Over-Dimension Definitions and Descriptions

Certified Flagger
A trained and certified person responsible for controlling traffic either through a work zone or when required to do so for movement of an oversize load. Flaggers must have one of the following:

- A valid Oregon Certified Flagger card.
- A valid Certified Flagger card from the state transportation departments of Montana, Washington or Idaho.
- This is available through an interstate reciprocity agreement.
- The card is valid for three years from the date issued.

District Guidelines
A set of pre-approved pilot vehicle and traffic control requirements for movement of overwidth loads. More information about flagger certification and reciprocity agreements with other states is available on our Frequently Asked Questions web page.

Height Pole
A flexible device attached to the front of a pilot vehicle. This is used to determine if bridges and other overhead structures have sufficient clearance for passage of an overheight load.

Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
The MUTCD describes the National standard for traffic control devices produced by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

Multilane Highway
Route maintained by ODOT with two or more lanes in each travel direction.

Pilot Vehicle
Also referred to as an escort vehicle. A single vehicle of legal size and weight that accompanies an oversize load through a specified area. The pilot vehicle:

- Is equipped with warning signs, lights, etc. (as defined in Division 82).
- Ensures the safety of the traveling public by warning them that an oversize load is either approaching or traveling ahead in the same direction.
- Warns the operator of the oversize load of any hazards on the road ahead.

Pullout
A location along a highway which may be used to stage an oversize load and allow traffic to pass provided there is sufficient room.

Route Request
An application submitted to get approval for an oversize load to travel along a proposed route. The approval includes pilot vehicle and other requirements that would be needed. Requests for changes to the size or weight of your oversize load require a new route request. A route request is not a permit, and is free of charge.
**Route Survey**
A detailed assessment of obstacles along a proposed route. This is generally required for loads over 17 feet 0 inches in height. It includes a list of locations with low obstacles, their specific locations and a plan for navigating around them.

**Single Lane Highway**
Route maintained by ODOT with one lane in each travel direction.

**Superload**
This is a load or combination of load and hauling equipment that exceeds one or more of the following dimensions:
- Over 16 feet wide on the Interstate.
- Over 14 feet wide on any state two-lane highway. This does not include mobiles with a 14 foot box or less and up to a 12 inch eave.
- Over 17 feet high on any highway.
- Mobile with a box width over 14 feet wide and/or overall width greater than 15 feet.
- Overall length greater than 150 feet.

**Superload Attachment**
This attachment outlines the size definition of a superload, driver requirements and other travel requirements specific to superloads. The new Attachment SL — Driver and Other Requirements for Superloads is required to accompany all superload permits.

**Traffic Control Plan**
A detailed description of methods for stopping or controlling traffic along a permitted route. It includes:
- Narrative outline.
- Contact information.
- Necessary equipment.
- Planned pullout locations.
- Details of side roads that will be controlled.
- Overnight parking locations.
- Methods of communication.
- Safety concerns.