

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

**Monday, April 17th, 2023
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Location: Omni La Costa Resort & Spa
2100 Costa Del Mar Rd, Carlsbad, CA 92009**

Meeting Summary

Item #1 – Welcome, Agenda and Purpose of Meeting.

CTPAC chairperson Eric Sauer, Chief Executive Officer of the California Trucking Association (CTA), welcomed attendees. Eric appreciated everyone for participating in the meeting, including the trucking industry, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) representatives.

Attendees started self-introductions to one another around the room, and a sign-in sheet was circulated during the meeting.

Item #2 – Caltrans Updates

Thomas Schriber, Chief of Caltrans' Office of Commercial Vehicle Operations (CVO), thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Thomas introduced Devinder Sandhu, the lead for single trip and variance permits, Joe Bayless and James Kidd, variance permit writers, Narayan Selwal, Policy Branch Chief, Xinyue yang, Policy Engineer, Michael Lee, the leading bridge design engineer in Structure Maintenance & Investigations (SM&I), and Summer Silveira and Raha Hezar, senior bridge engineers in SM&I in the meeting.

The customer service survey, accessed through a QR code, is available on the Caltrans website until May 31, 2023. The purpose of customer satisfaction surveys is to gather customer feedback that can be used to improve the overall customer experience. Thomas encouraged members to take the survey and provide feedback. A printed copy of the QR code was also placed on a desk together with handouts materials.

To preserve the Nation's infrastructure and to keep trucks moving efficiently, states must ensure that commercial motor vehicles comply with federal size and weight standards and FHWA is responsible for certifying state compliance with Federal standards.

As part of the certification, FHWA is requiring California to 'provide a list of agencies in the state with an overweight permit fee schedule and a link to the

regulation or submit a copy.' The maximum allowable fee schedule is set in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), however, agencies can charge less than the maximum. Caltrans is unsure which agencies (cities or counties), if any, charge less than the maximum.

Thomas asked if anyone is aware of agencies that charge less and agencies that charge more. Additionally, Caltrans is starting to work on an update to the CCR section that covers transportation permit fees.

Caltrans Information technology (IT) staff are still working on implementing the electronic interface for annual and repetitive permits, similar to STARS2, and adding truck layer for QuickMap.

The project of creating a searchable repository of inspection reports is approved by management and is in the preliminary phase. Once the project is finished, the program will allow the customer to only turn in inspection reports once when applying for permits. The automated transportation permit system is in the queue of proposed information technology projects.

Thomas also pointed out that there are some discrepancies between Federal truck size and weight requirements and the California Vehicle Code (CVC), such as the definition of fluid milk and the length of auto transporters. Thomas encouraged members to review the policies carefully when applying for permits.

A member mentioned that some of the bridge ratings have been downgraded suddenly and it is difficult to find an alternative route.

Summer Silveira said it has been an ongoing process to review all the bridges across the State and the bridges have been downgraded mainly due to safety. Michael Lee said, if the bridge is non-repairable and needs replacement, the bridge weight rating will bump up once the new bridge is opened. However, there is not much funding for bridge replacement for goods and movements.

Eric proposed to prepare a transportation funding flowchart for the next meeting.

Eric asked if there are any notifications given to the haulers prior to bridge downgrading. Summer said since it is safety issue, they must act immediately. There are no notifications given currently.

Suzanne Scheideker asked if there is a list of qualities (such as traffic volume, goods and movement, etc.) that defines the priority of the bridge in need of repair and or replacement. Thomas responded that it may be possible to share such a list.

Item #3 – CHP Updates

Captain Nick Doko introduced himself to the group and shared some personnel changes within Commercial Vehicle Section. Captain Doko is new to the position, but he has been with commercial enforcement for 10 years now. Captain Doko recognized the discrepancies between Federal truck size and weight requirements and CVC and shared that CHP and Federal are working cooperatively in terms of enforcement. Please do not hesitate to contact CHP Commercial Vehicle Section for any questions.

