

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: Thru 9/18/2017 - 55,800

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 6 full-time; 2 part-time student workers.

Does your State offer
Online Requests: Yes No

If yes what percentage
Of permits does your
System issue without
Your review? 50% of single trips; 90% on annual permit trip
route approvals

New Legislation:

Road Construction Materials permit - new permit effective January 1, 2018 allows for the transport of highway construction materials, including but not limited to aggregate material, hot mix asphalt, plastic concrete, cementitious materials, concrete admixtures, asphalt cement, and recycled road materials on state roadways. No interstate travel allowed. 6-axle (90,000 GVW) or 7-axle (97,000 GVW).

The existing Farm Products (ag) permit now allows combination vehicles to haul fluid milk products (as a non-visible commodity) on State roads and interstates. 6-axle (90,000 GVW) or 7-axle (97,000 GVW).

10% weight increase for transporting milk in single-unit vehicles from point of production to (1) another point of production; (2) the point of first processing, without permit.

Size and weight restrictions do not apply to certain emergency vehicles: fire apparatus, a law enforcement special response vehicle, or a licensed land emergency ambulance service vehicle.

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)
Increased system-issued permit thresholds from 14'6" W x 14'6"H x 110'0"L to 16'0" W x 15'0"H x 110'0"L.

The section has already seen an approximate 20% increase in system-issued permits since implemented in August, 2017.

Increased the permissible height from 14'6"high to 15'0"high on the Construction, Farm, Commercial Boat, and Mobile Home annual permit types.

Added the 60-day Job Permit type as an option in our online permitting system.

Procedural Changes:

Innovative or Special Initiatives:

Taking steps to reduce the number of misdirected calls the section receives by 10% by December 2017.

Working in collaboration with the MnDOT Bridge Office to create an axle weight calculator to provide customers with general guidance for planning purposes.

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations:

The upcoming release of Java 9 will impact usability of our permit system. Our system cannot operate on Java 9, so customers will need to remain at Java 8 in order to use our system. Visit our web page for a brief Java SE 8 Guide.

Uniformity Pursuits:

Reviewing permit restrictions/conditions to improve consistency of information. The MnDOT General Provision was recently updated.

Areas of Concern:

The MnDOT permitting system is in need of replacement to keep up with changes in technology and the needs of industry.

Maintaining adequate staffing and funding levels.

Successes:

This past summer analyzed 2016 permit data to identify high volume origin/destination paths. The intent is to use this data in discussions with District staff to increase awareness of OSOW needs within their areas.

Other:

