LCB File No. R052-05

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The Nevada Department of Transportation is proposing the amendment of regulations pertaining to chapter 484 of the Nevada Administrative Code. One workshop will be held at the Nevada Department of Transportation Conference Room, #301 at 1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, NV, commencing at 1:30 PM am on June 29, 2005. This workshop will be video conferenced to the District I Training Room A, at 123 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV and to the District II Engineer's Conference Room, at 310 Galletti Way, Sparks, NV. The workshop will be split into two parts. One portion will address the proposed changes to the oversized permit regulations and the other portion will address proposed changes to permit regulations pertaining to vehicle combinations in excess of 70 feet in length. The purpose of this workshop is to solicit comments from all interested persons of the following topics addressed in the proposed amendments.

The proposed amendment to the oversized permit regulations: (1) Adds a new section on "Implements of animal husbandry and farm equipment" that identifies width requirements for movement on a controlled-access highway; (2) Adds a new section for the movement of oversized loads which exceed 26 feet in width; (3) Deletes the specific distance in feet that a pilot car must be in front of or behind an oversized load and requires the pilot car to be of sufficient distance from the load to stop it before it hits something and to provide ample warning to other motorists to allow them to safely pass the oversized load; (4) Adds the additional requirement for a flagger to complete an approved instructional course in flagging procedures.

The proposed amendment to the regulations for vehicle combinations that exceed 70 feet in length: (1) Establishes the same criteria for suspension of a permit as currently exists in the oversized permit regulations; (2) Establishes the length of the cargo-carrying units of an LCV to bring Nevada in line with the federal regulations; (3) Clarifies the requirements for the movement of forklifts; (4) Adds a new section which addresses conditions that must be met to transfer a permit; (5) Addresses the weight allowances for vehicle combinations exceeding 9 axles; and (6) Generally reorganizes and simplifies the regulations.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be amended will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of this notice and the regulation to be amended will be available at:

Nevada Department of Transportation Administrative Services Division 1263 S. Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89712

Nevada Department of Transportation District I Office 123 East Washington Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89125

Nevada Department of Transportation Tonopah Maintenance Station 805 Erie Main Tonopah, NV 89049

Nevada Department of Transportation District II Office 310 Galletti Way Sparks, NV 89431

Washoe County Courthouse 75 Court Street Reno, NV 89520 Nevada Department of Transportation District III Office 1951 Idaho Street Elko, NV 89801

Nevada Department of Transportation Winnemucca Maintenance Station 725 W. 4th Street Winnemucca, NV 89446

Nevada Department of Transportation Ely Maintenance Station 1401 Avenue "F" Ely, NV 89301

Clark County Courthouse 200 S. Third Street Las Vegas, NV 89155

We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the workshop. If special arrangements for the workshop are necessary, please contact Susan Peterson, Overdimensional Permits, Nevada Department of Transportation, 1263 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89712 or call (775) 888-7410.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

Notice of Hearings for the Amendment and Adoption of Regulations of the Nevada Department of Transportation

The Nevada Department of Transportation will hold public hearings to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment of regulations pertaining to chapter 484 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The public hearings will be held as follows:

July 19, 2005 - Commencing at 9:00 a.m. District Engineer's Conference Room District II Headquarters Nevada Department of Transportation 310 Galletti Way Sparks, NV 89431

July 21, 2005 - Commencing at 9:30 a.m. Training Room A District I Headquarters Nevada Department of Transportation 123 East Washington Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

- 1. These proposed amendments to the regulations are needed for the administration of overdimensional permits and for vehicle combinations in excess of 70 feet in length permits. The purpose of the proposed amendments to the overdimensional permit regulations is to add new sections to address the movement of implements of animal husbandry and loads exceeding 26 feet in width, to change the distance between pilot cars and the escorted load, and to add flag person certification requirements. The purpose of the proposed amendments to the vehicle combinations exceeding 70 feet in length permit regulations is to add a new section which addresses conditions that must be met to transfer a permit, and to make permanent the 2004 proposed changes that were adopted as temporary.
- 2. The proposed amended regulations are attached for review. For ease in identification, the changes are shaded, italicized, and are in bold type. Deletions are lined out.
 - 3. The estimated economic effect of the regulation follows:
 - a. Businesses:
- (1) New regulations are easier to read and understand; regulations have been simplified; selected permit procedures have been clarified and placed in separate sections;

and the overall length for vehicle combinations exceeding 70 feet in length has been eliminated which allow greater flexibility by the trucking industry.

