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Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Transportation Permits Policy Memorandum

Subject: Authorized Travel Times

Date: July 27, 2005

Policy: TPPM 2005-01 Revised

Reference: CTPAC

Objectives

This revised policy allows permittee to choose a "No Night Travel" option when night travel is not desired.

This policy will allow non-variance vehicles to travel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week travel on "Yellow" & "Green" routes. Travel on "Blue" & "Brown" routes on Saturday and Sunday from one half hour prior to sunrise to 12 noon when escorted by a pilot car.

This new policy will eliminate the current 3am policy, the requirement that the driver be familiar with a detour prior to moving at night, the restriction of night and weekend movement for "Purple" hauled weight and multi-vehicle combinations.

Existing Documentation

The following source contains information related to this subject:

Transportation Permit Manual (TPM)

Chapter 10 General Information

Section 1004.1 Detours

A detour is a deviation from a route and precludes night movement. The use of direct off and on ramps does not constitute a detour. However, this deviation from the route shall be authorized for daylight hours only and applies only at the structure where a height restriction exists.

Section 1014.1 Night Movement

Single-trip permits may be issued for continuous night travel during otherwise restricted hours for vehicles and/or loads if:

- A pilot car is not required.
- Weight does not exceed bonus green.
- The vehicle is not greater than a two-vehicle combination.
- Width does not exceed lane width.
- Height is not less than 3" clearance on all obstructions.
- Extralegal size does not create a safety hazard to the traveling public.
- Traffic volumes and/or geometrics do not constitute a hazard.
- Performance of vehicles shall be comparable with other legal vehicles, shall have the ability to maintain comparable speeds, and shall avoid undue interference with other traffic.
- A detour is not involved.

Section 1023.2 Weekend Movement

Single-trip permits may be issued for continuous weekend travel during otherwise restricted hours for vehicles and/or loads if:

- A pilot car is not required.
- Weight does not exceed bonus green.
- The vehicle is not greater than a two-vehicle combination.
- Width does not exceed lane width.
- Height is not less than 3" clearance on all obstructions.
- Extralegal size does not create a safety hazard to the traveling public.
- Traffic volumes and/or geometrics do not constitute a hazard.
- Performance of vehicles shall be comparable with other legal vehicles, shall have the ability to maintain comparable speeds, and shall avoid undue interference with other traffic.
- No detour is involved. The use of off/on ramps to avoid height restrictions will not be considered a detour.

Transportation Permit Manual Changes

Section 1004.1 Detours

This section has been removed.

Section 1014.1 Night Movement (Hours of "Darkness") Including Weekends

"Darkness" is defined in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 280.

No Night Travel – Permittee may request travel during daylight hours only by checking the "No Night Travel" box in the Movement Authorized area of the permit form. This will allow permittee to avoid nighttime travel restrictions and reference to nighttime travel restrictions on the permit.

Travel during hours of "Darkness" is authorized on the following routes.

"Yellow Routes" All permit vehicles/loads are authorized travel during hours of darkness until the loaded width exceeds 16' 0". When the loaded width exceeds 16' 0", the load will be escorted by the California Highway Patrol (CHP). The CHP in coordination with the District Traffic Manager(s) (DTMs) will determine hours of travel.

"Green Routes" All permit vehicles/loads are authorized travel during hours of darkness until the loaded width exceeds 14' 0". When the loaded width exceeds 14' 0", travel is not authorized during hours of darkness.

"Blue Routes" Travel is restricted during hours of darkness when escorted by a pilot car.

"Brown Routes" Travel is restricted during hours of darkness when escorted by a pilot car.

"Red Routes" Operational restriction, consult the "Red Route Summary Table" for travel restrictions.

Variance Loads When the loaded width exceeds 15' 0" on Green, Blue, Brown or Red routes, the load will be escorted by the California Highway Patrol (CHP). The CHP in coordination with the District Traffic Manager(s) (DTMs) will determine hours of travel.

Section 1023.2 Weekend Movement (Saturday & Sunday) Excluding Hours of "Darkness"

"Yellow Routes" See "Night Movement" for travel on Yellow routes.

"Green Routes" All permit vehicles/loads are authorized travel on Saturday and Sunday until the loaded width exceeds 15' 0". When the loaded with exceeds 15' 0", the load will be escorted by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and they in coordination with the District Traffic Manager(s) (DTMs) will determine days of travel.

"Blue Routes" Travel is restricted on Saturday and Sunday to one-half hour prior to sunrise to 12 noon when accompanied by a pilot car.

"Brown Routes" Travel is restricted on Saturday and Sunday to one-half hour prior to sunrise to 12 noon when accompanied by a pilot car.

"Red Routes" Operational restriction, consult the "Red Route Summary Table" for travel restrictions.

Variance Loads When the loaded width exceeds 15' 0" on Blue, Brown or Red routes, the load will be escorted by the California Highway Patrol (CHP). The CHP in coordination with the District Traffic Manager(s) (DTMs) will determine hours of travel.

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