Item #4 – POLB Heavy Haul Route Update

Carlo Luzzi, Intermodal Operations Manager from Port of Long Beach (POLB), shared some latest updates regarding the 9th Street closure and the heavy haul route improvement project.

The 9th Street railroad crossing was closed on March 9, 2019, in a move that will improve rail operations and promote the speed of moving goods through the Port. During the time of closure, oversize trucks and cargos utilize alternative routes to transport goods. For certain oversize trucks that are unable to utilize the alternative routes, the Port offered special permits to traverse the crossing with approval from the City of Los Angeles (LA), the County of LA, and Caltrans.

The Heavy Haul Route Improvement Project will allow 300' long, 20' wide oversize loads to transit the 9th Street at-grade crossing. The Project is essential to provide transport options for Oversize/Overweight (OS/OW) loads. Port of Long Beach (Carlo) urged members to provide support letters regarding the expansion project on Anaheim Way and Farragut Avenue.

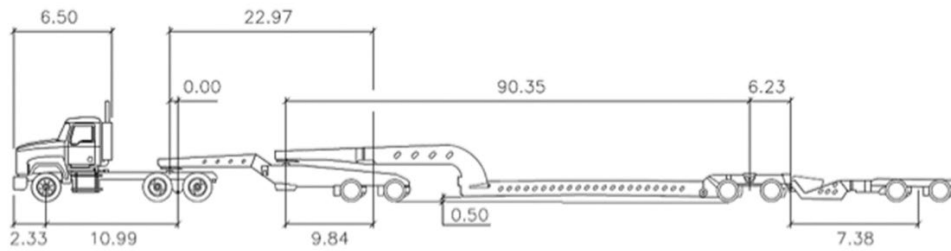
Eric will send out the sample support letter to members and haulers.

Item #5 – Roundabouts on State Highway System (SHS)

Caltrans staff from the Division of Design were unable to attend the meeting but shared some updates. Narayan Selwal presented on behalf of Design that a new oversize-overweight (OS/OW) Design Vehicle Template has been added in Caltrans Highway Design Manual (HDM) Section 405.10 and Figure 405.10B (see below). After that, designers have been using it statewide when they are designing a roundabout, modeling truck movements and making adjustments (for example: adding truck blisters on entries and exits or modifying the truck apron around the central island, etc.) for accommodations. Caltrans Design encouraged the use of the steerable trailer when the OS/OW vehicle is modeled.

Figure 405.10B

Oversize/Overweight Design Vehicle-CALTRANS OS OW HEAVY HAUL



Item #6 – Workgroup Updates

a) Crane

Michael Vlaming updated that the crane industry is working with Caltrans Equipment Engineer, Joe Burns to supply the information needed for the proposal. Work is still in progress.

b) Annuals

No update.

c) Fixed Loads/Tow Trucks

No update.

d) Variance

Lorin Sabin said that the variance workgroup just had a productive meeting last week and discussed a few action items. Variance workgroup hope to work with CHP and Caltrans to resolve these issues.

Variance workgroup action items that were discussed included status of variance permits, expedite unladen variance permits, blade trailer permits and permits not requiring CHP or SM&I review, not being able to get equipment inspections by CHP and SM&I requirement to have scale weights for loads weighing more than 800k-lbs.

Variance Coordinators, Joseph Bayless and James Kidd, addressed variance work group action items pertaining to variance permits. CHP and SM&I will address action items related to equipment inspections and scale weights for loads weighing more than 800k-lbs requirements respectively.

Eric will schedule a follow-up meeting with both agencies to address the workgroup's concerns.

e) Inspection Report

No update.

Item #7 – Caltrans Action Items Updates

Narayan Selwal, Chief of Transportation Permits Policies and Compliance / Legal Truck Access Branch shared some updates.

Caltrans shared the draft revision of the Transportation Permits Manual (TPM) Chapter 1 in the last CTPAC meeting and received comments from CHP and CTPAC members. Caltrans incorporated the comments and sent the revised draft to CHP and CTPAC members for concurrence. TPM Chapter 1 will be published once finalized.