(2) Immediate effects include better enforcement due to clarity of regulations, the trucking industry will better understand permit requirements, and less administrative burden of permit processing for all concerned. Long-term effects include safer highways for the general public.

b. Public:

- (1) No adverse effects are envisioned. However, the clarity of the regulations will greatly assist the trucking industry in understanding all permit requirements and enhance the ability of the Nevada Highway Patrol in enforcement activities. This will result in safer highways for the traveling public.
- (2) Both the immediate and long-term effects on the public are safety related as identified above. No other immediate or long-term effect on the public is envisioned.
- 4. There is no cost to the Department of Transportation for enforcement of the proposed amendments to the permit regulations.
- 5. 23 CFR part 658, in part, regulates the length, width and weight limitations of trucks. Under 23 U.S.C. 315, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation may prescribe regulations which carry out this Act. This federal law concerns and regulates the protection and preservation of the highways. Except for this federal regulation, there is no overlap or duplication of any federal, state or local government regulations of the proposed amendments.
 - 6. This regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.
 - 7. This regulation is not more stringent than existing federal regulations.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Nevada Department of Transportation may appear at the scheduled public hearings or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to the Nevada Department of Transportation, Administrative Services Division, 1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89712. Written submissions must be received by the Nevada Department of Transportation on or before June 18, 2005. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada Department of Transportation may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulations to be amended will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulations to be amended will be available at the Nevada Department of Transportation Headquarters, 1263 S. Stewart St., Carson City, NV, the Nevada Department of Transportation, District I Office, 123 East Washington Avenue, Las

Vegas, NV, the Nevada Department of Transportation, Tonopah Maintenance Station, 805 Erie Main, Tonopah, NV, the Nevada Department of Transportation, District II Office, 310 Galletti Way, Sparks, NV, the Nevada Department of Transportation, District III Office, 1951 Idaho Street, Elko, NV, the Nevada Department of Transportation, Winnemucca Maintenance Station, 725 W. 4th Street, Winnemucca, NV, the Nevada Department of Transportation, Ely Maintenance Station, 1401 Avenue "F", Ely, NV and at the main public library in each county where the Department does not have an office, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at http://www.leg.state.nv.us. Copies of the notice will also be mailed to the state motor transport association in each of the 50 states. The proposed regulations will be available on the Nevada Department of Transportation website at http://www.nevadadot.com. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the Nevada Department of Transportation, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reason for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

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This notice of hearings has been posted at the following locations:

State Library 100 Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89502

Nevada Department of Transportation 1263 S. Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89712

Nevada Department of Transportation District I Office 123 East Washington Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101

Nevada Department of Transportation District II Office 310 Galletti Way Sparks, NV 89431 Governor's Office Capitol Building Carson City, NV 89502

Nevada State Personnel 555 E. Washington Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101

Nevada Department of Transportation Winnemucca Maintenance Station 725 W. 4th Street Winnemucca, NV 89446

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A copy of this notice and proposed regulations is also available at these locations:

Churchill County Library 5553 S. Maine Street Fallon, NV 89406

Lincoln County Library 93 Main Street Pioche, NV 89043

Lyon County Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

Pershing County Library P.O. Box 781 Lovelock, NV 89419 (171 Central Street)

Storey County Library P.O. Box 14 Virginia City, NV 89440 (95 South R Street) Goldfield Public Library P.O. Box 430

Goldfield, NV 89013 (Fourth & Crook Street)

Eureka Branch Library P.O. Box 293 Eureka, NV 89316 (1125 Central Avenue)

Battle Mountain Branch Library P.O. Box 141 Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Douglas County Library P.O. Box 337 Minden, NV 89423

Mineral County Library P.O. Box 1390 Hawthorne, NV 89415 (First & A Street)

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Vehicles of Excess Size or Weight

- **NAC 484.460 Definitions.** (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) As used in NAC 484.460 to 484.580, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 484.462 to 484.493, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
- NAC 484.462 "Combination of vehicles" defined. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Combination of vehicles" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 484.035.
- NAC 484.464 "Commodity" defined. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Commodity" means an economic good that is easily reducible in size, including, without limitation, fruit, vegetables, gravel, sand, recyclable materials or refuse.
- NAC 484.465 "Controlled- access highway" defined. "Controlled- access highway" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 484.041.
- NAC 484.466 "Department" defined. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Department" means the Department of Transportation.
- NAC 484.468 "Hours of darkness" defined. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Hours of darkness" means one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
- **NAC 484.470 "Load" defined.** (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Load" means any commodity, equipment, manufactured housing, structure or other item placed on a vehicle so that it may be transported.
- **NAC 484.472 "Manufactured home" defined.** (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Manufactured home" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 484.0792.
- **NAC 484.474** "Mobile home" defined. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Mobile home" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 484.0795.
- NAC 484.476 "Nonreducible load" defined. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Nonreducible load" means a load that cannot be reduced in length, width or height.
- NAC 484.478 "Oversized" defined. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Oversized" means exceeding the maximum legal limit for length, width or height.
- NAC 484.480 "Overweight" defined. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Overweight" means exceeding the maximum legal limit for weight.

