

**Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Program**

**FY2024 Request: \$6,500,000**  
**Reference No: 34752**

**AP/AL:** Allocation **Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety  
**Category:** Transportation  
**Location:** Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)  
**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Judy Chapman  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-6971  
**Appropriation:** Statewide Federal Programs

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Federal authority is requested for this project to reduce the number and severity of accidents involving commercial vehicles through safety inspections, educational programs, and compliance reviews.

State funds requested will provide much needed repair or replacement of scale components necessary to continue to operate weigh stations. Major issues needing to be remedied include scale software, signage, scale decks, foundations, and pavement surfaces.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>FY2028</b>	<b>FY2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000				\$16,500,000
1004 Gen Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000				\$3,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,500,000</b>	<b>\$6,500,000</b>	<b>\$6,500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,500,000</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

- Sec8 Ch1 SLA2022 P79 L21 HB69 \$1,000,000
- Sec1 Ch3 SLA2019 P8 L16 SB19 \$5,500,000
- Sec1 Ch19 SLA2018 P11 L20 SB142 \$5,500,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P9 L8 SB23 \$5,500,000
- Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P80 L27 SB18 \$3,650,000
- Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P137 L9 SB160 \$1,750,000
- Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P102 L14 SB46 \$400,000
- Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P38 L22 SB230 \$1,600,000

**Project Description/Justification:**

**Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) - \$2,700,000**  
**(Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration 85 percent / State Match 15 percent)**

Implement commercial motor vehicle strategies that increase safety and reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities in the State of Alaska. Activities include driver and vehicle inspections, traffic enforcement,

public education and awareness, and data collection. This grant will also include border enforcement activities, new entrant safety audits and carrier reviews, and maintenance and operations costs related to data quality and information systems.

**High Priority Program - \$1,300,000****(Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration 85 percent / State Match 15 percent)**

Grant funding to carry out high priority activities and projects that augment MCSAP activities and projects in the State of Alaska and to target unsafe driving of commercial motor vehicles in areas identified as high risk crash corridors.

Conduct the Performance and Registration Information Systems Management program that ensures carriers that are under a Federal Out of Service Order are not able to register vehicles under an assumed carrier and continue unsafe operation in the State of Alaska.

Conduct Safety Data Improvement program projects to improve crash data reporting accuracy and timeliness throughout the State of Alaska.

**Innovative Technology Deployment (ITD) Program - \$1,500,000****(Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration 85 percent / State Match 15 percent)**

Grant funding to advance the technological capability and promote the deployment of intelligent transportation system applications in the State of Alaska for commercial motor vehicle operations, including commercial motor vehicle, commercial driver, and carrier-specific information systems and networks.

**State Funded Request Background:** Weigh station activity is a mandatory requirement per 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 657 for size and weight certification. Fully functioning weigh station equipment is essential for a successful Size and Weight Plan. The maintenance of weigh station equipment has diminished as five year scale warranties continue to expire.

**657.13 Certification requirement.**

Each State shall certify to the Federal Highway Administrator, before January 1 of each year, that it is enforcing all state laws respecting maximum vehicle size and weight permitted on what, prior to October 1, 1991, were the Federal-aid Primary, Secondary, and Urban Systems, including the Interstate System, in accordance with 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) 127. The states must also certify that they are enforcing and complying with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) freeze on the use of light commercial vehicles and other multi-unit vehicles. The certification shall be supported by information on activities and results achieved during the preceding 12-month period ending on September 30 of each year.

**657.15 Certification content.**

The certification shall consist of the following elements and each element shall be addressed even though the response is negative:

**(a)** A statement by the Governor of the state, or an official designated by the Governor, that the state's vehicle weight laws and regulations governing use of the Interstate System conform to 23 U.S.C. 127.

**(b)** A statement by the Governor of the state, or an official designated by the Governor, that all state size and weight limits are being enforced on the Interstate System and those routes which, prior to October 1, 1991, were designated as part of the Federal-aid primary, Federal-aid secondary, or Federal-aid urban systems, and that the state is enforcing and complying with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 127(d) and 49 U.S.C. 31112. Urbanized areas not subject to state jurisdiction shall be identified. The statement shall include an analysis of enforcement efforts in such areas.

**(c)** Except for Alaska and Puerto Rico, the certifying statements required by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall be worded as follows (the statements for Alaska and Puerto Rico do not have to reference 23 U.S.C. 127(d) in (c)(2), or include paragraph (c)(3) of this section.

**657.19 Effect of failure to certify or to enforce State laws adequately.**

If a state fails to certify as required by this regulation or if the Secretary determines that a state is not adequately enforcing all state laws respecting maximum vehicle sizes and weights on the Interstate System and those routes which, prior to October 1, 1991, were designated as part of the Federal-aid primary, Federal-aid secondary or Federal-aid urban systems, notwithstanding the state's certification, the Federal-aid funds for the National Highway System apportioned to the state for the next fiscal year shall be reduced by an amount equal to ten percent of the amount which would otherwise be apportioned to the State under 23 U.S.C. 104, and/or by the amount required pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 127.

**Current Status:** Major issues that need to be remedied include scale software, signage, scale decks, foundations, and pavement surfaces.