item #3 – CHP Updates**

Captain Arnold Hardy, CHP Commercial Vehicle Section (CVS), said that CHP is aware of truck parking and intermodal container storage issues and working closely with governor's office to resolve the issues. Captain Arnold Hardy introduced Lieutenant Jim Mitchell who will replace Lieutenant Robert Nance and join future CTPAC meetings.

Sergeant Dave Kelly shared that some of the out-of-state haulers are traveling without permits, which has been an ongoing issue.

### **Item #4 – Roundabouts on SHS**

Brian Frazer, Caltrans Design, gave a roundabouts presentation and pointed out the purpose of truck apron is not covered in Commercial Driver Handbook, which explains why many truck drivers did not know the low curbed/truck apron is for them to use for off-tracking. Truck aprons are used on roundabouts to compensate for the off tracking of larger vehicles. Eric will reach out to DMV shortly to discuss the possible updates of Commercial Driver Handbook. Sri said this is a very good point.

Brian asked how it is going setting up the line of communication from design team to industry. Thomas will follow up.

### **Item #5 – Workgroup Updates**

#### **a) Crane – Michael Vlaming**

Multiple Destination Special Repetitive Permit (MDSRP) Clarification - Michael Vlaming had a virtual meeting with Caltrans on 19 January 2021 and will continue to collect additional data to prepare draft proposal. Draft TPPM will be ready sometime next year.

#### **b) Annuals**

No updates.

#### **c) Fixed Loads/Tow Trucks**

No updates.

#### **d) Variance**

No updates.

## **e) Transportation Permits Manual (TPM) Chapter 2**

Tim Mcvay had some questions regarding the revisions of scrapers. Narayan Selwal stated that the revisions of TPM Chapter 2 are not finalized and open for comments. Comments from industry are very valuable and appreciated. Eric proposed to extend the deadline to review draft revisions of TPM Chapter 2 to the end of this month (02/24/22).

Wes Mollno said that he had few comments on the draft revisions of TPM Chapter 2 and more meetings are required to discuss the changes.

## **f) Inspection Report Requirement**

Eric will provide a list of inspection report work group members. As discussed on the last virtual meeting with industry on 6 January 2022, Caltrans will scan old inspection reports dated back in 1990 and create a searchable database for inspection report records.

Tim Mcvay mentioned that he had an inspection report denied because the inspection report did not contain certain information that are covered in the most updated inspection report form. He resubmitted the inspection report again and was approved. Narayan said Caltrans has been providing training sessions continuously to permit writers to ensure the quality of work.

## **Item #6 – Caltrans Action Items Updates**

Narayan Selwal, Chief of Transportation Permits Policies and Compliance / Legal Truck Access Branch gave a presentation.

Electric carry and display: STARS permit, faxed single trip permit, variance permit and all permit accompaniments was circulated in last CTPAC meeting and comments were received by 29 October 2021. Caltrans addressed the comments and published the revised TPPM on 4 November 2021.

Caltrans met with TPM Chapter 2 work group virtually on 3 November 2021 and shared the draft with work group members and CHP later for review and comments. With the extended deadline, members would have more time to review the draft revisions and provide inputs.

Caltrans reviewed the current policies and issued clarification memo regarding inspection report requirements and met with industry virtually on 6 January 2022 to clarify the memo. A work group is formed to review vehicle inspection requirements.

Caltrans met with Bragg Heavy Transport virtually on October 2021 to discuss the issues related to two tiered variances and issues resolved.

United States Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 49 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations defined the process for vehicle certification. The vehicle certification label which is provided via a door sill sticker states Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) and Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) of each axle, which are not to be exceeded. Permit weights shall be limited to 1) tire sidewall ratings; 2) door sill sticker (GVWR and GAWR); 3) extralegal chart weight, whichever is the smallest.

Tim Mcvay stated that this is not a federal sticker. Sergeant Dave Kelly said it is up to manufacturer to determine the gross vehicle weight rating and gross axle weight rating. Wes Mollno and Lorin Sabin concurred with Tim.

Joanna Jungels shared that all 50 states are aware that permit weights should be limited to tire rating, extralegal chart weight and GAWR. But not all 50 states are enforcing this policy.

Caltrans will discuss further with work group members regarding axle weight policy.

**Item #7 – Public comments**

No comments.

