



## Minnesota General Provisions for Oversize/Overweight Permitted Loads

A copy of the MnDOT transportation permit, including these General Provisions, must be carried in the vehicle during transport of an OSOW load/vehicle and made available to law enforcement or a MnDOT official when requested.

An electronic copy of the MnDOT transportation permit, including these General Provisions, may reside on a portable electronic device (e.g. laptop, tablet, smartphone) as long as the device provides a complete and legible copy of the documents.

1. **Vehicle Registration.** Vehicle must be registered for its permitted weight. A MnDOT transportation permit does not increase a vehicle's registered weight.
2. **Annual Permit Holder.** Each load moved must have the route pre-approved by MnDOT and a copy of that approval must be carried in the vehicle during the move. Use either our online permitting system or call 651.296.6000 (M-F, 7:30am-4:00pm) for route approval.
3. **Local Roads.** Approval to move on local roads must be obtained from the appropriate local road authority.
4. **Bad Weather/Road Conditions.** Movement is not allowed during hazardous weather or road conditions, or when visibility is less than 500 feet, or when winds prevent the vehicle from staying within its travel lane.
5. **Right-of-Way.** On two-lane roadways, a Peace Officer (police) escort must precede a vehicle that encroaches over the roadway centerline onto oncoming traffic.
6. **Warning Devices.**  
**Flags:** Red or orange warning flags, 18" square, are to be displayed at widest parts and ends of load when exceeding 9 feet in width and/or 75 feet in length. For stretched or pole trailers, warning flags/lights must be attached to the underside of the load/vehicle, spaced no more than 20 feet apart.  
**Lights:** Warning lights are required whenever signs are required. Lights may be flashing, strobe, or rotating beacon and must be visible from a distance of no less than 500 feet.  
**Signs:** Oversize Load signs required on front and rear of vehicle when width exceeds 12'6" and/or length exceeds 95'. Signs must be lighted or of reflective material between sunset and sunrise and visible at least 500 feet.
7. **Pilot Car Escort.** Pilot car escort drivers must be trained and certified through the Minnesota Department of Public

Safety's Certified Pilot Car Escort Driver Program, as required under MN Administrative Rules, Chapter 7455, and as administered by the MN State Patrol.

An escort vehicle can only be a passenger automobile, light duty van, a two axle pickup or a two-axle single unit truck in proper operating condition.

Convoying of OSOW vehicles is not allowed; a minimum ½ mile separation is required.

Over 14'6" wide, 110' long: Lead and rear certified pilot car escorts on 2-lane (non-divided) roadways. Rear certified pilot car escort on multi-lane (divided) roadways.

8. **Posted Roads, Bridges, Detours.** Permittee must comply with all posted road and bridge restrictions.
9. **Rear Visibility Required.** The hauling vehicle must be equipped with mirrors that provide the driver a rear view of the highway for a distance of at least 200 feet.
10. **Travel Hours.** Travel hours listed on permit may differ from those listed below when deemed necessary by MnDOT.

**Continuous travel statewide** is allowed for loads that are overweight, over height, up to 9' wide, 110' long.

**Rush Hour:** Restrictions apply Monday – Fridays on loads exceeding 12'6" wide and/or 110' long.

**Twin Cities Metro Area:** 6:00 AM – 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

**Duluth Area:** 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM.

**Holidays.** No travel is allowed statewide from 2:00PM the day before until 2:00AM the day after the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

### Twin Cities Metro Area Travel Hours:

Up to 14'6" wide, 110' long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous, all roadways. Must follow rush hour restrictions.</li> </ul>
Over 14'6" wide, up to 16' wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midnight - 5:00AM only if any part of route is on two-lane (non-divided) roadway</li> <li>• Daytime hours allowed if route is all multi-lane (divided) roadways. Follow rush hour restrictions.</li> </ul>
Over 16' wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midnight – 5:00AM, all Twin Cities metro roadways</li> </ul>

**Note to Enforcement Agencies:** Forward any documentation of permit violations to MnDOT OSOW Permit Section.  
 Fax: 651-215-9677, Email [OFCVOPermits.dot@state.mn.us](mailto:OFCVOPermits.dot@state.mn.us)