

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

State Report

State: Kansas **Report Date:** January 11, 2021

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 86,040 (8,000 less than 2020)(does not include 289 COVID Permits)

Permits Issued Year To Date: 1,760 (January 11)

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 2 Superload, 3 Front Office, 1 – 3 in each of 6 districts

Does your State offer Online Requests: Yes No

If yes what percentage Of permits does your System issue without Your review? 70% of Total

New Legislation:

New regulations regarding Escort Vehicle Service Providers, Escort Vehicle Operators, and Escort Vehicles were adopted in December 2020

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)
In the process of updating the Load Rating software and implementing the use of the Load Rating Tool.

Procedural Changes:

All persons acting as Escort vehicle operators are required to be certified to work in Kansas.

Innovative or Special Initiatives:

Providing feedback to development a single point website for state updates to executive orders.

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)

None

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations:

KDOT updated the 411- KanDrive system, which communicates directly with our restriction manager system to limit vehicle sizes and weights during construction, emergencies, etc.

Uniformity Pursuits:

Ensured that escort vehicle equipment requirements set in regulations are consistent with other states.

Areas of Concern:

Emergency Vehicles as legal loads or permitted loads

Successes:

1. Were able to quickly set up the five employees working at headquarters to work from home due to COVID-19.
2. Maintaining the flow of permits while the remainder of state work was shut down for two weeks due to COVID in March

Other: