



SUBJECT: Commercial Transport Travel Times – End of Pilot Program March 18, 2013

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PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To advise that effective March 19, 2013, we will be continuing with the commercial transport hours that have been in use under the Travel Times Pilot announced in Circular 04/12, with one change:
• For loads 3.21 to 3.8 m Overall Width, the restriction on Saturday travel outside of the Peace Region will be relaxed to 21:00 Saturday until 04:00 Sunday (instead of 15:30 Saturday to 04:00 Sunday as it was under this year-long pilot.)

BACKGROUND

We are almost at the end of the travel Times Pilot that has been running since March 19, 2012. The pilot was introduced in order to improve the uniformity and clarity of our allowable travel hours for commercial loads between 3.2 m wide and 4.4 m wide when travelling under permit. Where possible, we also increased available travel hours for commercial loads under permit on the weekends, to help ease volumes during the week.

Feedback received from citizens, industry and the BC Trucking Association has been reviewed by Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement and Traffic Engineering, and a decision has been taken to continue with the pilot hours, with a small increase to the available Saturday hours.

The attached CVSE1000 reflects this change; see Category B.

For information about this circular, please contact Jeffrey Monty, Manager Commercial Transport, at 250-953-4017 or by email at Jeff.Monty@gov.bc.ca

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Attachment: CVSE1000 (March 2013)

CVSE Permits are valid in British Columbia on highways under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure only. If routing is specified on your permit, you must follow that routing.

In addition to the terms and conditions that are stated on the permit, the policies described in the Commercial Transport Procedures Manual (CTPM), available at www.cvse.ca, are incorporated into and form part of the conditions of this permit.

A. For Term or Single Trip Permits with Maximum Overall Width 3.2 m, Maximum Overall Height 4.3 m (Term)* and 4.88 m (Single Trip)*, and/or Maximum Overall (Loaded) Length 25.0 m for Combinations and 16.0 m for Single Vehicles
* 5.33 m Overall Height (Term or Single Trip) in the Peace River Region
Basic Travel Time Window: Travel at any time on any day

CATEGORY 'A' RESTRICTIONS

Time	N/A
Location	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the Lower Mainland: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No travel on the First Narrows (Lions Gate) Bridge • No travel on the Pattullo Bridge • No height in excess of 4.15 m through the George Massey Tunnel on Hwy 99 • No height in excess of 4.3 m on Hwy 1 west of Abbotsford 2. In the Kootenays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No height in excess of 4.3 m through the Warfield Underpass on Hwy 3B/22 • No height in excess of 4.3 m on Hwy 1 between Revelstoke National Park and Glacier National Park • No width in excess of 2.6 m on the Waneta Bridge on Hwy 22A, just north of the US Border
Other	Poor Visibility – No travel is permitted when, because of unfavourable atmospheric conditions, persons or vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 100 m.

B. For Term or Single Trip Permits with Maximum Overall Width 3.8 m, and/or Maximum Overall (Loaded) Length 31.0 m for Combinations (31.5 m for Structures)
Basic Travel Time Window: Any time and day except not on Fridays from 15:30 to 04:00 the following day, and not on Saturdays from 21:00 to 04:00 the following day

CATEGORY 'B' RESTRICTIONS All Category 'A' Restrictions apply, and in addition the following:

Time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No travel on General Holidays as defined in Chapter 3 of the CTPM, except as shown in 2 and 3. 2. In the Lower Mainland, west of Abbotsford (Hwy 11) and south of Squamish: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No travel on weekdays from 07:00 to 09:00 or from 15:30 to 18:00 except between Abbotsford and 104 Avenue/160 Street on Highway 1 • Travel is permitted on General Holidays from 04:00 to 07:00 and from 09:00 to 14:00 3. In the Peace River Region, travel is permitted at any time on any day.
Location	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the Lower Mainland, no travel through the George Massey Tunnel on Hwy 99 2. In the Cariboo Region, no travel on Hwy 20 from Anahim Lake to Hagensborg 3. In the Southern Interior Region, maximum 29 m OAL on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hwy 3 from the junction of 3/5 to Princeton • Hwy 1 from Hope to Cache Creek
Other	Convoying – There shall be no convoying of oversize vehicles/loads except as required by the permit. Convoying means any two oversize vehicles/loads from the same company which are in transit less than 1 kilometre apart on a section of highway.

