

Dakota County Transportation General Conditions for Oversize/Overweight Permitted Loads.

A copy of the permit must be carried in the vehicle during transport of an OSOW load/vehicle and made available to law enforcement or a Dakota County official when requested.

An electronic copy of the permit 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 Dakota County Transportation permit does not increase a vehicle's registered weight.

2. 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.

3. Posted Roads, Bridges, Detours. Permittee must comply with all posted road and bridge restrictions.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Pilot Car Escort. Pilot car escort drivers must be trained and certified through the MN Dept. of Public Safety Certified Pilot Car Escort Program, under MN Administrative Rules, Chapter 7455, and administered by the MN State Patrol.

On two-lane roadways, a Peace Officer (police) escort must precede a vehicle that encroaches over the roadway centerline onto oncoming traffic.

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. Front and Rear certified pilot car escorts on multi-lane roadways when load exceeds 15 feet at the bottom of the load, or 16 feet at the top of the load.

7. Travel Hours. Travel hours listed on permit may differ from those listed below when deemed necessary by Dakota County Transportation.

Continuous travel: 24-hour movement including nights, weekends and holidays, is allowed by permit for loads that are overweight, over height, up to 14.6' wide. Except for Holiday and Rush Hour restrictions.

Holidays. No travel over 10' wide and/or 110' long, is allowed from 2:00 P.M. the day before until 2:00 A.M. the day after the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Rush Hour Restrictions: No loads over 12'6" wide and/or 110' long, are allowed in the cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Mendota, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South St. Paul, Sunfish Lake and West St. Paul, Between 6:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. Monday – Fridays. No rush hour restrictions on Saturdays or Sundays.

Other Restrictions:

14.6' to 16' wide - on multi-lane (divided) roadways, Daytime moves are allowed.

14.6' to 16' wide – on undivided and two lane roadways, Midnight to 5:00 A.M.

Over 16' Wide, Midnight to 5:00 A.M.