



Multi-State Highway Transportation Agreement
dba: Western States Transportation Alliance (WSTA)

RESOLUTION 2009-7: MHTA Recommendation for the Lifting of the Longer Combination Vehicle Freeze in Western States.

Whereas one of the most significant ways to improve freight system performance is through the use of more efficient trucks and truck combinations, and,

Whereas, longer combination vehicles (LCVs) have demonstrated considerable benefits in terms of productivity, safety, fuel savings, emissions reductions and provides for congestion mitigation, and,

Whereas, the Federal Highway Administration's "Western State Scenario Analysis" found that expanded use of LCVs in thirteen (13) western states would reduce heavy truck vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by 25% in 2010, reduce fuel consumption and emissions by 12%, save shippers two billion dollars a year, reduce pavement costs by as much as 4% over 20 years and reduce highway noise by 10%, and,

Whereas, a federal "freeze" on state authority to expand the use of LCVs has been in place since 1991.

Now therefore be it resolved that MHTA urges Congress to lift the LVC freeze for 13 western states: Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, so that these states have the flexibility to establish and operate pilot test programs to evaluate LCV routes, configurations and operating conditions.

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