

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-10, 12-17 and 20-22, NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625 and 484.7633; §11, NRS 484.737, 484.739, 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625 and 484.7633; §§18 and 19, NRS 484.743, 484.762, 484.7625.

A REGULATION relating to vehicles; establishing deadlines to apply for a permit for the movement of an oversized or overweight vehicle; providing that a single-trip permit may authorize such a vehicle to make a round trip; increasing the maximum combined length authorized for the movement of certain vehicles; revising provisions concerning the movement of certain implements of husbandry and farm equipment on certain highways; prohibiting the removal of certain highway signs without the approval of the Department of Transportation; limiting the access granted by a permit to the highways set forth on the permit and certain adjacent highways; imposing certain requirements on an oversized or overweight vehicle that becomes disabled or unreasonably interferes with the normal flow of traffic; revising certain provisions concerning pilot cars; revising provisions concerning the maximum dimensions of vehicles authorized to travel during certain times; revising provisions concerning permits for the movement of self-propelled cranes; requiring certain vehicles to display warning flags under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** Chapter 484 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this regulation.

**Sec. 2. 1. *“Holiday hours” means:***

*(a) If a holiday is observed on a Monday, from 12 noon until 12 midnight on the Friday immediately preceding the holiday and from 12 noon until 12 midnight on the Monday on which the holiday is observed.*

*(b) If a holiday, other than Thanksgiving Day, is observed on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. on the day of the holiday.*

*(c) If a holiday is observed on a Friday, from 12 noon until 12 midnight on the Thursday immediately preceding the holiday and from 12 noon until 12 midnight on the Sunday immediately following the holiday.*

*(d) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November, from 12 noon until 12 midnight on the Wednesday immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day and from 12 noon until 12 midnight on the Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving Day.*

*2. As used in this section, “holiday” means:*

*(a) New Year’s Day, January 1;*

*(b) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;*

*(c) Independence Day, July 4;*

*(d) Labor Day, the first Monday in September;*

*(e) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November; and*

*(f) Christmas Day, December 25.*

**Sec. 3.** *“Hours of daylight” means one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.*

**Sec. 4.** *“Overhang” means the portion of a load carried by an oversized vehicle that extends beyond the front end or rear end of the vehicle.*

**Sec. 5.** *“Weekend” means from one-half hour after sunset on a Friday until one-half hour before sunrise on the immediately following Monday.*

**Sec. 6.** NAC 484.460 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.460 As used in NAC 484.460 to 484.580, inclusive, *and sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this regulation*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 484.462 to 484.493, inclusive, *and sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this regulation* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

**Sec. 7.** NAC 484.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.500 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.~~

**Sec. 8.** NAC 484.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.505 1. The provisions of NAC 484.460 to 484.580, inclusive, *and sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this regulation* 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, *and sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this regulation* do not apply to passenger buses.

**Sec. 9.** NAC 484.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.510 1. Annual multiple-trip permits, ~~multiple-trip limited-time~~ *special* permits and single-trip permits are available †

~~—(a) From~~ *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}~~ *4:00* 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 ~~{}~~ *or (800) 552-2127, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.*

~~{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.}~~

**Sec. 10.** NAC 484.515 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.515 1. An application for an annual multiple-trip permit or a ~~{multiple trip limited time}~~ *special* permit must be ~~{submitted}~~ :

*(a) Submitted to* 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} ;~~

*(b) Submitted in* writing, although a facsimile application will constitute a writing ~~{, and accompanied}~~ ;

*(c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 484.737, submitted not later than 30 days before the first day of travel for which the permit is required; and*

*(d) Accompanied by the appropriate fee , if any, unless credit has been established.*

~~13.1~~ 2. An application for a single-trip permit ~~may~~ :

*(a) May be made to the Department in ~~writing~~ person or orally by telephone ~~+~~ ; and*

*(b) Must be submitted not later than 4:00 p.m. on the last business day before the first day of travel for which the permit is required.*

↪ Payment for the single-trip permit must be made at the time the applicant ~~receives~~ *applies* for the permit.

