

Manitoba Update

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National Task Force on Vehicle Weights
and Dimensions Meeting

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MOU Updates

- **Increase in tractor steering axle weight limit from 5500 kg to 6000 kg**
 - Manitoba is in support of this change, and the 6000 kg weight limit on the tractor steering axle is currently in our regulations.
- **Changes in dimension limits for Stinger Steer Automobile or Boat Carrier**
 - The Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Working Group is currently working on the proposal to change/revise the current standard for Autocarriers/stingers to the dimensions in the MOU.
 - Once approved, these units will continue to obtain permits until the regulation in Manitoba can be updated.

National Guideline Updates

- **Tractor with Extended Length Semitrailer (Length > 16.2 m)**
 - Manitoba will continue to treat extended length semitrailers as LCV's
 - Manitoba has had no requests for this configuration to-date
- **Extended Length Stinger Steer Automobile or Boat Carrier (Up to 27.43 m)**
 - The Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Working Group is currently working on the proposal to change/revise the current standard for Autocarriers/stingers to the dimensions in the MOU.
 - Once approved, these units will continue to obtain permits until the regulation in Manitoba can be updated.

Registration and Plating Overweight and Over-Dimensional Vehicles

- Currently, in Manitoba, overweight and over-dimensional (OW/OD) vehicles require a permit issued by Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) to be used on a roadway. Under The Highway Traffic Act, the permit serves as a form of vehicle registration.
- MTI is exploring changes that would require OW/OD vehicles to be registered and plated so they can be easily identified on roadway by enforcement officers and the public.
- Manitoba is working to reduce interprovincial trade barriers by harmonizing its treatment of OW/OD vehicles with other Canadian jurisdictions that currently require these vehicles to be registered and plated.

New Motor Carrier Identification Requirements

- Manitoba now requires all motor carriers to display their National Safety Code (NSC) number on their vehicles, along with the company name.
- This requirement applies to all motor carriers operating within the province, including the U.S. carriers operating in Manitoba.

Canadian Safety Fitness Certificates

- Manitoba also requires U.S. motor carriers operating regulated vehicles in Manitoba to hold a valid Canadian safety fitness certificate (SFC).
- Manitoba accepts a valid SFC or equivalent operating authority from another Canadian jurisdiction, such as a Quebec NIR and/or an Ontario CVOR certificate.
- U.S. operators who do not have an equivalent Canadian credential may apply directly to Manitoba for a Manitoba SFC and an NSC number.

Compliance and Enforcement for NSC and SFC

- Manitoba Motor Carrier Enforcement are authorized to issue tickets to motor carriers who do not hold a valid Canadian SFC.
- Manitoba Motor Carrier Enforcement are authorized to issue tickets to motor carriers who are not correctly displaying their NSC number on their vehicles.

The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Traffic Safety Measures)

- On June 3, 2025, the Manitoba government passed amendments to The Highway Traffic Act under Bill 38. The amendments create new traffic safety measures that will enhance the safety of all persons travelling on Manitoba's roads, and those who work on highways to keep Manitobans safe.

The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Traffic Safety Measures) (Cont'd)

- Once the amendments are in force, motorists will be required to follow new rules when approaching and passing winter maintenance vehicles, like snowplows and sanding trucks, working on roadways. Specifically:
 - Unless safe to pass, drivers must stay back at least 30 metres if the speed limit is 80 km/h or less, and 100 metres where the speed limit is above 80 km/h.
 - Drivers may pass only if doing so will *not* interfere with the work being done or the view is *not* obstructed by blowing snow and ice.
 - When approaching from the opposite direction, drivers must proceed with caution and give winter maintenance vehicles space to work.
 - When approaching an intersection, drivers must slow down and stop if needed, to ensure they do not interfere with the work being done.

The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Traffic Safety Measures) (Cont'd)

- The amendments also:
 - Require drivers to leave at least one metre of space when passing cyclists on a roadway.
 - Give tow truck and other roadside assistance vehicle operators the option to place specific traffic control devices (cones and signs) on the road when servicing vehicles to alert drivers and divert traffic away from their work area.
- The amendments will come into force on a date determined by government once all supporting regulatory work is complete and communication plans are in place.

Manitoba Motor Carrier Portal

Manitoba has developed a new online **Carrier Access Portal** to efficiently deliver information and services to the motor carrier industry.

Key Features:

- **Access Carrier Profile Data:** View and download your specific carrier profile information.
- **Online Access:** Submit Safety Fitness Certificate renewal applications and all supporting documents electronically.
- **Key Communications Hub:** The portal will maintain key communications sent to all carriers, ensuring that important information is always available for reference.

Manitoba Motor Carrier Portal (Cont'd)

Project Timeline:

- **Early 2026:** Scheduled testing with a focus group from the motor carrier industry.
- **March 2026 (Target):** Full implementation date.

