

PREFACE

The purpose of this manual is to provide uniform policy and procedures to the trucking industry and Caltrans personnel relating to the issuance of transportation permits for the movement of extralegal vehicles and/or loads on California state highways. This manual is consistent with the goals of ensuring the safety of the traveling public and protecting the public's investment in the transportation infrastructure.

This revised Transportation Permits Manual (TPM) will incorporate all approved Transportation Permit Policy Memorandums (TPPM). Changes will reflect the reorganization of Caltrans' Office of Commercial Vehicle Operations and the consolidation of the north and south Transportation Permits Issuance Branches into a single branch located in Sacramento. The goal of the TPM is to provide a single reference source for Caltrans policies and procedures in the issuance of transportation permits. Implementation of the current version of each chapter shall be applied to all forthcoming transportation permits.

Caltrans encourages manual users to use the online version of the TPM as the latest official version. If a paper copy is maintained by the manual user, it is the responsibility of the manual user to maintain and incorporate the latest manual updates to ensure proper reference to the latest policies and procedures.