Sec. 11. NAC 484.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.525 1. A single-trip permit for the movement of an oversized or overweight vehicle ~~is~~ :

*(a) Is valid for a period of 5 days as set forth on the permit ~~+~~ ; and*

*(b) May authorize the vehicle to make a round trip over a designated route and to travel laden on one leg and unladen on the other leg of the round trip.*

2. An annual multiple-trip permit is valid for 12 consecutive months after the date of issue ~~+~~ ~~This~~ *as set forth on the permit. The* permit may be issued for:

~~(a) ~~Construction-type equipment and special mobile equipment that do not otherwise conform to statutory requirements or for multiple trips when an~~ An oversized or overweight vehicle ~~travels on highways maintained by the Department~~ , including, without limitation, special mobile equipment, if the maximum:~~

(1) Width is not more than 14 feet;

(2) Length does not exceed 110 feet ~~or~~ *or, if the vehicle is equipped with one or more mechanically steered rear axles, 120 feet;*

(3) Height does not exceed 15 feet;

(4) ~~Overhang~~ *Total 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~~ *110* feet; ~~and~~

(3) *Length of the manufactured home, mobile home or other similar structure does not exceed 80 feet; and*

(4) Height does not exceed 15 feet.

3. *A special permit for the movement of an oversized or overweight vehicle issued by the Department pursuant to NRS 484.737, 484.739, 484.762 or 484.7625:*

*(a) Is valid for the period set forth on the permit; and*

*(b) May authorize the vehicle to make a round trip over a designated route and to travel laden on one leg and unladen on the other leg of the round trip.*

4. The original of the annual multiple-trip permit, ~~multiple-trip-limited time~~ *special* permit or single-trip permit must be :

*(a) Signed by the permittee; and*

*(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, carried in the vehicle to which it refers.*

~~4.1~~ 5. The holder of an annual multiple-trip permit may transfer the original permit to a leased or rented vehicle with the vehicle combinations which are identified on the permit. The leased or rented vehicle must:

(a) Carry the original permit;

(b) Carry the original notarized lease agreement or the original customer copy of the rental agreement; and

(c) Be marked in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.21.

~~5.1~~ 6. A copy of an annual multiple-trip permit, ~~multiple trip limited time~~ a special permit or single-trip permit may not be made for use in another vehicle.

*7. For the purposes of this section, an annual multiple-trip permit, a special permit or single-trip permit that is issued to a permittee by facsimile or other electronic transmission shall be deemed the original permit.*

**Sec. 12.** NAC 484.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.527 1. ~~At no cost, the~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 484.7633, the Department shall will issue to an owner-an owner-operator:*

*(a) An annual multiple-trip permit for the movement ~~by the owner,~~ on an interstate or controlled-access highway of implements of husbandry and farm equipment that exceed :*

*(1) Exceed 8 feet 6 inches in width , but are not more than ~~12~~ 14 feet in width ~~An owner may drive or tow such equipment, without limitation, on an interstate or controlled-access highway with a pilot car in the rear, must use the shoulder of the roadway as much as possible, and must follow, without limitation, the requirements of NAC 484.550. An annual multiple-trip permit is valid for 12 consecutive months after the date of issue.~~*

~~—2.— At no cost, the Department shall issue to an owner a trip~~ ;

*(2) Exceed 14 feet in height, but are not more than 15 feet in height; or*

*(3) Exceed 70 feet in length, but are not more than 110 feet in length; and*

*(b) A single-trip permit for the movement on an interstate or controlled-access highway ~~by~~ ~~the owner,~~ of implements of husbandry and farm equipment that ~~exceed 12~~ :*

*(1) Exceed 8 feet 6 inches in width , but are not more than 17 feet in width ~~by~~. ~~The owner must haul such items of equipment with a pilot car in the rear and must follow, without limitation, the requirements of NAC 484.550.~~*

~~—3.— For a fee, the~~ ;

*(2) Exceed 15 feet in height; or*

*(3) Exceed 110 feet in length.*

*2. The Department ~~shall~~ will issue ~~a~~ the single-trip or annual multiple-trip permit ~~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. An annual multiple-trip permit is valid for 12 consecutive months after the date of issue.~~ to the owner-operator at no cost.*

*3. Implements of husbandry and farm equipment that are moved or transported pursuant to this section that:*

*(a) Do not exceed 14 feet in width may be driven or towed if the implements of husbandry and farm equipment:*

*(1) Travel during hours of daylight;*

*(2) Are followed by a pilot car; and*



*(3) Travel as far to the right-hand side of the highway as is practicable.*

*(b) Exceed 14 feet in width must be transported or moved as a load on another vehicle.*

*4. The provisions of this section do not apply to the movement of implements of husbandry and farm equipment by:*

*(a) An owner-operator on a highway other than an interstate or controlled access highway;*  
*or*

*(b) A person other than an owner-operator.*

*5. As used in this section, “owner-operator” means an owner of implements of husbandry and farm equipment who is directly engaged in farming, ranching or other agricultural operations and uses the implements of husbandry and farm equipment solely in those operations. The term does not include a person who rents, leases or otherwise makes available implements of husbandry and farm equipment to other persons.*

**Sec. 13.** NAC 484.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.530 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 ~~for 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.

