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DATE: January 18, 2013

TO: All Motor Carriers

FROM: Christy Jordan, Over Dimension Permit Manager/Freight Mobility Coordinator

SUBJECT: Highway Restriction Letters are now Available Electronically

The Motor Carrier Transportation Division (MCTD) has traditionally mailed letters to motor carriers holding continuous trip permits for oversized/overweight vehicles whenever maintenance or construction project work zones restrict the width, height, weight, or length of vehicles. These letters also warn of anticipated significant delays expected to occur as a result of work zones. The letters are mailed to protect the safety of the workers in the work zones and also to alert permit holders their loads may not be accommodated or to provide an opportunity for a motor carriers to choose alternate routes or delivery dates. Over the years we have received recurring complaints from some motor carriers asking us to cease mailing these letters because the information they contain may not be applicable to their operation. Others have observed the high cost of producing and mailing these letters as compared to an electronic notification solution. In addition, the cost associated with mailing the letters which includes printing and postage affects ODOT's budget and these costs represent dollars that could be alternatively spent on highway and bridge improvements as well as highway maintenance.

For the reasons described above, the Motor Carrier Transportation Division is implementing a six month pilot using **Gov Delivery's** service to e-mail restriction letters to motor carriers that possess continuous trip permits. The pilot will allow us to determine whether or not this is a satisfactory way to alert motor carriers about temporary restrictions as they occur. We strongly encourage you to follow the directions below to sign up for Gov Delivery so that you can receive timely information regarding restrictions. Please make sure that you have at least two people from your company sign up to receive email alerts who are responsible for communicating this type of information to the drivers, so that you won't be impacted in the event of staff turnover or vacation absences.

We will assume that most of the motor carriers will want to receive e-mail notifications in lieu of paper copies, and effective **February 15, 2013** we will stop mailing out the letters. We understand that there may be a few carriers who will still want to receive the paper copies through the traditional postal system; therefore, we will allow you to **opt in** to continue to receive restriction notices by postal service by signing the form below and returning in to MCTD. The form must be returned no later than February 5, 2013.

We encourage you to take advantage of this free service to eliminate unnecessary paper documents and so the information you choose can come right to your e-mailbox exactly when you want it (immediately, daily, weekly). Sign up for your email updates with just a few clicks of your mouse today at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/pages/govdelivery.aspx>

ODOT offers subscribers more than 50 specialized email alerts for information like ODOT Highway Construction Projects and ODOT News Releases. You can subscribe just to the specific areas of interest to you. For Motor Carriers, we recommend the following topic areas for the trucking community:

- Over-Dimension Permit Road and Bridge Restriction Notices
- Trucking Advisories
- Green Light Weigh in Motion Status
- Motor Carrier Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Notices/Minutes
- Oregon Motor Carrier Newsletter
- Motor Carrier Rulemaking
- Trucking News Releases

Make sure that you do check the box for “**Over-Dimension Permit Road and Bridge Restriction Notices**” in order to get the specific information this letter is discussing.

You can also sign up to receive the electronic notices **AND** continue to receive the traditional postal mail notices during the pilot.

Thank you in advance for helping us make improvements to our delivery of services to the motor carrier industry.



Over-Dimension Permit Manager/Freight Mobility Coordinator

Cut here:

Motor Carrier Name:

Account Number:

Yes, I would like to **opt in** to receive restriction letters through the mail.

Mail to:
Motor Carrier Transportation Division
550 Capitol Street NE
Salem OR, 97301
Attention: Over-Dimension Permits