C. For Single Trip Permits with Maximum Overall Width 4.4 m, and/or Overall (Loaded) Length Exceeding 31.0 m

Basic Travel Time Window: Any time and day except not on Fridays and Saturdays from 15:30 to 04:00 the following day and Sundays from 15:30 to 24:00 (Or in the Peace: any time and day except in darkness from Friday to 00:01 Monday)

CATEGORY 'C' RESTRICTIONS All Category 'A' and 'B' Restrictions apply, and in addition the following:

Time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the Southern Interior, on Highway 1 between Hope and Cache Creek, no travel during the hours of darkness 2. In the Kootenays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No travel on Highway 93 east of Radium from the last Friday in June to September 15, except between 03:00 and 06:00 • No travel on No. 1 Mine Road (off of Hwy 43) from Elkford to Fording River Operations between 06:00 and 08:00 and between 18:00 and 20:00
Location	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On Vancouver Island, no travel on Highway 14 west of Jordan River 2. In the Lower Mainland, no travel on the Queensborough Bridge (applies to widths over 3.8 m) 3. In the Okanagan, no travel on Highway 97A between Sicamous and Enderby 4. In the Kootenays, no travel on Highway 31 between Meadow Creek and Trout Lake 5. In the Peace River Region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 36 m OAL on Hwy 97 north of the junction of 77/97
Other	Overtaking - The oversize vehicle shall pull off the travelled surface of the highway wherever possible to allow following vehicles to pass. There shall be no overtaking of an over-dimensional vehicle/load on any highway by another over-dimensional vehicle/load.

Pilot Cars:

Pilot cars must have two-way communication with the driver of the oversize load.

Length	Up to 3.2 m		3.21 to 3.5 m		3.51 to 3.8 m		3.81 to 4.4 m	
	Day	Dark	Day	Dark	Day	Dark	Day	Dark
Up to 27.5 m	0	0	1*	1	1	1	1***	2
27.5 to 31 m	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
31.1 to 36 m	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2
36 to 40 m	2**	2	2**	2	2	2	2	2

* Or the towing vehicle must be equipped with and operate one or two amber flashing lights

** Up to 3.5 m wide, only one pilot car is required for travel over four (4) lane highways

*** Two pilot cars for travel on Highway 97 from the junction of 77/97 to the Yukon Border

Additional Pilot Car Requirements for Front or Rear Projection:

- If you are using an allowance for front projection beyond 3 m of the kingpin or beyond 6.5 m measured forward of the turn center of the front steering axle group, a minimum of one pilot car is required (unless otherwise provided for by commodity or vehicle policy).
- If you are using an allowance for rear projection beyond 6.5 m from the turn center if the rear-most axle group, a minimum of one pilot car is required (unless otherwise provided for by commodity or vehicle policy).
- A minimum of two pilot cars will be required if the load exceeds 3.8 m in width and the front projection is in excess of 3 m and/or the rear projection is in excess of 6.5 m.

For overall widths over 3.2 m, a minimum of one pilot car is required:

On Vancouver Island:

- Highway #4 from the Taylor River Bridge (40 km west of Port Alberni) to Tofino
- Highway 30 from Highway 19 to Port Alice

On the Sunshine Coast: Highway 101 from Langdale to Earl's Cove

In the Lower Mainland/Southern Interior: Highway 99 from Pemberton to Lillooet

In the Kootenays:

- Hwy 3A and 31 (Balfour-Kaslo-Galena Bay Highway)
- Hwy 33, southbound only, to approach and cross the Westbridge Bridge

In the Peace River Region: Highway 97 from Junction 77/97 to the Yukon border

Flags:

For widths over 2.6 m, red or orange flags are required on all four corners of each load/trailer.

For travel in daylight, a red or orange flag is required on front projection over 1 m and/or rear projection over 1.2 m.

Lamps:

Overall Width

Over 2.6 m Lights on extremities, amber lamps facing forward, red lamps facing the rear, for night travel

3.21 to 3.5 m One or two amber flashing or rotating beacon(s) mounted on the truck for daylight travel or minimum one pilot vehicle

For travel in darkness, a white light is required on front projection over 1 m and a red light is required on rear projection over 1.2 m.

Amber lamps or beacons on the towing unit or at the rear of the vehicle or load may be used for additional safety.

Signs:

Wide load, D sign, or oversize load signs are required front and rear for vehicles/loads with overall width over 3.2 m wide.

Long load, D sign or oversize load signs are required front and rear for vehicles/loads (other than B-Trains) over 25 m long.

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For travel conditions including weather and road construction, please visit DriveBC: <http://drivebc.ca/>

For Seasonal Load Restrictions, please visit: <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/BCHighways/loadrestrictions/loadrestrictions.htm>

<http://onlinepermitsbc.ca> Provincial Permit Centre: 800 559-9688