



RESOLUTION 2009-6: IN SUPPORT OF MHTA STATES WORKING WITH WASHTO AND THEIR STATE DOTs FOR THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL NETWORK OF DESIGNATED ROADWAYS AND PROCEDURES TO MORE EFFICIENTLY, COST EFFECTIVELY, AND SAFELY MOVE THE OVERSIZE LOADS OF EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO ASSIST THE COUNTRY IN DEVELOPING THE NATION'S ENERGY RESOURCES

WHEREAS, President Obama and Congress have established a goal of energy independence for the US from foreign energy sources;; and

WHEREAS, Congress has identified that a major part of this goal would be accomplished through an increase in renewable resources and further development of conventional sources of energy within the country coupled with energy conservation and efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the MHTA states are recognized as having some of the greatest conventional energy resources as well as some of the greatest opportunity for the development of certain renewable energies; and

WHEREAS, a critical key to the successful development of these resources is the ability to move and deploy the necessary equipment to harness these resources via transporting this equipment in a safe, efficient, and cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, many of these loads will be oversize/overweight loads, potentially superloads, which will require special permits;; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that these loads will substantially increase in the years ahead so as to meet the needs for developing these energy sources; and

WHEREAS, these oversize loads involve special routing and provisions for travel; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the country and states involved as well as the industry that these loads be transported in a manner that is safe while minimizing the time and distance for transporting these loads; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of all parties concerned to have MHTA work with WASHTO and encourage the examination of the transport of these loads from a regional basis and identify specific regional routes, procedures, and processes for more efficiently and safely routing these loads through the MHTA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MHTA hereby encourages that a regional network for oversize loads be considered along with processes and procedures of a regional permit nature to expedite the movement of this energy equipment in a safe manner. MHTA shall work with SCRA national association and WASHTO to seek opportunities to develop new policies in this area.

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