

Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials, Subcommittee on Highway Transport

State Report

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 80,700

Permits Issued Year To Date: 6,410

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 8

Does your State offer
Online Requests: Yes No

If yes what percentage
Of permits does your
System issue without
Your review? 32%

New Legislation:
None

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)
None. In process of surveying other State systems, looking for best practices. Will start scoping a new system later in 2017

Procedural Changes:
Updated online Route Survey form

Innovative or Special Initiatives:
Improving staff knowledge with regular communication/meetings; looking for inconsistencies and patterns to address; developing performance dashboards to focus on systematic improvements

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)
Developing a Truck Web Portal that will provide a one-stop location for all information, from any agency, related to transportation of property or passengers. In next two

months will be holding a series of focus groups with industry to determine best format of presenting that information.

Developed a series of web-based tutorials on how to route large loads through our system (links on our web page www.mndot.gov/cvo/oversize)

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations:

Funding, staff turnover, staff training, FAST Act (milk, timber hauling), permitting software issues, getting timely and accurate road, bridge and construction information from districts, increasingly larger loads and vehicle configurations

Uniformity Pursuits:

Implemented a standing work group between MnDOT and State Patrol Truck Division to address permit requirements and enforcement needs

Areas of Concern:

Adequate staffing

Successes:

Increased auto-issue limits; self-routing on annual permits up to 11' wide; less staff/increased work load; posted vertical clearance (bridge) log and bridge locator tool on our web site

Other: