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Truck Size and Weight Policy

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Bridges and Structures
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AASHTO
Should AASHTO support raising the federal freeze on truck weight from 80,000 lbs on five axles to 97,000 lbs on six axles?
Request

- Designate several members of Subcommittee on Bridges to work with Subcommittee on Highway Transport and representatives of other AASHTO committees to produce report with conclusions and recommendations for AASHTO Board of Directors meeting in October.
90,000 lbs six axles
Yes!

- American Trucking Associations ATA
- Private Truck Council PTC
- ASET
- CTP
97,000 lbs six axles

No!

- Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA)
- Teamsters
- Advocates for Highway Safety
Truck Size and Weight
Other Industry Views

• National Association of Manufacturers

• The American Road and Transportation Builders Association
Industry Perspectives

- Weigh out
- Cube out
Recent State Studies

- Wisconsin
- Minnesota
- Ohio
Transportation Research Board

- Special Report #267
- Cost Allocation Synthesis
- Bridge Rating Practics/Policies
- Truck Characteristics/Roadway Design
The Congress

• H.R. 1799 (Michaud)

• H.R. 1618 (McGovern)

• Authorization
Current AASHTO Policy

States in collaboration with the freight transportation industry and the federal government should investigate the feasibility of regional adjustments in truck size and weight in particular corridors that demonstrate important economic benefits and meet safety, pavement/bridge impact and financing criteria. (AASHTO Board of Directors, October 2007)
Other AASHTO Statements

- Special Committee on Intermodal Transportation and Economic Expansion
- Standing Committee on Highways
- Subcommittee on Highway Transport
AASHTO Activities

- Testimony on permitting
- Industry Dialogue
- FHWA coordination
- Internal communication
- Coordinated Size and Weight Enforcement
- Subcommittee on Highway Transport
Should AASHTO support raising the federal freeze on truck weight from 80,000 lbs to 97,000 lbs on six axles?
Answer

• Yes
• No
• Conditional
• Questions
Issues

- Safety
- Pavement
- Bridges
- Geometrics
- Enforcement
- Cost
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