- NAC 484.482 "Reducible load" defined. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Reducible load" means a load which can be reduced in length, width or height.
- NAC 484.484 "Special mobile equipment" defined. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Special mobile equipment" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 484.173.
- **NAC 484.486 "Tandem axle" defined.** (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Tandem axle" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 484.1905.
- **NAC 484.488 "Tire width" defined.** (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Tire width" means the width which is set by the manufacturer of the tire and which is inscribed on the sidewall of the tire.
- **NAC 484.491 "Tridem axle" defined.** (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Tridem axle" means three axles articulated from a common attachment designed to equalize the load to all three axles.
- **NAC 484.493 "Vehicle" defined.** (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails. The term includes any one vehicle, combination of vehicles or combination of vehicles and loads.
- **NAC 484.500 Permits: General requirement; issuance.** (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)
- 1. A transportation permit is required for the operation of an oversized or overweight vehicle to travel a determined route with a designated load for a designated period.
- 2. The Department will issue, or allow to be issued by an authorized station, a permit for a vehicle that is oversized or overweight. The Department will not issue, or allow to be issued by an authorized station, a permit for a vehicle that has a reducible load, unless the load is a commodity. Generally, a permit will be issued for a single trip. The Department may issue, or allow to be issued by an authorized station, an annual multiple-trip permit for the transportation of manufactured homes, mobile homes, agricultural harvest equipment, construction type equipment, special mobile equipment and other loads.

NAC 484.505 Exemptions from provisions. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)

- 1. The provisions of NAC 484.460 to 484.580, inclusive, do not apply to a vehicle over 70 feet in length which has a reducible load and which is governed by NAC 484.300 to 484.440, inclusive.
 - 2. The provisions of NAC 484.460 to 484.580, inclusive, do not apply to passenger buses.

NAC 484.510 Availability of permits. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)

1. Annual multiple-trip permits, multiple trip-limited time permits and single-trip permits are available:

- (a) From the Department of Transportation, Room 103, 1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89712, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- (b) Through facsimile services at various authorized stations within the state. The Department will transmit permits through facsimile services to various authorized stations with the State Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and the permits will be available from the authorized stations during their regular business hours, which may vary.
 - 2. Single-trip permits are also available from the Department by telephone at (775) 888-7410.
- 3. Certain permits may also be available from the Department at the Internet address http://www.nevadadot.com, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

NAC 484.515 Applications for permits. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)

- 1. An application for an annual multiple-trip permit or a multiple trip-limited time permit must be submitted the Department on a form prescribed by the Department that is signed by the applicant or his authorized agent.
- 2. All applications for annual multiple-trip permits or multiple trip-limited time permits must be in writing, although a facsimile application will constitute a writing, and accompanied by the appropriate fee unless credit has been established.
- 3. An application for a single-trip permit may be made to the Department in writing or orally by telephone. Payment for the single-trip permit must be made at the time the applicant receives the permit.

NAC 484.520 Insurance: Transporters of manufactured or mobile homes or similar structures. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) Transporters of manufactured homes, mobile homes and other similar structures must maintain insurance in such amounts as required pursuant to NRS 484.762 and file evidence of maintaining that insurance with the Department. After that evidence is on file with the Department, the transporters may use a facsimile for obtaining permits without resubmitting evidence of insurance before each trip. Expiration or cancellation of the insurance automatically revokes the permit.

NAC 484.525 Duration and use of permits. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)

- 1. A single-trip permit for the movement of an oversized or overweight vehicle is valid for a period of 5 days as set forth on the permit.
- 2. An annual multiple-trip permit is valid for 12 consecutive months after the date of issue. This permit may be issued for:
- (a) [Farm machinery used in seasonal harvesting, c] Construction type equipment and special mobile type equipment that do not otherwise conform to statutory requirements or for multiple trips when an oversized or overweight vehicle travels on highways maintained by the Department if the maximum:
 - (1) Width is not more than 14 feet;
 - (2) Length does not exceed 110 feet;
 - (3) Height does not exceed 15 feet;
 - (4) Overhang does not exceed 25 feet; and
- (5) Gross weight and axle loading will not exceed that established by evaluation of the application based upon axle configuration and overall length; or

- (b) The movement of manufactured homes, mobile homes or any other similar types of structures over highways maintained by the Department if the maximum:
 - (1) Width, including any appendages and roof eaves, is not more than 14 feet;
- (2) Combined length of the vehicle used to transport the manufactured home, mobile home or other similar structure and the manufactured home, mobile home or other similar structure does not exceed 85 feet; and
 - (3) Height does not exceed 15 feet.
- 3. The original of the annual multiple-trip permit, multiple trip-limited time permit or single-trip permit must be carried in the vehicle to which it refers.
- 4. A copy of an annual multiple-trip permit, multiple trip-limited time permit or single-trip permit may not be made for use in another vehicle.

NAC 484.527 Implements of Animal Husbandry and Farm Equipment.

- 1. An annual multiple-trip permit for movement, by the owner, of implements of husbandry and farm equipment that exceed 8 feet 6 inches but are not more than 12 feet in width will be issued for 12 consecutive months at no cost. The owner may drive or tow such equipment on an interstate or controlled-access highway with a pilot car in the rear. These items of equipment shall be driven or towed using the shoulder of the roadway as much as possible. See NAC 484.550 for sign requirements.
- 2. A trip permit for movement, by the owner, of implements of husbandry and farm equipment on an interstate or controlled-access highway, that exceed 12 feet but are not more than 17 feet in width, will be issued at no cost. Such items of equipment are required to be hauled with a pilot car in the rear. See NAC 484.550 for sign requirements.
- 3. A single-trip or an annual multiple-trip permit, which is valid for 12 consecutive months after the date of issue, will be issued for the commercial movement of farm machinery used in seasonal harvesting that does not otherwise conform to statutory requirements or for multiple trips when an oversized or overweight vehicle travels on highways maintained by the Department. Permits issued pursuant to this subsection will be subject to the normal fees which pertain to these permits.

NAC 484.530 Fees: Amount; waiver; payment; failure to pay. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, to cover the costs of issuing permits for oversized vehicles, the following rates apply:
 - (a) Single-trip permits are \$25.
 - (b) Annual multiple-trip permits are \$60.
 - (c) Multiple trip-limited time permits are \$60.
- (d) Replacements for lost or destroyed annual multiple-trip permits or multiple trip-limited time permits are \$10.
- 2. The Department may waive the fee for a single-trip or annual multiple-trip permit issued to a governmental entity or for a single-trip or annual multiple-trip permit issued to transport an otherwise legal load over a route for which the Department has fixed a reduced maximum weight limit pursuant to NRS 484.752.
- 3. Applications that require special research or inspection by the engineering staff will include charges to the applicant in an amount of the cost to the Department.

- 4. Payments may be accepted only by the Department's permit section, by the district offices of the Department and by the authorized stations.
 - 5. Money orders or checks must be made payable to the Department of Transportation.
- 6. Failure to pay a bill for a permit fee within 30 days automatically cancels a permit. No new permits may be issued to those delinquent in paying their bills until those bills are paid in full. If payments are delinquent, then future payments are required to be paid with future applications.
- NAC 484.535 General conditions of permits. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) Permits issued will authorize movement upon the highways maintained by the Department under the following conditions:
- 1. Transportation equipment must comply in all respects with the motor vehicle laws of the State of Nevada and all other provisions of the law regarding the use, operation and licensing of motor vehicles and must at all times be operated with regard to public safety.
- 2. When traffic, weather or other conditions are determined by the Department or the law enforcement agency to constitute a hazard, the permit may be temporarily suspended or restricted in use.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all posted speed limits and "advisory speed" signs must be complied with. If the Department issues a permit that sets forth a speed limit for a particular highway or a section of a particular highway, that speed limit must be complied with.
- 4. The cost of repair of any roadway shoulders, surfacing, guideposts, marker posts, snow marker posts, signs or signposts, bridge or bridge rail or any other appurtenances of the highway or highway right-of-way damaged or unduly disturbed by the permittee's operation must be paid by the permittee. The Department shall determine the amount of damages and bill the permittee. The permittee shall pay the bill by cash or certified check within 20 days after receipt of the bill. The failure of the permittee to pay the bill in a timely manner constitutes cause for revocation of his permit, and no other permits will be issued to him until the bill is satisfied.
- 5. The permittee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of Nevada, its officers, employees and agents from any liability, damages, claims or actions for injury to persons or damage to property, whether the property belongs to the State, to the permittee or to third parties, and whether caused by the permittee or an agent or employee of the permittee in the performance or exercise of the permit. Each permit issued by the Department must contain indemnification language in substantially the same form as set forth in this subsection.
- 6. The Department reserves the right to revoke any or all portions of a permit at any time or for any cause which the Department deems necessary to fulfill its obligations, and the Department is not responsible for any damage sustained by the permittee as a result of such revocation.
- 7. A permittee who receives three citations within a period of 6 months for violation of the permit conditions may, at the Department's discretion, have his permit privileges suspended for up to 30 days.
- 8. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and subsection 9 and unless a person possesses a permit issued by the Department that allows his vehicle to exceed the following limitations:
- (a) The maximum weight per tire, measured by pounds per inch of tire width, is 600 pounds per inch for the steering axle and 500 pounds per inch for all other axles, not to exceed the axle rating.

- (b) Except for steering axles and axles that weigh less than 10,000 pounds, each axle must have at least four tires if the tire width of each tire on an axle is less than or equal to 14 inches. If the maximum weight per tire does not exceed 500 pounds per inch of tire width, an axle may be equipped with tires that have a width of more than 14 inches.
- 9. The provisions of subsection 8 do not apply to a bus owned or operated by the Clark County Regional Transportation Commission.
- 10. A vehicle for which a permit is issued is subject to a Level 1 North American Standard Inspection by the Department or a law enforcement agency before the vehicle may be moved. If the vehicle fails to pass the inspection, the permit will be revoked. The Department hereby adopts by reference the procedures of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance for conducting a Level I North American Standard Inspection. A copy of the procedures for conducting a Level I North American Standard Inspection may be obtained from the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, 1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 803, Washington, DC 20036, by telephone at (202) 775-1623 or at the Internet address http://store.yahoo.com/cvsa/noamstinprsc.html for the price of \$2.50 for members of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance or \$3.50 for nonmembers.
- 11. Two or more oversized or overweight vehicles may not participate in a convoy unless the permit for each vehicle participating in the convoy so authorizes.

NAC 484.537 Permit for movement of oversized load: Limitation on size

- 1. The department may issue permits for the movement of oversized loads over the state highway system. The following conditions apply:
 - a. Movement of oversized loads up to 26 feet in width will be allowed only if the character of the road and traffic conditions will allow such movement. Reduction in size of the load may be necessary to accomplish the move.
 - b. The movement of loads over 26 feet in width is allowed only for short distances normally not to exceed 10 miles.
 - c. The route must be surveyed by the trucking company before moving the load to determine where obstructions exist and provide for their removal or adjustment.

NAC 484.540 Circumstances requiring permits; nonreducible loads required unless load is commodity. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)

- 1. Permits are required when:
- (a) Traveling on the interstate highway system and the weight of a vehicle exceeds:
 - (1) For a single axle, 20,000 pounds;
 - (2) For a tandem axle, 34,000 pounds;
 - (3) For a tridem axle, 42,000 pounds; or
 - (4) A gross weight of 80,000 pounds.
- (b) Traveling on roads maintained by the Department and axle loadings or gross weights exceed the limits established by the formula in NRS 484.745. Where substandard roadway sections or structures exist, the maximum allowable axle loadings or gross weights must not exceed the values established by the Department.
- (c) The maximum width of the vehicle exceeds 102 inches or as otherwise designated by statute.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 484.739, the maximum length of the vehicle exceeds 70 feet.
 - (e) The vehicle exceeds 75 feet including overhang.

- (f) The overhang of the vehicle exceeds 10 feet regardless of length.
- (g) The height of the vehicle exceeds 14 feet, except that baled hay loads may be up to 15 feet high.
- (h) The length of the vehicle is not more than 70 feet, the vehicle is traveling on the interstate highway system and the gross weight of the vehicle exceeds 80,000 pounds.
- 2. Unless the load is a commodity, a load transported under authority of a permit must be nonreducible in length, width and height, including, without limitation, such items as machinery, construction equipment, fabricated units, mobile cranes, off-highway trucks or earth-moving equipment. Tractors with blades or rippers attached are considered a part of the machine and therefore are nonreducible. Other parts of a load that are integral to the load may be reloaded if the total weight of the vehicle does not exceed the limit set forth in the permit.

NAC 484.542 Single-trip permits: Maximum dimensions of vehicle. (NRS 484.743, 484.7625, 484.7631)

- 1. A vehicle with a single-trip permit must not exceed the following maximum dimensions unless specifically approved by the Department:
 - (a) For travel during hours of darkness on a highway with two or three lanes:
 - (1) Width of 10 feet;
 - (2) Height of 15 feet;
 - (3) Length of 105 feet; and
 - (4) Overhang of 10 feet.
 - (b) For travel during hours of darkness on a highway with at least four lanes:
 - (1) Width of 10 feet;
 - (2) Height of 15 feet;
 - (3) Length of 110 feet; and
 - (4) Overhang of 10 feet.
- (c) For travel that is not during hours of darkness on a weekend on a highway with two or three lanes:
 - (1) Width of 14 feet;
 - (2) Height of 15 feet;
 - (3) Length of 105 feet; and
 - (4) Overhang of 15 feet.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (g), for travel that is not during hours of darkness on a weekend on a highway with at least four lanes:
 - (1) Width of 14 feet;
 - (2) Height of 15 feet;
 - (3) Length of 110 feet; and
 - (4) Overhang of 15 feet.
- (e) For travel that is not during hours of darkness on a holiday on a highway with two or three lanes:
 - (1) Width of 10 feet;
 - (2) Height of 15 feet;
 - (3) Length of 105 feet; and
 - (4) Overhang of 15 feet.
- (f) For travel that is not during hours of darkness on a holiday on a highway with at least four lanes:

- (1) Width of 10 feet;
- (2) Height of 15 feet;
- (3) Length of 110 feet; and
- (4) Overhang of 15 feet.
- (g) For travel on a weekend over the portion of Interstate Highway No. 80 between Sparks (Exit 21) and the boundary of California or travels on a weekend over the portion of Interstate Highway No. 15 between Las Vegas (Exit 33) and the boundary of California:
 - (1) Width of 10 feet;
 - (2) Height of 15 feet;
 - (3) Length of 110 feet; and
 - (4) Overhang of 15 feet.
- 2. For the purposes of this section, "oversized vehicle" does not include a mobile home, manufactured home or similar structure.

NAC 484.543 Annual multiple-trip permits: Maximum dimensions of vehicle. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)

- 1. An oversized vehicle with an annual multiple-trip permit must not exceed the following maximum dimensions:
 - (a) For travel during hours of darkness on a highway with two or three lanes:
 - (1) Width of 10 feet;
 - (2) Height of 15 feet;
 - (3) Length of 105 feet; and
 - (4) Overhang of 10 feet.
 - (b) For travel during hours of darkness on a highway with at least four lanes:
 - (1) Width of 10 feet;
 - (2) Height of 15 feet;
 - (3) Length of 110 feet; and
 - (4) Overhang of 10 feet.
- (c) For travel that is not during hours of darkness on a weekend or a holiday on a highway with two or three lanes:
 - (1) Width of 10 feet;
 - (2) Height of 15 feet;
 - (3) Length of 105 feet; and
 - (4) Overhang of 15 feet.
 - (d) For travel on a weekend or a holiday on a highway with at least four lanes:
 - (1) Width of 10 feet;
 - (2) Height of 15 feet;
 - (3) Length of 110 feet; and
 - (4) Overhang of 15 feet.
- 2. For the purposes of this section, "oversized vehicle" does not include a mobile home, manufactured home or similar structure.

NAC 484.544 Multiple trip-limited time permits for movement of self-propelled cranes. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625)

1. The Department may issue a multiple trip-limited time permit for the movement of a self-propelled crane if the dimensions of the crane do not exceed:

- (a) A height of 15 feet;
- (b) A length of 90 feet;
- (c) A width of 12 feet; and
- (d) The maximum authorized weight as established pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 484.743.
- 2. An applicant for a permit issued pursuant to subsection 1 must submit to the Department at the time of application a description of the self-propelled crane that contains the height, length, width and weight of the self-propelled crane in the position in which it will be transported.
- 3. For a self-propelled crane whose dimensions exceed the applicable dimensions set forth in subsection 1 of NAC 484.543, the Department will issue a permit pursuant to this section which is valid only:
 - (a) For a period that does not exceed 180 days.
- (b) Within a circle, which excludes roadways where substandard sections or structures exist, with:
- (1) A radius of 50 miles whose center is the intersection of Interstate Highway No. 15 and U.S. Highway No. 95 in Las Vegas; or
- (2) A radius of 30 miles whose center is the intersection of Interstate Highway No. 80 and U.S. Highway No. 395 in Reno.
- (3) A radius of 30 miles whose center is the intersection of Interstate Highway No. 80 and State Route 225, in Elko.

NAC 484.545 Pilot cars; flagpersons; permits for flashing amber lights. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)

- 1. Pilot cars when required by the permit must be furnished by the permittee. A pilot car must be either a passenger car or a truck with not more than two axles and a manufacturer's gross weight rating of not more than 16,000 pounds. [The interval to be maintained between a pilot car and an escorted vehicle is:] A pilot car must be far enough in front of and/or behind the oversized vehicle/load to notify the driver of the oversize vehicle/load to stop movement in a timely manner and also to signal motorists to allow them to safely move around or pass the oversized vehicle/load.
 - (a) For roads in mountainous areas, 300 feet minimum, 600 feet maximum;
- (b) For roads in other rural areas, 600 feet minimum, 1,000 feet maximum; and
 - (c) For roads in urban areas, 100 feet minimum, 200 feet maximum.]
 - 2. If the provisions of a permit require the use of a single pilot car, the pilot car must:
 - (a) Precede the vehicle that it escorts on roads with two or three lanes.
 - (b) Follow the vehicle that it escorts on roads with four or more lanes.

