

California Transportation Permits Advisory Council (CTPAC) Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2020
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Virtual via GoToWebinar

Meeting Summary

Item #1 – Welcome & Agenda Review

CTPAC chairperson Eric Sauer, Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs with the California Trucking Association (CTA), welcomed attendees to the virtual meeting. Eric expressed his appreciation to everyone including the truck industry, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and California Highway Patrol (CHP) representatives who participated in the CTPAC virtual meeting. Eric stated that Kien Le has transferred to another position within Caltrans and Thomas Schriber is now the Chief of Caltrans' Office of Commercial Vehicle Operations (CVO). Eric said Thomas is great and easy to work with.

John Antoshak went over the GoToWebinar control panel, housekeeping, and introduced the basic features of the Webinar tool for attendees.

Item #2 – Caltrans Updates

Thomas Schriber, Chief of Caltrans' Office of Commercial Vehicle Operations, introduced himself to the attendees. Thomas shared that he has worked for Caltrans since early 1991 and worked in Encroachment Permits and Transportation Permits a long time ago. Thomas provided some personnel changes within Caltrans and stated that Caltrans was going through a lot of changes, including office and branch chief rotation in June 2020, retirements and transfers. Kien Le is now with System Operations and Venkata Mandapaka has transferred to Mobility Data Program. Ai Tran moved over to Annual Permits and become the Branch Chief of Annual Permits. Narayan Selwal is now new branch chief for Legal Truck Access and Transportation Permits Policies & Compliance. Some permit writers retired, and some transferred to other locations. As a result, new permit writers are recruited to fill the vacancies.

Thomas also stated that the virtual vehicle inspection program would be a permanent program, not just a temporary alternative because of the COVID-19. The program has proved to be a great success since its implementation. Moreover, for the health and safety of state workers, most of the permit writers are teleworking from home most days. There are about ten permit writers working from the office each day while maintaining social distancing.

Item #3 – CHP Updates

Lt. Robert Nance, CHP, shared some CHP personnel changes with the members and stated that COVID-19 has kept CHP very busy.

Item #4 – Port of Long Beach Updates

Carlo Luzzi, Intermodal Operations Manager from Port of Long Beach (POLB), appreciated all California truck drivers, front line workers and state workers during this difficult time and Carlo wants to support the local office, CHP, and Caltrans by offering free personal protective equipment (PPE).

Carlo updated the ongoing projects at the Port of Long Beach and introduced the 9th Street crossing special permit. The 9th Street railroad crossing was closed since March 9, 2019 in a move that will improve rail operations and increase 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 the approval from the City of Los Angeles (LA), County of LA, and Caltrans. The closure is needed to enhance railroad operations at the Port of Long Beach, allowing marine terminals to move more cargo by “on-dock rail” instead of by truck, improving efficiency in the Port and air quality in the region.

Carlo indicated that Matthew Lyman, Intermodal Operation Coordinator at Port of Long Beach (POLB), is in charge of the field work and the issuance of special permits to go through 9th Street. Matthew stated that 9th Street crossing is accessed by permit only and the oversize vehicles must meet the size requirements to qualify for the special permit (22’ high and/or 220’ long or 17’ wide*120’ long). Please send an email request to the email address 9thstreetpermits@polb.com, and Matthew will review the request against POLB protocols for the oversized truck route. If the vehicle qualifies for a special permit, submit 9th Street crossing access permit to Port of Long Beach and other supporting documents to the local offices for approval. If the vehicle does not qualify for a special permit, there are some alternative routes to consider.

- 1) Option 1: Pier A Way to Henry Ford Avenue with height restrictions.
- 2) Option 2: Anaheim Way and Farragut Avenue. This route required Caltrans, City of LA, and City of Long Beach permits.

The Port recommended option 2 (Anaheim Way and Farragut Avenue) and the Port planned to expand and widen Anaheim Way and Farragut Avenue to accommodate more oversized vehicles. Carlo is seeking support letters from CTPAC members to expedite the project and gain more attention from POLB upper management. As of now, the project is on schedule and the construction will start soon. The project is expected to complete before the permanent closure of 9th Street.

Eric thanked Carlo for offering PPE and will work with Carlo to distribute the masks, hand sanitizers and other PPE.

Item #5 – Automated Transportation Permits

Steven Todd, Vice President of Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association (SC&RA), thanked Kien Le and Thomas Schriber for their continuing support and hard work in the trucking industry and introduced Dan Wells, who recently joined SC&RA. Dan appreciated the opportunity to meet all of the members.

