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To: ODOT Project Managers
From: Joe Squire, PE, State Construction and Materials Engineer

Subject: Legal Load and Speed Restrictions

ODOT Motor Carrier has made ODOT Highway aware of several contract haulers for ODOT construction projects that are routinely violating size and weight laws. Motor Carrier's findings came about through a routine audit of several Oregon Freight Haulers.

The ODOT Industry Leadership group was briefed on this issue at the June 27, 2014 meeting held at the State Materials Lab.

As provided in the Construction Manual, Project Managers have a responsibility to ensure the contractor is "...operating construction vehicles and Equipment outside of the Project limits, or is operating on a segment of Roadway within the Project limits that will not be reconstructed during that Project, the Contractor must comply with all legal load and speed restrictions." As indicated in the Construction Manual Chapter 30, the Motor Carrier Division can assist you in determining legal loads and truck configuration. This may be through a simple telephone conversation with Motor Carrier or field checks with portable scales by Motor Carrier, if warranted.

Action Requested:

1. Discuss this memo with your construction crews and contractors at the pre-construction meeting.
2. Review with your staff Chapter 30 of the Construction Manual, <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/CONSTRUCTION/constructionmanual/cm30.pdf>.
3. Have construction crews be cognizant of legal load limits when reviewing weigh tickets collected during your project. If the load limit is exceeded, bring this to the attention of the contractor via verbal and written communication.