**Sec. 14.** NAC 484.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.535 Permits issued will authorize movement upon the highways ~~maintained by~~ *under the jurisdiction of* the Department under the following conditions:

1. Transportation equipment must ~~comply~~ :

(a) *Comply* in all respects with ~~the~~ :

(1) *The* motor vehicle laws of the State of Nevada ~~and all~~ ;

(2) *All* other provisions of the law regarding the use, operation and licensing of motor vehicles ; and ~~must at~~

(3) *The conditions and restrictions set forth in the instructions published by the Department. The instructions may be obtained from any office of the Department or at the Internet address <http://www.nevadadot.com>.*

(b) *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. *A permittee shall not disturb or remove a guidepost, marker post, snow marker post, sign or signpost without the approval of the Department.* 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~~ *will* 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. If drivers employed by a permittee or by a company under contract to a permittee receive citations on three separate occasions within a period of 6 months for violations of a condition or restriction on the permit, the Department may suspend all permit privileges of the permittee 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 ~~of~~ *Southern Nevada*.

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, N.W., Suite 803, Washington, D.C. 20036, by telephone at (202) 775-1623 or at the Internet address ~~<http://store.yahoo/cvsa/noamstinprse.html>~~ <http://www.cvsa.org>, for the price of \$2.50 for *enforcement* members of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, ~~to~~ \$3.50 for *associate members* or *\$4.50 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.

12. ~~A~~ *The Department may require a* permittee ~~shall~~ *to furnish a pilot car, in addition to a pilot car required pursuant to NAC 484.545, and* coordinate additional utilities escorts ~~if necessary,~~ and traffic control with the appropriate law enforcement agencies for:

(a) Loads wider than 17 feet on roads with two or three lanes.

(b) Loads wider than 19 feet on roads with four or more lanes.

*(c) Loads higher than 16 feet.*

13. *A permit issued for an oversized or overweight vehicle authorizes the vehicle to travel on the highways set forth in the permit and on any adjacent highways that provide access to travel-related services, including, without limitation, a service station, restaurant or motel.*

14. *If an oversized or overweight vehicle is disabled for any reason other than an accident or unreasonably interferes with the normal flow of traffic, the vehicle, and any accompanying pilot car, must be brought to a stop as far off the roadway as practicable to enable other traffic to pass.*

*15. An oversized or overweight vehicle may not travel during hours of darkness or holiday hours or on a weekend except as set forth in a permit or special instructions, if any, given by the Department.*

*16. An oversized vehicle must have its head lamps illuminated whenever the vehicle is in operation.*

**Sec. 15.** NAC 484.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.540 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.

~~(e) (b)~~ The maximum width of the vehicle exceeds 102 inches . ~~for as otherwise designated by statute.~~

~~(d) (c)~~ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 484.739, the maximum length of the vehicle exceeds 70 feet.

~~(e) (d)~~ The vehicle exceeds 75 feet , including overhang.

~~(f) (e)~~ The overhang of the vehicle exceeds 10 feet , regardless of length.

~~{(g)}~~ *(f)* 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.

**Sec. 16.** NAC 484.542 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.542 ~~{1. A}~~

*An oversized* vehicle with a single-trip permit must not exceed the following maximum dimensions unless specifically approved by the Department:

~~{(a)}~~ *1.* For travel during hours of darkness ~~{on a highway with two or three lanes.}~~ *or holiday hours:*

~~{(1)}~~ *(a)* Width of ~~{10}~~ *12* feet;

~~{(2)}~~ *(b)* Height of 15 feet;

~~{(3)}~~ *(c)* Length of ~~{105}~~ *110* feet ~~{}~~ *or, if the vehicle is equipped with one or more mechanically steered rear axles, 120 feet;* and

~~{(4)}~~ *(d)* Overhang of ~~{10}~~ *15* 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) 2. Except as otherwise provided in ~~paragraph (g),~~ **subsection 3**, for travel ~~that is not~~ during hours of ~~darkness~~ **daylight** on a weekend ~~on a highway with at least four lanes:~~~~

~~—— (1) :~~

~~(a) Width of 14 feet;~~

~~{(2)} (b) Height of 15 feet;~~

~~{(3)} (c) Length of 110 feet ~~;~~ **or, if the vehicle is equipped with one or more**~~

~~**mechanically steered rear axles, 120 feet;** and~~

~~{(4)} (d) 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)~~ **3.** For travel *during holiday hours or* 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)}~~ **(a)** Width of ~~{10}~~ **12** feet;

~~{(2)}~~ **(b)** Height of 15 feet;

~~{(3)}~~ **(c)** Length of 110 feet; and

~~{(4)}~~ **(d)** Overhang of 15 feet.