Steven presented the UPT2021 initiative and said that technology is blooming in the worldwide truck industry. UPT2021 is an SC&RA initiative to advocate for harmonization of oversize overweight(os/ow) configurations issued under automated, auto-issued single trip permits. There are three initiatives in detail.

- 1) Auto-issue single trip weight & dimension thresholds map
- 2) Permitted weight configurations chart
- 3) SC&R Foundation and American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) cost analysis studies

As part of the auto-issue initiative, Dan Wells introduced eCredentials, an application developed by ProMiles. The eCredentials is designed to increase compliance, and to simplify the lives of truck drivers and law enforcement alike by facilitating touchless interactions through digitizing of required documents, and through smartphones, QR codes, scanning technology, and data validation.

Dan then presented another application, Audible Route Guidance, also developed by ProMiles, in the interest of highway safety. The Audible Route Guidance is a cloud-based solution designed to translate a specific OS/OW route, generated by a jurisdictional permit office, into a viewable map with audible, turn-by-turn instructions and alerts for a hands-free journey.

Carlo thanked Steven and Dan for the amazing presentation.

Item #6 – Workgroup Updates

a) Crane Group – Michael Vlaming

Michael Vlaming reported that the crane group is in the process of gathering data and information. Once it is done, Michael will initiate a pilot project and work with Caltrans to move beyond the single trip permit.

b) Annuals – Tim McVay

No updates

c) Fixed Loads/Tow Trucks

No updates

d) Variance

No updates.

e) Overweight Corridor

No updates.

Item #7 – Annual Permits

Ai Tran, Annual Permits Branch Chief, reported that annual permits had been experiencing significant delays since March, and the staff worked really hard to clear the backlog. By August, the Annual Permits staff achieved the department goal by processing the annual permits within two weeks. Currently, the annual permit applications will be accepted by fax and regular mail, but not in person. Ai also shared that the current turnaround time of an annual permit is around 10 business days and customers are welcome to check the status of annual permits by reaching the phone number listed on the website or contacting him directly.

Suzanne Scheideker Cook thanked Ai Tran and Annual staff for their continuing hard work and mentioned some of her members are experiencing a prolonged delay in getting annual permits. Ai asked Suzanne to email him the permit applications, and he will check the status of the permits and get back to her.

Item #8 – Update on Vehicle Inspection Program

Narayan Selwal, Permit Policy Branch Chief, shared the background of the vehicle inspection program. The program was first discussed in last CTPAC meeting and has proven to be a great success. In the past, the customer must request and schedule an onsite appointment with the vehicle inspector to conduct the vehicle inspection, which was time-consuming and inefficient. With the virtual inspection, the vehicle inspector can review and approve the inspection remotely. The virtual inspection requires the customers to provide accurate information to the Caltrans vehicle inspector using Caltrans inspection report forms and supporting documentations via email. Then the Caltrans vehicle inspector will review the report against CVC, TPM, TPPM, etc. and contact the customer if additional information is needed. If everything is correct, the vehicle

inspector will approve and issue the inspection report. If the report is against the policy, the vehicle inspector will deny the inspection report and provide the feedbacks.

The Permit Office has developed seven vehicle inspection reports to accommodate various vehicles, including crane, heavy haul, self-propelled vehicle, tow truck, tractor, trailer-mounted fixed load, and heavy haul dual lane. If the vehicle falls outside the seven categories, an equipment review is required. Narayan thanked Ai Tran for developing the inspection report forms.

Narayan asked CTPAC members to provide comments or inputs on the draft Transportation Permits Policy Memorandum (TPPM) which was shared with the group in handouts before the meeting. Comments on the draft TPPM are due by November 1, 2020. Caltrans will address the comments and finalize TPPM and update Transportation Permits Manual in future.

Item #9 – Update on Red Route Proposal

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

Narayan provided updates on the proposal. Since last CTPAC meeting, Caltrans reviewed Route 10 and 110 for possible segments to provide relief for two types of concrete pumps (NOWAKM11 and NOWAKM12). Caltrans Structure Maintenance and Investigation (SM&I) analysis shows that both trucks are too heavy to cross Slauson Ave OH, located at LA 110-PM 17.98. As a result, route 110 is not an option. Analysis shows that both trucks might be allowed to travel through Route 10 to Route 60 based on weight. However, District 7 must verify and approve the proposed route. Caltrans HQ will reach out to District 7 to check if they have other constraints besides the weight issue on Route 10 and will follow up with SCCA with an update.

