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## Transportation Permits Policy Memorandum

**Subject:** CHP Escort Requirements for Vehicle Combinations Exceeding 185 ft Overall Length Travelling on Yellow and Green Routes

**Date:** May 28, 2021

**Policy:** TPPM 2021-01

**Reference:** CTPAC WG4-020421-001

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### **Objective**

This memorandum amends the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Escort Requirements for vehicle combinations exceeding 185 ft overall length travelling on Yellow and Green Routes. Yellow Routes are defined as multi-lane freeway or expressway with 12' -0 in lanes, 4' -0" shoulders. Green Routes are defined as non-standard freeway or 2 lane road with 12' lanes and 0' to 4' shoulders. The requirements will be clearly documented in the Transportation Permits Manual (TPM) and in the CHP Escort Requirement Table contained in the Single Trip Pilot Car Maps Legend.

### **Background**

CHP escort is required when the dimensions, listed in the CHP Escort Requirement Table contained in the Legend of the Single Trip Pilot Car Maps, are exceeded.

### **Existing Documentation**

CHP Escort Requirement Table contained in the Legend for the Single Trip Pilot Car Maps. Transportation Permits Manual (TPM) Chapter 4, Section 403.7 CHP Escort Table.

### **Transportation Permit Manual Changes**

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CHP Escort Requirements for Vehicle Combinations Exceeding 185 ft Overall length Travelling on Yellow and Green Routes

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1. Add TPM Chapter 4, Section 403.7 CHP Escort Table as follows.

CHP Escort Table				
Route Classification	Width	Length	Height	Speed
Multi-lane freeway or expressway with 12' lanes, 4' shoulders * A – <b>Yellow Route</b>	>16'0"	>185'	No maximum **	When necessary to slow while Crossing structures.
Non-standard freeway or 2 lane road with 12' lanes and 0' to 4' shoulders * B – <b>Green Route</b>	>15'0"	Unlimited on controlled access roadways >185' for others	No maximum **	When necessary to slow while Crossing structures.
Two lane road with 11' lanes and 0' to any shoulders * C – <b>Blue Route</b>	>15'0"	Unlimited on controlled access roadways >135' for others	≥ 17'0"	When necessary to slow while Crossing structures.
Two lane road with 10' lanes and 0' to any shoulders * D – <b>Brown Route</b>	>15'0"	Unlimited on controlled access roadways >135' for others	≥ 17'0"	When necessary to slow while Crossing structures.
Two lane road with less than 10' lanes * E – <b>Red Route</b>	Operational restriction – See " <b>Red Route Summary Table</b> " for details.			

\* Letters and colors correspond to Caltrans pilot car map codes and route designations.

\*\* Loads over 17'0" high require route survey. Any obstacle within 3" of load height may require CHP involvement.

Notes: CHP Escort is required when:

- Opposing lanes are used.
- Slowing to cross structure(s).

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**Transportation Permit Manual Changes (cont'd.)**

2. Amend the CHP Escort Requirement Table contained in the Legend of the Single Trip Pilot Car Maps and TPM Chapter 4, Section 403.7 CHP Escort Table as follows.

Route Class	Width	Length	Height	Notes
<b>YELLOW</b> 	> 16'0"	> 185'0"	—	<b>CHP Escort is required when:</b> <b>1: Opposing lanes are used.</b> <b>2: Slowing to cross structure(s).</b>
<b>GREEN</b> 	> 15'0"	> 185'0"	—	
<b>BLUE</b> 	> 15'0"	> 135'0"	≥ 17'0"	
<b>BROWN</b> 	> 15'0"	> 135'0"	≥ 17'0"	
<b>RED</b> 	<b>Operational restriction – See “Red Route Summary Table” for details.</b>			

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