



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

4c
Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 5-22-18

Title of Item: Road Construction Materials Special Permit

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>

Submitted by: John Welle	Department: Highway
------------------------------------	-------------------------------

Presenter (Name and Title): John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer	Estimated Time Needed: 20 minutes
--	---

Summary of Issue:
The Minnesota Legislature in 2017 took action to allow the issuance of a road construction materials special permit by MnDOT and local road authorities. A copy of the enabling statute, M.S. 169.869, is attached. A summary of this permit is as follows:

- permit is issued on an annual basis and is applicable to the hauling of road construction materials only
- permits issued by MnDOT are valid only on the state highway system
- local road authorities are authorized to issue this permit, which is valid only on roads under that their jurisdiction
- permit allows vehicles with six or more axles to haul 90,000 pounds, cost is \$300 per vehicle per year
- permit allows vehicles with seven or more axles to haul 97,000 pounds, cost is \$500 per vehicle per year
- during winter weight increase period, the permit allows vehicles with six or more axles to haul 99,000 pounds
- local preferred routes can be established for operation under this permit

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:
It is Aitkin County's option to either offer this special hauling permit, or to not offer this special hauling permit. At least one local contractor has inquired whether this permit would be available for hauling on Aitkin County highways.

Recommended Action/Motion:
Discussion with potential action by motion.

Financial Impact:
Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No
What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$
Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*

169.869 ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS SPECIAL PERMIT.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "road construction materials" means street or highway construction materials, including but not limited to aggregate material as defined in section 298.75, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), hot mix asphalt, plastic concrete, cementitious materials, concrete admixtures, asphalt cement, and recycled road materials.

Subd. 2. **Six-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit authorizing a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total of six or more axles to haul road construction materials and be operated with a gross vehicle weight of up to:

- (1) 90,000 pounds; and
- (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826, subdivision 1.

(b) The fee for a permit issued under this subdivision is \$300, or a proportional amount as provided in section 169.86, subdivision 5.

Subd. 3. **Seven-axle vehicles.** (a) A road authority may issue an annual permit authorizing a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total of seven or more axles to haul road construction materials and be operated with a gross vehicle weight of up to:

- (1) 97,000 pounds; and
- (2) 99,000 pounds during the period set by the commissioner under section 169.826, subdivision 1.

(b) The fee for a permit issued under this subdivision is \$500, or a proportional amount as provided in section 169.86, subdivision 5.

Subd. 4. **Authority; restrictions.** A vehicle or combination of vehicles operating under this section:

- (1) may only be operated on paved or unpaved streets and highways, other than interstate highways;
- (2) must comply with the requirements and restrictions in section 169.865, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), (5), (7), and (8); and
- (3) must be operated in compliance with truck route requirements and vehicle weight restrictions, as established under section 169.87, subdivision 1, by a local road authority or the commissioner.

Subd. 5. **Revenues.** Revenue from the permits issued by the commissioner under this section must be deposited in the bridge inspection and signing account under section 169.86, subdivision 5b.

Subd. 6. **Expiration date.** Upon request of the permit applicant, the expiration date for a permit issued under this section must be the same as the expiration date of the permitted vehicle's registration.

Subd. 7. **Permit information.** The commissioner must make information available to local road authorities on an Internet Web site that identifies permit issuances under this section and the counties in which a vehicle with a permit is intended to be operated.

Subd. 8. **Local preferred routes.** A local road authority may identify local preferred routes for operating a vehicle on local streets and highways under a permit issued in this section. A holder of a permit issued in this section and any person seeking to apply for a permit are encouraged to:

- (1) upon request of a local road authority, provide comment on identification of preferred routes; and

(2) make reasonable efforts to operate a vehicle on the preferred routes when operating under the permit.

History: *1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 72*