Exceptions to this subsection will be specifically stated on the permit.

- 3. In addition to the requirements of subsections 1 and 2:
- (a) A pilot car must precede an escorted vehicle if:
 - (1) The overhang of the load exceeds 25 feet in front of the vehicle;
 - (2) The height of the load exceeds 15 feet 6 inches; or
- (3) The width of the load is between 12 and 14 feet and the vehicle travels on a highway with two or three lanes.

If the height of the load exceeds 15 feet 6 inches, the pilot car must also be equipped with a clearance pole.

- (b) A pilot car must follow an escorted vehicle if:
 - (1) The overhang of the load exceeds 25 feet behind the vehicle;

- (2) The length of the load exceeds 105 feet and travel is on a highway with two or three lanes or exceeds 110 feet and travel is on a highway with at least four lanes; or
- (3) The width of the load exceeds 14 feet but is not more than 16 feet and travel is on a highway with at least four lanes.
 - (c) A pilot car must precede an escorted vehicle and a pilot car must follow the vehicle if:
- (1) The width of the load exceeds 14 feet but is not more than 16 feet and travel is on a two-lane highway; or
- (2) The width of the load exceeds 16 feet but is not more than 17 feet and travel is on a highway with at least four lanes.
- 4. The Department will determine the requirements for pilot cars for a vehicle if the width of the load exceeds 17 feet.
- 5. The permittee shall ensure that pilot cars are properly equipped and that the operators of the pilot cars and any flagperson required pursuant to the provisions of the permit are briefed as to their responsibilities. Failure of the operators and flagpersons to warn and direct traffic properly is a violation of the permit.
- 6. If the provisions of a permit require a flagperson to warn and direct approaching traffic, the flagperson must:
 - (a) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (b) Wear appropriate protective clothing, including, without limitation, a vest which is constructed of solid, fluorescent yellow-green material and which completely covers the flagperson's torso; and
 - (c) Be equipped with a sign that is:
 - (1) At least 18 inches wide;
 - (2) Marked with the word "STOP" on one side and the word "SLOW" on the other; and
 - (3) Is attached to a pole which is 5 feet in length.
- (d) Shall have completed an approved instructional course in flagger procedures. Shall possess a valid flagger card attesting that the flag person has satisfactorily completed said instructional course conducted or approved by the Department. Such certification shall be renewed every two years.
- 7. If the provisions of a permit require a vehicle to be marked with flashing amber lights, the permittee must obtain an appropriate permit from the Nevada Highway Patrol pursuant to NRS 484.579.
- NAC 484.547 Display of lights while traveling during hours of darkness. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) In addition to the requirements set forth in NRS 484.775, an oversized or overweight vehicle that travels during hours of darkness must display:
- 1. On the extreme front of the vehicle, at least two amber, steady-burning lights which are plainly visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 500 feet;
- 2. On each side of the vehicle in a location near the middle of the vehicle or toward the front of the vehicle, an amber, steady-burning light which is plainly visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 500 feet; and
- 3. If the rear of the vehicle has an overhang of at least 4 feet, two red, steady-burning lights which are placed in a manner to identify the maximum width of the overhang and which are plainly visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 500 feet.

NAC 484.550 Signs. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)

- 1. All vehicles in excess of 8 feet 6 inches wide must display "oversize load" signs front and rear. A sign displayed pursuant to this section must be at least 7 feet wide and at least 18 inches high with black letters that are at least 10 inches high of 1 5/8-inch minimum stroke on a yellow background.
 - 2. A sign displayed pursuant to this section must:
 - (a) Read "oversize load";
 - (b) Be neat, clean and mounted securely;
 - (c) Be displayed only when necessary; and
 - (d) Be removed promptly upon the arrival of the vehicle at its final destination.

NAC 484.555 Permits for emergency moves. (NRS 484.737, 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) The Department may issue a written permit for an emergency move of an oversized or overweight vehicle. Such a permit is valid for one round trip from the point of origin to the site of the emergency and the return from the site of the emergency back to the point of origin. Any deviation from the route requires an additional permit.

