Washington State Department of Transportation

Special Motor Vehicle Permit Regulations and Conditions

A signed permit must be carried in the power unit at all times.

Pilot/Escort Vehicle Requirements

A pilot/escort vehicle and operator must comply with the requirements of WAC 468-38-100 Escort vehicle requirements. Pilots/Escort vehicles are required when:

1. Vehicle(s) or load exceeds 11 feet in width; escort vehicles (both front and rear) are required on all two-lane highways.
2. Vehicle(s) or load exceeds 14 feet wide; one rear escort vehicle is required on multiple-lane highways.
3. Trailer length including load exceeds 105 ft., of a tractor/trailer combination, requires a rear escort vehicle on all two-lane highways.
4. Trailer length including load exceeds 125 ft., of a tractor/trailer combination, requires a rear escort vehicle on multiple-lane highways.
5. Rear overhang of a tractor/trailer or truck/trailer combination exceeds 1/3 of the trailer length including load, requires one rear escort vehicle on two-lane highways.
6. Rear overhang exceeds 20 feet on a single unit vehicle, requires one rear escort vehicle on two-lane highways.
7. Loads exceed 14 feet and 6 inches high, one escort vehicle is required in front equipped with a height pole. Manufactured housing requires front escort with height pole when exceeding 15 feet in height. The Department does not guarantee height clearances; therefore, on any route where the height is in question, a front escort vehicle equipped with a height pole should be used.
8. In the opinion of the Department of Transportation, escort vehicles are necessary to protect the traveling public, for any overdimensional and/or overweight move, either across, upon, or along a highway. Holidays and Related Times on which Permit Movements are Prohibited (WAC 468-38-175) Overweight vehicles that cannot maintain the speed of the surrounding traffic flow, and all over dimensional vehicles/loads are prohibited on the holidays of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and during the afternoon of the day preceding said holidays.

Nighttime Movements (WAC 468-38-075)

A vehicle or vehicle combinations not exceeding the defined envelope of 12 feet wide, 14 feet 6 inches high and 105 feet long, including legal overhang(s), may move at night. A vehicle or vehicle combination which exceeds the defined envelope may also be permitted to move at night on state highways subject to Department preferred hours/routes of travel, and must have "Nighttime movement approved" stated on permits. All night moves must comply with published curfew restrictions. Night means one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. Vehicle and load must have proper lighting (49 CFR 393.11).

Winter Road Restrictions

Movement by permit is prohibited in areas where any of the following signs are displayed: "TRACTION ADVISORY OVERSIZE VEHICLES PROHIBITED", VEHICLES OVER 10,000GVWR CHAINS REQUIRED", and "ALL VEHICLES CHAINS REQUIRED EXCEPT ALL-WHEEL DRIVE" except as specified in WAC 468-38-075.

Railroad Crossing Emergencies

Call 1-888-877-7267

Other Regulations relating to the movement of permitted loads are printed in Chapter 468-38 WAC (Washington Administrative Code).

THE USE OF COUNTY ROADS OR CITY STREETS is subject to approval by the jurisdiction that maintains those roadways. This permit from the State of Washington does not authorize the use of roadways under local jurisdiction.

Commuter Curfew Hours (see page 2)

Warning: Rules are subject to change. Holders of extended permits (monthly, annual) are subject to current rule. Rules, as described herein, should be periodically reviewed for updates to insure compliance.

Commuter Curfew Hours: (Monday through Friday only)

Vehicles operating under a Special Motor Vehicle Permit that are required to display “Oversize Load” signs are restricted from the following areas during the listed times (table). Exception: Vehicles with over dimension in width only and do not exceed the width limits of the table are not subject to curfew hours. Over weight is not a factor in this restriction unless the vehicle cannot maintain the speed of surrounding traffic.

Vicinity	SR	Direction	Mile Post	Location and Boundaries	Hours (M-F)	Width
Seattle-Everett	2	EB	0 - 2.42	I-5 to SR 204	3-7 PM	9’
		WB	2.42 - 0		6-9 AM	9’
	5	NB	127.48 - 155.94	SR 512 to SR 599	6-9 AM, 3-6 PM	10’
		SB	155.94 - 127.48		3-6 PM	10’
		NB	155.94 -174.58	SR 599 to SR 523	6-9 AM, 3-6 PM	9’
		SB	174.58 - 155.94		6-9 AM, 3-6 PM	9’
		NB	174.58 -199.11	SR 523 to SR 528	3-6 PM	10’
		SB	199.11 - 174.58		6-9 AM, 3-6 PM	10’
		NB	199.11 - 206.08	SR 528 to SR 531	4-6 PM	10’
		SB	206.08 - 199.11		7-9 AM, 4-6 PM	10’
	18	EB	.01 - 4.15	I-5 to SR 164	6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
		WB	4.15 - .01		6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
		EB	4.15 -11.38	SR 164 to SR 516	6:30-8:30 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
		WB	11.38 - 4.15		6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
	90	EB	2.54 - 9.93	I-5 to I-405	6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
		WB	9.93 - 2.54		6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
		EB	9.93 -18.36	I-405 to Sunset I/C	3-7 PM	10’
		WB	18.36 - 9.93		6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
	167	NB	5.98 - 14.33	SR 512 to SR 18	6-9 AM	10’
		SB	14.33 - 5.98		3-7 PM	10’
		NB	14.33 - 26.29	SR 18 to I-405	6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
		SB	26.29 - 14.33		3-7 PM	10’
	405	NB	0 - 30.32	Entire Route	6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
		SB	30.32 - 0		6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
	518	EB	0 - 3.81	SR 509 to I-5	6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
		WB	3.81 - 0		6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
	522	EB	11.10 - 14.09	I-405 to SR 9	3-7 PM	10’
		WB	14.09 - 11.10		6-9 AM	10’
Tacoma	5	NB	118 - 127.48	Exit 118 to SR 512	6:30-8:30 AM, 4-6 PM	10’
		SB	127.48 - 118		6:30-8:30 AM, 4-6 PM	10’
	16	EB	10.28 - 0	I-5 to Olympic Drive	6-9 AM	10’
		WB	0 – 10.28		3-7 PM	10’
	512	EB	0 - 8.74	I-5 to SR 161	3-7 PM	10’
		WB	8.74 - 0		7-9 AM, 3-7 PM	10’
		EB	8.74 - 12.06	SR 161 to SR 167	3-7 PM	10’
		WB	12.06 - 8.74		3-7 PM	10’
Olympia	5	NB	99 - 109	Exit 99 to Exit 109	4-6 PM	10’
		SB	109 - 99		4-6 PM	10’
Vancouver	5	NB	0 - 7.48	Oregon to I-205	3-6 PM	10’
		SB	7.48 - 0		6-9 AM	10’
	205	NB	26.59 – 37.16	Oregon to I-5	4-7 PM	10’
		SB	37.16 - 26.59	I-5 to Oregon	6-9 AM	10’
Kelso	433	NB	.94 - 0	Lewis and Clark Bridge	6-9 AM	10’
		SB	0 - .94		6-9 AM	10’
Spokane	90	EB	272.66 - 295.73	Medical Lk. to Liberty Lk. Exit	6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	11’2”
		WB	296.64 - 272.96	Liberty Lk. to Medical Lk. Exit	6-9 AM, 3-7 PM	11’2”