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Memorandum

To: Distribution

From: Jake Goettle, PE
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Subject: Construction Detours-MCS Over-width Permits

This is a reminder to make the necessary notification to Motor Carrier Services (MCS) for construction detours (this includes four lanes to two lanes detours on the Interstate system) any time a project will result in a detour of oversize loads.

When placing width restrictions on any segment of highway the MCS permit office must be afforded at least 10 days' notice. If such a restriction is the result of an emergency, then do your best to advise the MCS office as soon as possible.

MDT issues over-width permits up to 15 feet wide, on an annual basis, in addition to all the permits issued daily from the MCS office and through the computer system. Advanced notice is required to alert the MCS offices, scales, annual permit holders and to update the web page. If we are successful in giving MCS sufficient lead time we will reduce the complications caused when a wide load enters a restricted area and greatly reduce the number of complaints received.

The following are MCS Contacts in Priority order. These are **INTERNAL** Phone Numbers Only.

Project Coordinator	444-0816
License and Permit Supervisor	444-7629
Commercial Vehicle Operations Bureau Chief	444-6139
Administrator	444-6140
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