**Item #8 – Summarize Action Items from Meeting**

Eric summarized the following action items:

- 1) Eric will reach out to DMV to discuss the possible updates of Commercial Driver Handbook.
- 2) Eric will follow up with possible changes to CVC.
- 3) The deadline to review draft revisions of TPM Chapter 2 has been extended to the end of this month (02/24/22). CTPAC members are welcomed to provide inputs and comments. Eric will send draft Chapter 2 revisions to all CTPAC members.
- 4) Eric will provide a list of inspection report work group members to Caltrans.

**Item #9 – Next Meeting**

The next CTPAC meeting will most likely be an in-person meeting on June 2022 (tentative).

**Item #10 – Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Eric Sauer.

CTPAC Action Items

No.	CTPAC Meeting	Item	Due Date	Status/Notes
1	2/18/2016	Roundabout presentation - create advisory committee of CTPAC representatives (Leon F., Tim M., Lorin S., Curt W.)		<p><u>06/17/21</u>: Eric will include roundabout discussion to the agenda at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>10/06/21</u>: Brian Frazer of Caltrans Design presented. See Item 5 below.</p> <p><u>02/10/22</u>: Brian Frazer of Caltrans Design presented. See Item 5 below.</p>
2	4/22/2019	Annual electronic copy of truck permit to replace hardcopy permit		<p><u>01/16/20</u>: Kien stated that there are no reasons that annual electronic copy of truck permit should replace hardcopy permit given the frequency of usage. Kien fully supported the electronic copy of the single trip permit, but not annual permit. The haulers should always keep the permit in possession.</p> <p><u>06/17/21</u>: Caltrans is working with IT Division to develop an online system that allows the customers to submit the permit applications electronically, including annual, repetitive and sea container.</p> <p><u>10/06/21</u>: On-going.</p> <p><u>02/10/22</u>: Three information technology staff are currently working on an online interface system for applying for and issuing annual, repetitive, and sea</p>

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3	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><u>9/22/2019</u>: Greg Sanden will contact Caltrans' Permit Office to resolve the issue. The sizes of the loads are vary widely – Will look into details. Single trip permits might be issued.</p> <p><u>01/16/20</u>: Greg Sanden was not present at the meeting.</p> <p><u>10/01/20</u>: No update.</p> <p><u>02/16/21</u>: No update.</p> <p><u>06/17/21</u>: No update.</p> <p><u>10/06/21</u>: No update.</p> <p><u>02/10/22</u>: No update.</p>
4	10/01/2020	Port of Long Beach asked members to provide support letters regarding the expansion project on Anaheim Way and Farragut Avenue.		<p>On-going</p> <p><u>02/16/21</u>: No update.</p> <p><u>06/17/21</u>: No update.</p> <p><u>10/06/21</u>: Port of Long Beach asked members to provide support letters regarding the expansion project on Anaheim Way and Farragut Avenue.</p> <p><u>02/10/22</u>: No update.</p>
5	10/06/2021	Brian Frazer of Caltrans Design - Roundabouts - Described industry role in providing feedback. Discussed possible changes to CVC.		<p>On-going</p> <p><u>02/10/22</u>: Eric will reach out to DMV to discuss the possible updates of Commercial Driver Handbook. Eric will follow up with possible changes to CVC.</p>
6	10/06/2021	Narayan Selwal, CT Permits. TPPM 2018-01 Electronic Carry and	10/29/2021	<p>On-going</p> <p><u>02/10/22</u>: Revised TPPM published on 4 November 2021.</p>

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		Display feedback due 29 October 2021.		
7	10/06/2021	Narayan Selwal, CT Permits. TPM Chapter 2 work group is comprised of Kevin Reese, Matt Klenske (chair), Suzanne Scheideker, Scott Moyers, and Bob Protz.		On-going  <u>02/10/22</u> : Caltrans met with work group virtually on 3 November 2021 and shared draft revisions of TPM Chapter 2 with work group on February 2022. Members will review and provide inputs by the end of this month (02/24/2022).
8	10/06/2021	Permits Processing 1. Inspection report requirements for California haulers – CT Permits will issue clarification MEMO and update permit writers via training. 2. Two tiered variances. Brad Tuttle will follow up with Permits Manager Devinder Sandhu via Webex, on or before week ending 10/22/2021		<u>10/27/2021</u> : Caltrans issued clarification memo regarding inspection report requirements.  <u>02/10/22</u> : 1. Caltrans met with industry virtually on 6 January 2022 to clarify the inspection report requirement memo. Work group is formed to review vehicle inspection requirements. Eric will provide a list of inspection report work group members. 2. Caltrans met with Bragg Heavy Transport virtually on October 2021 to discuss the issues related to two tiered variances and issues resolved.