AASHTO SCOHT

Oversize/Overweight Permit Harmonization
http://highwaytransport.transportation.org/
Goals

Facilitate Interstate Commerce by:

• **Seeking solutions** less restrictive or status quo, *not* more restrictive

• **Balancing** consistency while maintaining safety

• **Recommending** voluntary harmonization, *not* mandatory uniformity
Harmonization Team

- **Chair**: Randy Braden, Alabama DOT
- **SCOHT Chair**: Secretary Mark Gottlieb, Wisconsin DOT
- **SCOHT Vice Chair**: Jeff Honefanger, Ohio DOT
- **SCOHT Secretary**: Tom Kearney, FHWA
- **NASTO**: Matt Hedge, Pennsylvania DOT
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- **AASHTO Staff**: Chris Smith
- **Consultants**: Nick Vlahos and Brandon Rivenburg, Cambridge Systematics
Industry Advisory Group

- **Rick Clasby**: Utah Trucking Associations on behalf of ATA
- **Steven Todd**: Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association
- **Jay Thompson**: Arkansas State Police on behalf of CVSA
- **Steven Barnes**: National Pilot Car Safety Institute
- **Jay Folladori**: Landstar
- **Ray Morgan**: Perkins Specialized Transport
- **Paul Ross**: Keen Transport
- **Peter Lynch**: Specialized Freight Solutions
Timeline

- **Nov. 2012**: AASHTO BOD authorizes Harmonization Initiative and Phase I Items for Research
- **Jul. 2013**: SCOHT Harmonization Team presents initial Phase I findings at Wilmington Annual Meeting
- **Summer – Fall, 2013**: Consultants conduct research activities
- **Nov. 2013**: Consultants present findings
- **Dec. 2013**: SCOHT Harmonization Team considers findings and offers draft technical reconciliations
- **Mar. 2014**: Supermajority of SCOHT members approve Phase I technical recommendations, present to Industry Advisory Group for comment
- **Jul. 2014**: Harmonization Team and Industry Advisory Group meet to discuss Phase I impacts and schedule for Phase II research and consideration
- **Dec. 2014**: SCOHT regions meet to consider national Phase II items
Next Steps

• **Publication** of technical memo on Phase I items in revised edition of the AASHTO Guide to Weights and Dimensions.

• **Discussion** of Phase II items among the SCOHT regions and national body.

• **Presentation** of Phase II items to the Industry Advisory Group
Phase I

- Escort Requirements
- Warning Flags
- Warning Lights
- Warning Signs
- Days and Hours of Operation
## Warning Lights

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<td><strong>Oversize Load Sign/Banner Color</strong></td>
<td>Black letters on yellow background</td>
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<td><strong>Oversize Sign/Banner Size</strong></td>
<td>18” x 7’</td>
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<td><strong>Size of Letters</strong></td>
<td>10” x 1.4” – 1.5”</td>
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<td><strong>Oversize Load Sign/Banner Location</strong></td>
<td>Front and rear of transporting vehicle where license plate and lights are not blocked; Front and rear of escort or above roofline of escort where it is visible from front and rear</td>
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Phase II

- Number of Valid days allowed on single trip permits
- Permit Amendments
- Holiday Restrictions
- Type and size of Escort Vehicles
- Escort Requirements for Overheight Loads and Overheight Loads with other Dimensions

Phase II Survey Link
https://vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/54c9g55532
Thank You

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