

Minutes of the Motor Carrier Advisory Board Meeting

May 16, 2019

Members Present

Mr. Al DeMeestor
Ms. Carol Heinowski
Mr. Glen Merkel
Mr. James Burg
Mr. Mike Rushing
Ms. Nichole Gavriloski
Mr. Paul Behmlander
Mr. Randy Whitaker
Mr. Robert Esler
Mr. William Kotynski

Members Absent

Mr. Brian Hitchcock
Mr. Don Lahring
Mr. Joe Ballor
Mr. Joshua Rhodes
Ms. Sarah Stewart

MSP-CVED Staff Present

Ms. Marci Kelley
Ms. Beth Schafer
Ms. Indira Mazure
Ms. Stacie Hansel

Ex Officio Members Present

Inspector Randy Coplin
Mr. Charlie Culton
Mr. Larry Karnes for Mr. Aarne Frobom
Mr. Seth Martin
Mr. John Wallace

Others in Attendance

Mr. Scott Spray
Mr. Toby Archambault
Mr. Roger Hayes
Ms. Lisa Kelley
Ms. Katrina Smith
Ms. Teresa Thocker
Ms. Julie Thomas
Ms. Peggy Johnson
Ms. Sonja Gavriloski

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

May 16, 2019 Agenda and the March 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The agenda for the May 16, 2019 meeting, and the minutes for the March 21, 2019 meeting were approved.

Agency Reports

Secretary of State (SOS)

No representative present.

Michigan Department of Treasury

Mr. Seth Martin reported that the International Fuel Tax Agreement renewals for 2019 are at 87 percent completion compared to 2018, and the decal distribution is three to four percent greater than 2018.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Mr. Larry Karnes reported that the following two bills have been introduced to the legislature:

- SB-309 Tow-Truck Fee - Amend Motor Carrier Act to charge \$50/year fee (reduced from \$100) on tow trucks subject to the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Plan and Agreement and perform intrastate nonconsensual towing.
- HB-4441 Repeal Truck Speed Limit - Repeal 65-mph truck speed limit on freeways posted at 70 or 75 mph.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

Mr. John Wallace reported that the FMCSA will publish the notice of proposed rulemaking for the Hours of Service changes on June 7, 2019 with an open comment period ending July 26, 2019.

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) International Road Check is scheduled for June 4-6, 2019. Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Inspectors will conduct inspections on CMVs and the drivers.

The Ticketing Aggressive Cars Around Trucks initiative is scheduled for June 3-14, 2019. This will run along I-94 between I-75 and US-23. This is an enforcement and outreach initiative that co-insides with the International Road Check Operation scheduled for June 4-6, 2019.

CVSA Operation Safe Driver week is scheduled for July 14-20, 2019. The focus will be on speeding.

The FMCSA will be seeking public comment regarding a pilot program allowing non-military drivers, age 18-20, to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) will be required in all CMVs by the end of December 2019. If you currently use an Automatic On Board Recording Device, the FMCSA is recommending that you switch to ELDs before December 31, 2019.

The FMCSA Crash Preventability Determination Program will be extended and expanded. Currently, it is limited to eight types of crashes. The FMCSA will be expanding the crash types that you can petition to have the preventability determination changed.

The Safety Measurement System and the Item Response Theory is being tested in a small group. This will be expanded to a larger test group later. More information forthcoming in 2020.

Michigan State Police (MSP). Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED)

A request was made for the MSP to look at some of the permit restriction conditions. The MSP met with Mr. Scott Greene and Ms. Julie Thomas with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Ms. Julie Thomas reported that MDOT has two transport permits changes they are looking to implement:

- Oversized dimension loads on weekends: Currently, MDOT allows moves up to 10-foot-wide all day on Saturdays and until 3 p.m. on Sundays. MDOT is looking at other states and what they allow. MDOT is considering changing the allowable to 12-foot-wide loads all day on Saturdays and until 3 p.m. on Sundays.
- Speed limit change for oversized loads: Currently, there are various speed limits regarding different load dimensions, weights, and the number of lanes. MDOT is considering one speed limit, that would be 10 miles per hour below the posted speed limit for most oversized and overweight loads.

MDOT just began discussing these changes and they would not be quick changes. There are other areas that these changes would affect and need to be vented.

Ms. Marci Kelley reported that the UCR compliance rate is 81.8 percent and the CVED authority compliance rate is at 88.4 percent.

The Truckers against Trafficking event will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at the Michigan State Police Training Academy.

The 24th Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School is scheduled to begin on July 28, 2019. CVED will have 26 recruits in this school.

Insp. Randy Coplin reported the facility upgrades for the westbound Ionia weigh station are on track, the construction will be completed in July 2019 and will open in August 2019. A new bypass with programmable signs, is scheduled for construction in 2020.

Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)

Mr. Charlie Colton reported the truck driving simulator is available for those who are interested. The MCTS received a new simulation program that includes the settings for charter and school buses.

The MCTS will be starting an educational campaign this summer. There will be billboard and radio ads targeting distracted drivers and sharing the road.

Legislation Update

See Department of Transportation report.

New Business

None to report.

Future Meeting Topics

- September 19, 2019 – Ms. Tina Hissong with the Office of Rail, MDOT will give a presentation regarding the use of the blue Emergency Notification System sign in place at all Railroad Crossings.
- November 21, 2019 - Mr. John Wallace with the FMCSA will give a presentation regarding the Final Rule of the Commercial Drivers License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse.

Public Comment

None to report.

Old Business

None to report.

Presentation

The truck driving simulator is available in the parking lot.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2019. The meeting will be held in the 1917 Conference Room located at the MSP Headquarters, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan 48821.

Respectfully submitted,
Marci Kelley, Chair
Motor Carrier Advisory Board