

# Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials, Subcommittee on Highway Transport

## State Report

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 85,150

Permits Issued Year To Date: 68,900 (Jan 1 - Sept 30)

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 8

Does your State offer  
Online Requests:  Yes  No

If yes what percentage  
Of permits does your  
System issue without  
Your review? 30%

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### New Legislation:

- Increased annual permit weight limit from 145K to 155,000 lbs.
- State Patrol escort fees increased to \$79.28 per hour.
- Codified prior policy that allowed copy of permit credential to be carried on a portable electronic device (i.e. iPad, laptop, etc.)
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### Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)

- In middle of enhancement project to move current client-based application to web-based app; customers and agency will use same web-based app.
- Major modification to the financial payment and reporting portion of application to allow to apply for permit without needing to register for an account. Improvements to financial transaction reporting for internal purposes.

### Procedural Changes:

### Innovative or Special Initiatives:

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)  
Twitter feed embedded in our permitting application.

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations:

- Staffing. Several new staff hired in less than 1 year, takes a while to gain adequate experience and technical knowledge.
- TSW Manager recently retired, which is putting more workload on OSOW Supervisor.
- Resources needed to guide enhancement project of current permitting system.

Uniformity Pursuits:

- Participate in Northwest Passage Group (states along the I94/I90 corridor from WI west) working on issues for uniformity, similar to AASHTO subgroups.
- created a working group with MN county engineers, Mn/DOT and a few motor carriers to review permit practices among jurisdictions and harmonize on a statewide basis. Will consider a statewide permit system interface that will work between the county-level and state systems.
- looking to enhance MN511 with a Trucker's Page, highlighting OSOW concerns and restrictions, such as roundabouts, low bridges, posted weights, etc.
- OSOW SuperLoad Corridor definition and mapping.

Areas of Concern:

- Increasing challenges in coordinating roadwork projects with district planning, field staff and OSOW Permits.
- Funding for future system enhancements.

Successes:

Other: