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## Transportation Permits Policy Memorandum

**Subject:** Electronic Carry and Display: STARS Permit, Faxed Single Trip Permit, Variance Permit, and all Permit Accompaniments  
**Date:** November 4, 2021  
**Policy:** TPPM 2018-01 (Revised)  
**Reference:** CTPAC WG7-021518-001

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### **Objective:**

This amendment allows drivers operating under a Transportation Permit to carry and display the STARS Permit, Faxed Single Trip Permit, Variance Permit, and all Permit Accompaniments in either printed or electronic form. Permit Accompaniments include Transportation Permit Conditions, Special Conditions for Holiday Travel, Special Conditions for 24/7 Travel, Special Conditions for Loads and/or Vehicle Escorted by Pilot Cars, Special Conditions for Manufactured Housing at 14 feet or Less in Width, Special Conditions for Manufactured Housing in Excess of 14 feet Wide Manufacturer's Certification, Special Conditions for Manufactured Housing in Excess of 14 feet wide Dealer's Certification, Special Conditions for Manufactured Housing in Excess of 14 feet Wide Transporter's Certifications, Special Conditions for Tow Trucks, Special Conditions for SFOBB, Curfew Maps, Pilot Car Maps, Pilot Car Special Conditions, Vehicle Inspection Report, and Weekly Short-Term Restrictions.

This amendment still requires drivers to carry and display original hard copy of Annual Permit and Repetitive Permit in their immediate possession if they are driving under those permits. See table below for details. The printed or electronic document must (a) be legible, and (b) contain no alterations. The driver can display the electronic document to law enforcement on an acceptable electronic device (such as laptop, tablet, or smartphone). Drivers not in possession of a paper version of the permit and required accompaniments, and not able to produce an electronic version due to cellular telephone coverage, electronic damage, or other reasons, are deemed not in compliance.

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<b>Documents</b>	<b>Original Hard Copy Required</b>	<b>Printed or Electronic Version Required</b>
STARS Permit		×
Faxed Single Trip Permit		×
Single Trip Permit Accompaniments		×
Annual Permit	×	
Annual Permit Accompaniments		×
Variance Permit		×
Variance Permit Accompaniments		×
Repetitive Permit	×	
Repetitive Permit Accompaniments		×

### **Background:**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has been accepting the electronic copy of Weekly Short-term Restrictions Update for Annual Permit Holders (Weekly Restrictions) since 2018. To provide greater safety and convenience, Caltrans will allow drivers to carry and display the STARS Permit, Faxed Single Trip Permit, Variance Permit, and all Permit Accompaniments, in either printed or electronic form.

### **Existing Documentation:**

California Vehicle Code Sections 35780.

Transportation Permits Manual (TPM) Sections 106.3.6, 106.3.7 and 108.1.2

TPPM 2018-01 Electronic Carry and Display: Annual Permit – Weekly Short-Term Restrictions.

All Permit Accompaniments.

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### **Caltrans Transportation Permits Website:**

All Permit Accompaniments including Pilot Car Maps and Weekly Short-Term Restrictions have been posted on Caltrans Transportation Permits Website.

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits>

### **Transportation Permit Manual Changes:**

1) Revise the second sentence of Section 106.3.6 to read as follows:

- Each district shall establish a list of appropriate restricted routes to accompany the Annual Transportation Permit.

2) Revise Section 106.3.7 to read as follows:

- Drivers operating under a Transportation Permit can carry and display the STARS Permit, Faxed Single Trip Permit, Variance Permit, and all Permit Accompaniments, in either printed or electronic form. Drivers must carry original hard copy of Annual and Repetitive Permit. The printed or electronic document must (a) be legible, and (b) contain no alterations. The driver can display the electronic document to law enforcement on an acceptable electronic device (such as laptop, tablet, or smartphone).
- The operator of the motor vehicle will display the proof required upon demand from any law enforcement officer or commercial vehicle inspector. Law enforcement will determine acceptable electronic devices.

3) Revise Section 108.1.2 to read as follow:

The original hard copy or electronic version of the permit will be issued to the permittee.



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Date