~~{2. For the purposes of this section, “oversized vehicle” does not include a mobile home, manufactured home or similar structure.}~~

**Sec. 17.** NAC 484.543 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.543 ~~{1.}~~ An oversized vehicle with an annual multiple-trip permit must not exceed the following maximum dimensions ~~{:~~

~~—(a) For}~~ *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} **or holiday hours** or on a weekend {or a holiday on a highway with at least four lanes:~~

~~—— (1)} :~~

**1.** Width of ~~{10}~~ **12** feet;

~~{2}~~ **2.** Height of 15 feet;

~~{3}~~ **3.** Length of 110 feet ~~{}~~ **or, if the vehicle is equipped with one or more**

**mechanically steered rear axles, 120 feet;** and

~~{4}~~ **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.}~~

**Sec. 18.** NAC 484.544 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.544 1. The Department may issue a ~~[multiple trip limited time]~~ *single-trip permit or annual multiple-trip* 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]~~ *that exceeds the* maximum authorized weight as established pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS ~~[484.743.]~~ *484.745.*

2. An applicant for a permit issued pursuant to subsection 1 must submit to the Department at the time of application a description *and a detailed schematic diagram* of the self-propelled crane that ~~[contains]~~ *contain* 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;~~

~~——(2) A radius of 30 miles whose center is the intersection of Interstate Highway No. 80 and U.S. Highway No. 395 in Reno; or~~

~~— (3) A radius of 75 miles whose center is the intersection of Interstate Highway No. 80 and State Route No. 278 in Carlin. ]~~

**Sec. 19.** NAC 484.545 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.545 1. Pilot cars must be furnished by the permittee as set forth in the permit and in accordance with this section. A pilot car must be either a passenger car or a truck with not more than two axles, a manufacturer's gross weight rating of not more than 16,000 pounds and a width of at least 60 inches and must not exceed the legal limits of size and weight.

2. The operator of a pilot car shall maintain sufficient distance from the ~~{oversized}~~ *escorted* vehicle ~~{or load}~~ depending on the speed, traffic, road and weather conditions to allow for timely and safe notification of the driver of the ~~{oversized}~~ *escorted* vehicle and other drivers to stop, slow or pass as necessary. ~~{The operator of a pilot car shall direct the oversized}~~ *If an escorted vehicle {or load} is required, pursuant to NAC 484.535, to stop {as far} off the roadway {as practicable} to allow other traffic to pass , {when the oversized vehicle or load becomes disabled or when movement of the oversized vehicle or load presents a safety risk or unreasonably impedes efficient traffic movement because of speed, traffic, road or weather conditions. An oversized vehicle or load is considered to be unreasonably impeding efficient traffic movement when traffic is not allowed to pass at the earliest safe opportunity. When an oversized vehicle or load is stopped on or adjacent to the roadway,}* the operator of the pilot car shall ~~{direct}~~ :

*(a) Assist the driver of the escorted vehicle to stop the vehicle as far off the roadway as practicable; and*

*(b) Direct* traffic in order to maintain safe and efficient traffic movement.

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}~~ *exceeds* 12 ~~{and 14}~~ feet and ~~{the vehicle travels}~~ *travel is* on a highway with two or three lanes ~~{}~~ ; *or*
- (4) The width of the load exceeds 16 feet.*

↪ 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 110 feet ~~{}~~ or , *if the vehicle is equipped with one or more mechanically steered rear axles, 120 feet; 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.}~~ **4.** The permittee shall ensure that pilot cars are properly equipped and that the operators of the pilot cars required pursuant to the provisions of the permit are briefed and trained as to

their responsibilities. Failure of the operators to warn and direct traffic properly is a violation of the permit.