Suzanne asked to participate in the meeting with Caltrans HQ CVO and District 7 and wondered if Caltrans would consider creating modified permits for these two concrete models. Narayan said CVO will work with District 7 and get back to Suzanne. Regarding the modified permits, CVO will review these two concrete models and offer possible solution.

Item #10 – Public Comments

An attendee mentioned the bridge rating of the Millers bridge on I-8 has been downgraded and it was very troubling. Summer Silveira, from Caltrans' Structures Maintenance and Investigation (SM&I), responded that there is not much Caltrans can do regarding the bridge rating. Federal government asked Caltrans to reanalyze the bridge and reassign the bridge rating couple years ago. Based on the new guidance, some of the bridges have been upgraded or downgraded. One solution is that the customer can submit a request to Caltrans, and Caltrans will review the request and initiate a replacement project for that bridge if desirable. But the process could take years.

Eric asked Summer if she can provide a list of downgraded bridges and Summer said she will try to compile a list.

Another attendee inquired about the status of an annual permit submitted on June 2020. Ai Tran responded that he will follow up and will get back to the customer.

Item #11 – Summarize Action Items from Meeting

Eric summarized the following action items:

- 1) Members to provide support letters regarding the expansion project on Anaheim Way and Farragut Avenue.
- 2) Eric will schedule a meeting with Caltrans regarding automating transportation permits.
- 3) Eric asked the work groups to contact him if the work groups needed to schedule a meeting prior to the next CTPAC meeting.
- 4) For any permit related requests, please contact Eric to connect with Caltrans.

Pending issues:

- SCCA concrete pump truck on various red routes in southern CA and option for modifying permits for two concrete trucks.
 - Annual permits status check
- 5) Eric asked members to provide comments on TPPM Virtual Vehicle Inspection by Nov 1, 2020.

Item #12 – Next Meeting

The next CTPAC meeting will probably be virtual meeting as well. Tentative date is Feb 2021.

Item #13 – 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> <p><u>01/16/20</u>: Eric asked members to review the membership list and provide feedbacks.</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> <p><u>01/16/20</u>: Michael Vlaming was not present at the meeting.</p> <p><u>10/01/20</u>: Michael Vlaming reported that the crane group is in</p>

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				the process of gathering data and information.
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> <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> <p><u>01/16/20</u>: Kien asked the committee to provide the most critical routes used. So Kien can share the information with roundabouts design teams.</p> <p><u>10/01/20</u>: No update.</p>
4	12/14/2018	Southern California Contractors Association (SCCA) requested information for the proposal asking for relief for the	4/22/2019	<u>4/22/2019</u> : Caltrans will review further and provide response to requestor.

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		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.		<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> <p><u>01/16/20</u>: Ai Tran reached out to the District 7 and the District 7 declined to change the red routes due to various reasons. Caltrans proposed an alternative route by using the Route 10 and 1. Summer S. will check if alternative approach is feasible and follow up with SCCA.</p> <p><u>10/01/20</u>: Caltrans SM&I analysis showed that Route 110 is not an option due to weight constraint. Narayan Selwal will reach out to District 7 to check constraints on Route 10 and follow up with SCCA.</p>
5	4/22/2019	Annual electronic copy of truck permit to replace hardcopy permit		<p>Being considered</p> <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>

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6	9/12/2019	Pilot Car Maps posted on Caltrans' Website	9/12/2019	<p><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.</p> <p><u>01/16/20</u>: All the documents posted on the Caltrans' website must be ADA compliant and it takes a tremendous amount of time. As a result, annual pilot car maps will not be posted on the website. Caltrans will send out the annual pilot car maps upon request.</p> <p><u>10/01/20</u>: Annual Pilot Car Maps will be updated soon.</p>
7	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> <p><u>01/16/20</u>: Greg Sanden was not present at the meeting.</p> <p><u>10/01/20</u>: No update.</p>
8	10/01/20	Port of Long Beach asked members to provide support letters regarding the expansion project on Anaheim Way and Farragut Avenue.	10/01/20	On-going
9	10/01/20	Caltrans asked members to provide comments on TPPM Virtual Vehicle Inspection by Nov 1, 2020.	11/01/20	On-going