

DRAFT PROCESS FOR EVALUATING ROUTE REQUEST FOR TRUCKS UP TO 129,000-POUNDS

PART 1 GENERAL

In accordance with Idaho Code 4-1004B, the following provides Local Highway Jurisdictions (LHJs) with a standard process for analyzing the long-term physical and safety consequences associated with allowing permitted 129,000lb (129K) trucks to use a route.

Idaho Code 49-1004B, "Local authorities may, by resolution on their own initiative or pursuant to written request, designate routes and revoke previously authorized routes within their respective jurisdictions for the operation of vehicle combination with a legal maximum gross weight between 105,001 and 129,000 pounds".

PART 2 PROCESS

2.1 129,000 POUND ROUTE REQUEST

- A. Applicant shall submit a formal request (ITD form 4886 or similar) to the LHJ having jurisdiction of roadway.
 - a. Indicate complete route requested to get from nearest approved 129K route to destination. Include other LHJs roadways required to complete route (if applicable).
 - b. Forward application to adjacent LHJs.

- B. LHJ has one hundred fifty (150) days to make a determination.
 - a. LHJ may charge the applicant up to \$5,000 for the cost of the review.
 - i. LHTAC may assist in Scope of Work (SOW) and level of effort negotiations (if requested by LHJ).
 - b. Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) may distribute an additional \$5,000 grant.
 - i. Applications for grant must be submitted to LHTAC within ten (10) days after receiving application.
 - ii. LHTAC may administer contract with Consultant (if requested by LHJ).

2.2 REVIEW/ANALYSIS

Review and analysis should be conducted in accordance with the "Guide to Assist Idaho Local Highway Jurisdictions in Evaluating Route Requests for Trucks up to 129,000-Pounds" published by the National Institute for Advanced Transportation Technology (NIATT) and the University of Idaho.

- A. Assessment of structures.
 - a. Structure over 20 feet in length.
 - i. Request bridge report(s) from the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD).
 - ii. ITD will run 121K load analysis on structure.
 - b. Structure under 20 feet in length.

- i. LHJ will perform -inspection or.
 - ii. Contracted Consultant performs inspection.
- B. Assessment of road surface condition.
 - a. Allowable tire load.
 - i. Accordance with Idaho Code 49-1002.
 - b. Allowable axle load.
 - i. Accordance with Idaho Code 49-1001.
 - c. Allowable gross vehicle weight.
 - i. Accordance with Idaho Code 49-1001 and 49-1002.
- C. Off-Tracking assessment.
 - a. Conduct an initial route assessment.
 - i. Determine if the available width and existing geometry of route requires additional investigation.
 - b. Route requestor provides a truck configured as requested.
 - i. Truck shall be configured as intended to navigate route.
 - c. Follow the Procedures for Field Verification” listed in the GUIDE.
 - i. LHJ representative follows and video tapes truck navigating proposed route or.
 - ii. Contracted Consultant performs analysis.
- D. Safety Evaluation.
 - a. Obtain crash data from LHTAC website
 - i. <http://gis.lhtac.org/safety/>
 - b. Inspect, review, and consider all other safety concerns.
 - c. Analyze impacts to traffic volume.

PART 3 DECISION PROCESS

Idaho Code 49-1004B, “Within one hundred fifty (150) days after receipt of a written request to designate a route under this section, the governing board of a local authority shall issue a determination”.

3.1 Public Hearing

Report indicating recommendation will be reviewed by LHTAC, Consultant (if applicable) and LHJ roadway representative.

- A. LHJ governing body shall hold an advertised meeting to discuss route analysis and make a determination.
 - a. Meeting must be held in accordance with the requirements of Idaho Open Meeting Law, Idaho Code 74-201 through 74-208.
 - b. Public testimony will be allowed.

- B. LHJ shall reject or approve the recommendation provided as a conclusion to the analysis.
- C. LHJ will posts a formal Letter of Determination
- D. Appeals are accepted within 14 days after Letter of Determination is posted.
 - a. If no action is taken, the decision becomes final.

3.2 Route posting (if approved)

- A. LHJ shall submit the approved route to ITD for inclusion on maps provided with 129k permits.
- B. LHJ must collect additional \$5.00 fee for all 129K permits issued and submit to ITD.