~~16.1~~ 5. A pilot car must not be loaded or equipped in any manner that impairs its traffic safety function or public recognition of its traffic safety function. Each pilot car must be equipped with:

- (a) For a lead pilot car for a load over 15 feet 6 inches in height, a clearance pole.
- (b) Signs, visible in the front and rear, with black letters that are at least 10 inches high of 1 5/8-inch minimum stroke on a yellow background. The signs must read “OVERSIZE LOAD” or “OVERSIZE” and must be mounted above the roofline. The signs must be neat, clean and mounted securely. The signs must be displayed while escorting a vehicle and be removed promptly upon the arrival of the escorted vehicle at its final destination.
- (c) Two flashing or rotating amber lights mounted above the roofline to either side of the “OVERSIZE LOAD” or “OVERSIZE” sign or one flashing or rotating amber light mounted above the roofline which is visible from a minimum of 500 feet in all directions. The permittee must obtain the appropriate permit for the amber lights from the Nevada Highway Patrol pursuant to NRS 484.579.
- (d) An identification placard fixed to each side of the pilot car which is visible from 50 feet during the day and which states the name and telephone number of the individual or company providing the pilot car service.
- (e) A standard 18-inch, two-sided “STOP” and “SLOW” sign attached to a pole 5 feet in length.
- (f) A minimum of three bidirectional emergency reflective triangles and three orange road cones which must be at least 18 inches in height.

(g) At least one 5-pound BC fire extinguisher.

(h) A hardhat and high-visibility safety apparel to be worn by persons whenever operating outside of the vehicle. The hardhat and high-visibility safety apparel must meet the requirements set forth in ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 *American National Standard for High-Visibility Safety Apparel and Headwear*, which are hereby adopted by reference. A copy of ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 *American National Standard for High-Visibility Safety Apparel and Headwear* may be obtained from the International Safety Equipment Association, 1901 North Moore Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209, for the price of \$60.

(i) A two-way radio that is compatible with the radios of the other assigned pilot cars and the escorted vehicle.

~~7.1~~ **6.** The operator of a pilot car must:

- (a) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (b) Possess a valid driver's license; and
- (c) Have been certified by completing a current instructional course specific to flagger requirements and procedures.

**Sec. 20.** NAC 484.547 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.547 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}~~ *exceeds* 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.

**Sec. 21.** NAC 484.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.550 *1.* All *oversized* vehicles ~~{in excess of 8 feet 6 inches wide}~~ must display ~~{signs,}~~

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*(a) Signs,* visible in the front and rear, with black letters that are at least 10 inches high of 1 5/8-inch minimum stroke on a yellow background. The signs must read “OVERSIZE LOAD” or “OVERSIZE” and may be mounted in two pieces if necessary. The signs must be neat, clean and mounted securely.

*(b) Warning flags, in addition to the signs required pursuant to paragraph (a). Except as otherwise provided in NRS 484.7625 and 484.775, the warning flags must be at least 18 inches square and solid red or fluorescent orange in color. A flag must be displayed:*

*(1) At each front and rear corner of the vehicle;*

*(2) If the vehicle carries a load that is wider than the vehicle:*

*(I) At each front and rear corner of the load; and*

*(II) At any other place on the load that is necessary to identify the maximum width of the load; and*

*(3) If the rear overhang exceeds 4 feet in length:*

*(I) At the center of the overhang if the overhang does not exceed 2 feet in width; or*

*(II) At each rear corner of the overhang if the overhang exceeds 2 feet in width.*



2. The signs *and flags* must be displayed only when necessary and ~~be~~ removed promptly upon the arrival of the vehicle at its final destination.

**Sec. 22.** NAC 484.486, 484.491, 484.555 and 484.560 are hereby repealed.

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**TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS**

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**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION**  
**LCB File No. R161-07**

The Department of Transportation adopted regulations assigned LCB File No. R161-07 which pertain to Chapter 484 of the Nevada Administrative Code on April 4, 2008.

**INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT**

1. The Nevada Department of Transportation held public hearings on November 28, 2007 and January 8, 2008 in the Nevada Department of Transportation, Headquarters Conference Room 301, 1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada for the amendments to Chapter 484 of the Nevada Administrative Code. Both hearings were video-conferenced to NDOT District I Headquarters, 123 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada; NDOT District II Headquarters, 310 Galletti Way, Sparks, Nevada; and NDOT District III Headquarters, 1951 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada.
2. Public comment was solicited by written notice at the following locations: NDOT Headquarters in Carson City; NDOT District Headquarters in Las Vegas, Sparks and Elko; NDOT Maintenance Stations in Ely, Tonopah and Winnemucca; the Governor's Office; Nevada State Personnel in Las Vegas; Washoe and Clark County Courthouses; the State Library in Carson City; the major public library in all counties in which the Department does not have a major office; the state motor transport association in each of the 50 states, and each trucking firm which has been issued an annual over dimensional permit by the Nevada Department of Transportation within the last year (approximately 1,800 nation-wide). A copy of the written comments, hearing transcripts, and this summary may be obtained by contacting Jeff Richter, Administrative Services Division, NDOT at (775) 888-7070 or by writing to 1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89712.
3. Twenty-three persons attended the hearing held on November 28, 2007, and 20 persons attended the hearing held on January 8, 2008. Thirteen persons testified at the hearing held November 28, 2007, and 11 persons testified at the hearing held on January 8, 2008.
4. Generally, participants were in agreement with the originally proposed amendments. The following issues were raised in writing and at the workshop and hearings:
  - a. NAC 484.535. One organization, Combined Transport, Inc., submitted a written statement dated December 18, 2007 to the Department. They questioned whether the general permit conditions should be amended to require all permittees over 16 feet high to coordinate with utility companies and law enforcement. A 15 foot, 6 inch height pole is already required on a lead pilot car for vehicles/loads at or above that height.
  - b. NAC 484.525. Round-trip routing with laden and unladen legs, on single-trip permits.
  - c. NAC 484.525. Permitting of special mobile equipment in light of NAC changes defining "incidental movement." Note: this issue was the subject of a separate Department of Motor Vehicles hearing (LCB File #R079-07).
  - d. NAC 484.527. Permitting of farm equipment on and off interstate highways.
  - e. NAC 484.555. Ensuring flexibility in obtaining verbal authority for movement in emergencies when permitting authorities were not open for business.

5. The Director adopted the proposed regulations with changes on April 4, 2008. Throughout all discussions, the Department's representatives emphasized that the priorities were public safety, protecting the highway infrastructure, and enforceability. Based on these priorities and the needs of the trucking industry, the Department's findings for each issue identified in paragraph 4 follow:
  - a. NAC 484.535. It was agreed after review and during the second hearing to modify the text to read "when directed" rather than "if necessary." This change clarifies the overall intent and would reinforce current practice which authorizes the NDOT permit agent to direct coordination with utilities and law enforcement only on routes where loads 16 feet or higher might be a problem.
  - b. NAC 484.525. Questions about round-trip routing were addressed by slightly revising the text to clarify the intent.
  - c. NAC 484.525. It was determined that over-dimensional special mobile equipment would be permitted utilizing the standard restrictions and conditions and the additional restriction to five miles for incidental movement.
  - d. NAC 484.527. For farm equipment, it was decided to continue the exemption for owner-operated equipment to be permitted off the interstate at this time and to permit self-propelled or towed owner-operated equipment only, up to 14 feet wide, on the interstate, and to clarify the permit requirements for commercial operations.
  - e. NAC 484.555. For emergency operations, most of the originally proposed text was removed because it was too restrictive and cumbersome.
6. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulations is as follows:
  - a. Public. No adverse, immediate or long-term economic effects are envisioned. There should be long-term economic benefit to the public because the changes will encourage compliance and enforcement which will enhance traffic safety and the condition of the highway infrastructure.
  - b. Business. No adverse, immediate or long-term economic effects are envisioned. There should be long-term economic benefit to the commercial trucking industry because the changes will encourage compliance and enforcement which will enhance traffic safety and the condition of the highway infrastructure.
7. The cost to the Department for enforcement of the adopted regulations is minimal.
8. 23 CFR Part 658, in part, regulates the length, width and weight limitations of trucks. Under 23 USC Section 315, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation may prescribe regulations that carry out this Act. These federal regulations and laws concern and regulate the protection and preservation of the highways. These adopted regulations do not overlap or duplicate any federal, state or local government regulations.
9. These adopted regulations are no more stringent than the federal regulations and laws cited in paragraph 8.
10. These changes will not affect fees on any permits.

11. The Director has determined that the adopted regulations do not impose any direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. In making this determination, the Director considered the fact that all of the industry representatives who attended the workshop and hearings were in general agreement that the adopted regulations were generally more flexible and easier to understand than the original regulations, and that no dissenting written opinions were received from the hundreds of organizations and companies that were informed of the proposed changes.