NAC 484.560 Restrictions on travel on or near holidays. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)

- 1. The Department will not issue a permit for the movement of an oversized or overweight vehicle on the following days:
 - (a) New Year's Day, January 1;
 - (b) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, third Monday in January;
 - (c) President's Day, third Monday in February;
 - (d) Memorial Day, last Monday in May;
 - (e) Independence Day, July 4;
 - (f) Labor Day, first Monday of September;
 - (g) Nevada Day, last Friday of October;
 - (h) Veterans' Day, November 11;
 - (i) Fourth Wednesday of November from 2 p.m. until 12 midnight;
 - (j) Christmas Eve, December 24 from 2 p.m. until 12 midnight; and
- (k) Any day that may be designated by the President of the United States for a public fast, thanksgiving or holiday, except for a presidential designation of the fourth Monday of October as Veteran's Day.
- 2. If any holiday listed in subsection 1, falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday is considered a holiday. If any holiday listed above falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is considered a holiday.
- 3. In addition to the days set forth in subsection 1, the Department will not issue a permit for the movement of an oversized or overweight vehicle on the Saturday immediately following the last Friday in October:
 - (a) Within the boundaries of Carson City;
 - (b) On U.S. Highway No. 395 between Reno and Minden; and
 - (c) On U.S. Highway No. 50 between Carson City and Fallon.

NAC 484.565 Imposition of limitations on routes. (NRS 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) Route limitations may be imposed due to the following:

- 1. Impaired clearances because of low underpasses or other such obstacles;
- 2. Old or substandard structures or structures designed to accommodate certain limited loadings;
 - 3. Load carrying capacity and conditions of subgrade, base and surface of the road;
 - 4. Alignment and grade; and
 - 5. Seasonal weather conditions.

NAC 484.570 Movement of manufactured or mobile homes or similar structures. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631)

- 1. The Department will review applications for permits to move manufactured homes, mobile homes or similar structures on a case-by-case basis. The Department will not authorize movement of such homes or structures on routes that have not been designated by the Department pursuant to NRS 484.7625.
- 2. The movement of manufactured homes, mobile homes or similar structures is subject to all the terms, conditions and restrictions on the permit, the printed regulations on any part of the permit form and any attachments to the permit.
- 3. To be moved pursuant to NRS 484.7625, a manufactured home, mobile home or similar structure that exceeds 14 feet but does not exceed 16 feet in width, including, without limitation, any appendages and roof eaves, must, in addition to the conditions and requirements of NRS 484.7625:
 - (a) Not exceed the maximum weight per axle as prescribed in NRS 484.745; and
 - (b) Have tires that have a load rating equal to the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating.
- 4. The number of axles that support the manufactured home, mobile home or similar structure must not be less than one axle for each 6,000 pounds, the axles must be spaced to afford maximum stability, tracking and distribution of weight, and every axle must have operational brakes.
- 5. The minimum tire size to be used in the transportation of the manufactured home, mobile home or similar structure must be at least 8 by 14.5 inches and 10 ply on all wheels.
- 6. Any two-way radio equipment used in the transportation of the manufactured home, mobile home or similar structure must be operated in conformance with federal regulations.
- 7. The permit is issued pursuant to chapter 484 of NRS and is not a waiver of other applicable requirements of NRS.
- 8. The permit is void if the length of the manufactured home, mobile home or other structure exceeds 80 feet.
- 9. The maximum speed limit while transporting a manufactured home, mobile home or similar structure must not exceed 55 miles per hour.
- 10. The load must be kept to the right of the highway centerline at all times and must stay off shoulders except when entering or leaving the highway or when necessary to allow trailing traffic to pass on narrow or winding roads. An effort must be made to prevent congesting or slowing down traffic.
- 11. As a warning to approaching traffic, the towing vehicle must operate with the headlights turned to a low beam.
- 12. When two or more manufactured homes, mobile homes or similar structures are moved over the same highway in the same direction, the drivers of the towing vehicles shall maintain a distance of at least 1,000 feet between vehicles.

- 13. The permittee is responsible for all liability for personal injury or property damage which may occur through any act or omission of the permittee when acting under a permit, and in the event any claim is made against the State of Nevada or any department officer, officer or employee, by reason of or in connection with any such act or omission, the permittee shall defend, indemnify and hold them harmless from such claims.
- NAC 484.580 Movement of other buildings or structures. (NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625, 484.7631) The Department may issue permits for the movement of buildings or structures other than those manufactured homes, mobile homes and similar structures regulated pursuant to NAC 484.570 over the state highway system to those persons properly licensed by the State. The following conditions apply:
- 1. Movement of buildings or structures up to 26 feet in width, including, without limitation, eaves, will be allowed only if the character of the road and traffic conditions will allow such movement. Reduction in size of building by severance of portions may be necessary to accomplish the move.
- 2. The movement of buildings or structures over 26 feet in width is allowed only for short distances normally not to exceed 10 miles.
- 3. Measurement of building width includes any portion which protrudes from the walls of the building, including, without limitation, the overhang of the roof.
- 4. The route must be surveyed by the mover before moving to determine where obstructions may exist and provide for their removal or adjustment.