Licence Lookup Tool

- On November 17, 2025, Manitoba Public Insurance launched their Licence Lookup Tool that enables businesses, organizations and the public to determine if a person has a valid driver's licence and to learn of any restrictions the driver must comply with when operating a vehicle.
- The on-line tool provides the information simply by going to the website and entering a driver's licence number.
- The tool is free of charge and will save many employers and employees the time previously needed to obtain letters stating the validity of a licence.
- The tool does not replace a driver's abstract, but it is a speedy way to ensure a licence is valid.

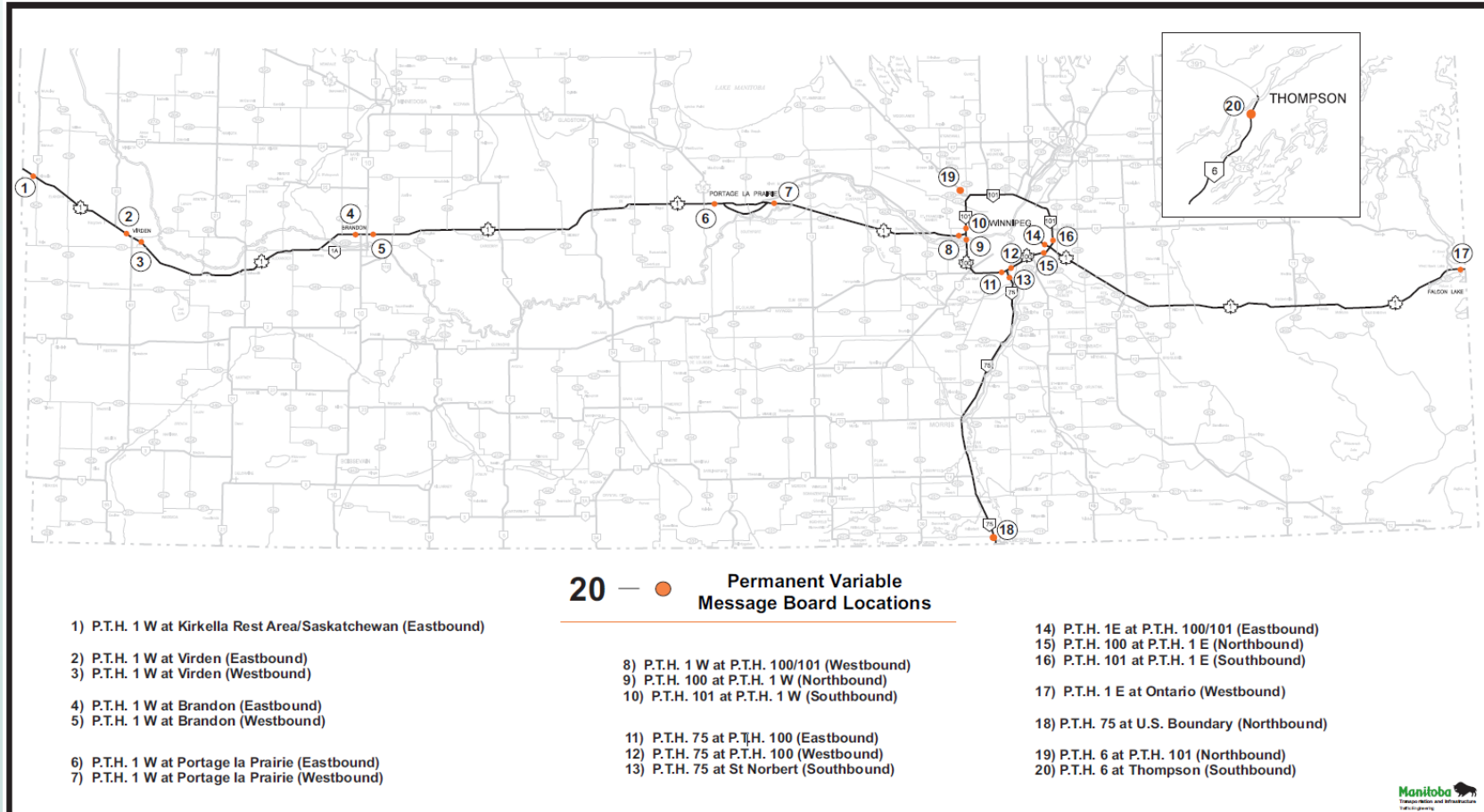
Working Group Updates

- Manitoba is participating on the Western Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Working Group
 - This group has been working on updates to the Western LCV MOU
- The Manitoba Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Working Group is meeting regularly (monthly) to review local Vehicle Weights and Dimensions issues, as well as issues raised at the Western and National group levels.
 - The group also works towards the implementation of loading classification changes to highways.

Permanent Variable Message Sign Project



Permanent Variable Message Sign Project (Cont'd)



Other Manitoba Projects

PTH 1 and PTH 5 Interchange

- Premier Kinew recently announced a new interchange at the intersection of PTH 1 and PTH 5, near Carberry, Manitoba

Pilot Vehicles

- Manitoba is considering a Pilot Vehicle Working Group

Canadian Crane Rental Association (CCRA)

Rest Areas

- Manitoba has officially opened a permanent accessible rest area at Devils Lake on PTH 6.

Thank You

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