Narayan provided update on the route classification request of Route 70 in Plumas County from Chandler Road West to Greenville Wye. The request was to change current brown classification to red requiring CHP escorts for safety reasons. The office of CVO then reached out to District 2 District Traffic Access Manager (DTAM) for route reclassification and red route summary modification. District 2 DTAM requested inputs from stakeholders and CTA to collect the necessary information to complete the request but did not receive any inputs. With the available information, District 2 is analyzing the impacts. The final determination has not been made yet.

Regarding CTPAC Work Group's Proposal of Inspection Report, Caltrans agreed to create a searchable database for inspection reports with the approval from management team. An IT project has been created and Permits Office is working closely with IT staff to develop the database. More details will be shared in future.

Two new Transportation Permits Policy Memorandums (TPPMs) are shared with the group. The first one is regarding concrete panels for single trip permits. This policy will increase the maximum width limit and allow the extralegal weight of concrete panels when hauling in horizontal, incline or slanted, and vertical positions.

The second one is concerning legal size vehicles equipped with telemetry data gathering systems. This policy will temporarily define telemetry data gathering systems to include camera monitoring systems (CMS), LIDAR, RADAR and accessories (e.g., sensor racks, transducers etc.) as a non-divisible load, and administer permit issuance to these extralegal width trucks until telemetry data gathering systems are defined in the CVC.

CTPAC members will review and provide comments on draft TPPMs by 05/17/2023.

Caltrans is adding CA Truck Network Map and Truck Weigh Stations in QuickMap. The web version is finalized and ready to be published. Mobile versions (both in IOS and Android) are in testing mode. Once the testing is completed, both web and mobile versions will be available to the public. Members commented that QuickMap is very useful and handy.

Item #8 Permit Feedback Form

Eric reminded everyone that the permit feedback form was created jointly by CTPAC members and Caltrans and encouraged members to take advantage of the form as needed. It is a joint effort to track down any pending issues related to transportation permits.

Item #9 Public comments

Joe Bayless and James Kidd, variance permit writers from Caltrans, said the variance permit team is happy to assist members with any questions.

Members appreciated Caltrans Transportation Permits Office for the continued hard work and willingness to work with the industry on various issues.

It was announced that a former CTPAC member had recently died.

Item #10 – Summarize Action Items from Meeting

Eric summarized the following action items.

- 1) To explain California's transportation funding processes, including bridge upgrades, Caltrans will bring a presenter to the next CTPAC meeting.
- 2) Suzanne Scheideker asked if there is a list of qualities (such as traffic volume, goods and movement, etc.) that defines the priority of the bridge in need of repair and or replacement. Thomas responded that it may be possible to share such a list.
- 3) Eric will send out the sample support letter to members and haulers in support of the expansion project that occurred at Port of Long Beach.
- 4) Eric and Lorin will work with variance permit writers to address issues related to variance permits and schedule a meeting with both agencies to follow up.
- 5) Caltrans will finalize and publish TPM Chapter 1.
- 6) CTPAC members and CHP will review two new draft TPPMs and provide comments by May 17, 2023.

7) Caltrans will follow up with District 2 regarding Plumas Route 70 Red Route Request.

Item #11: Next Meeting

The next CTPAC meeting will be held at Port of Long Beach and tentatively scheduled for July/August 2023.

Item #12 – 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> <p><u>06/30/22</u>: Brian Frazer of Caltrans Design presented. See Item 5 below.</p> <p><u>11/17/22</u>: Brian Frazer retired. See Item 5 below.</p> <p><u>04/17/23</u>: 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</p>

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				<p>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 and issuing annual, repetitive, and sea container transportation permits.</p> <p><u>06/30/22</u>: on-going.</p> <p><u>11/17/22</u>: on-going.</p> <p><u>04/17/23</u>: on-going.</p>
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> <p><u>06/30/22</u>: No update.</p> <p><u>11/17/22</u>: No update.</p> <p><u>04/17/23</u>: No update.</p>

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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. <u>06/17/21</u>: No update. <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. <u>02/10/22</u>: No update. <u>06/30/22</u>: No update. <u>11/17/22</u>: No update.</p> <p><u>04/17/23</u>: Port of Long Beach asked members to provide additional support letters regarding the expansion project on Anaheim Way and Farragut Avenue. Eric will send the sample letter to members.</p>
5	10/06/2021	Brian Frazer of Caltrans Design - Roundabouts - Described industry role in providing feedback. Discussed possible changes to CVC and CA Commercial Drivers Handbook.		<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. <u>06/30/22</u>: Follow up meeting by CHP, CTA, and Caltrans on possible vehicle code changes and changes to Commercial Drivers Handbook related to commercial vehicles in roundabouts.</p>

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				<p>Industry will review the locations of where the roundabouts are being planned and provide comments.</p> <p><u>11/17/22</u>: DMV is agreed to include roundabouts info in the July 2023 update.</p> <p><u>04/17/23</u>: New OS/OW design vehicle template has been added in Caltrans HDM and DMV will update roundabouts info in the next issuance.</p>
6	10/06/2021	<p>Inspection Report Requirements:</p> <p>Permits Processing</p> <p>1. Inspection report requirements for California haulers – CT Permits will issue clarification MEMO and update permit writers via training.</p> <p>2. Two tiered variances. Brad Tuttle will follow up with Permits Manager Devinder Sandhu via Webex, on or before week ending 10/22/2021</p>		<p><u>10/27/2021</u>: Caltrans issued clarification memo regarding inspection report requirements.</p> <p><u>02/10/22</u>:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2. Caltrans met with Bragg Heavy Transport virtually in October 2021 to discuss the issues related to two tiered variances and issues resolved.</p> <p><u>06/30/22</u>: Work group submitted inspection report proposal. Caltrans</p>

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				<p>will review the proposal and provide feedback. <u>11/17/22</u>: Caltrans provided feedback and is working with IT to develop a searchable database for inspection reports. Eric and Lorin will work on a band-aid solution while Caltrans develops a searchable database for inspection reports.</p> <p><u>04/17/23</u>: Caltrans management approved the IT project and the Permits Office is working closely with IT staff to develop the database.</p>
7	06/30/2022	Additional \$50 charge on variance permits when the work was already done on a previous permit.		<p><u>06/30/22</u>: Caltrans will clarify with the variance team on additional charges and provide feedback. <u>11/17/22</u>: No update.</p> <p><u>04/17/23</u>: Caltrans variance permit team will work with the industry to clarify issues related to variance permits.</p>
8	06/30/2022	SR 70 Red Route		<p><u>06/30/22</u>: Caltrans HQ will follow up with the district and CHP regarding SR 70 red route. <u>11/17/22</u>: Stakeholders and CTA will follow up with District 2 DTAM to provide relevant information regarding Plumas Route 70 red route request.</p>

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				<p><u>04/17/23</u>: Caltrans will follow up with District 2 regarding Plumas Route 70 Red Route Request.</p>
9	11/17/2022	Variance procedures		<p><u>11/17/22</u>: Thomas will follow up with the variance group regarding inconsistency in permit processing, and the industry will provide some examples.</p> <p><u>04/17/23</u>: See Item 7.</p>
10	11/17/22	TPM Chapter 1 revision		<p><u>11/17/22</u>: CTPAC members and CHP will review the TPM Chapter 1 revision and provide comments by January 16, 2023.</p> <p><u>04/17/23</u>: Caltrans will finalize and publish TPM Chapter 1.</p>
11	04/17/23	TPPM 2023-01_ Concrete Panels – Single Trip Permits; TPPM 2023-02_Legal Size Vehicles equipped with Telemetry Data Gathering Systems		<p><u>04/17/23</u>: Caltrans shared two draft TPPMs with the group. CTPAC members and CHP will review the draft TPPMs and provide comments by May 17, 2023.</p>