



Supporting America's Truck Drivers



In response to the President's Executive Order, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) are announcing a series of new initiatives, pilot programs, and regulatory updates designed to support America's truck drivers. These actions focus on critical areas such as truck parking, regulatory relief, driver flexibility, and drive resource modernization, underscoring the Department's commitment to the critical truck drivers who keep our economy moving.

Expand Truck Parking and Improve Safety:

A lack of available, safe truck parking is a critical safety issue for Commercial Motor Vehicle drivers. To address this, the USDOT is highlighting new investments and commitments.

- **Investing in Capacity:** USDOT is advancing more than \$275 million in grant funding to expand truck parking availability. Notably, Florida will sign a \$180 million grant in the coming weeks to address the unmet truck parking demand along the I-4 corridor. This project will add 917 new truck parking spaces across Volusia, Seminole, and Osceola Counties.
- **Affirming National Priority:** A new memo affirming that truck parking is a national priority under "Jason's Law" (Section 1401 of MAP-21) and clarifies the broad eligibility of Federal-aid highway programs and discretionary grants for truck parking projects.

Provide Regulatory Relief and Flexibility:

FMCSA is taking decisive action to remove burdensome regulations and provide drivers with more control over their operations.

- **Withdrawal of Speed Limiter Rulemaking:** FMCSA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) are withdrawing a joint rulemaking that proposed to require speed-limiting devices on heavy vehicles. This decision respects the professionalism of drivers and acknowledges the proposed rulemaking lacked a sufficiently clear and compelling safety justification.
- **Deregulatory Initiative:** FMCSA's deregulatory initiative is slashing red tape and eliminating burdensome regulations, which generated nearly 25,000 unnecessary violations in 2024. The proposed actions eliminate over 1,800 words from federal regulations and are estimated to save the motor carrier industry millions annually.
- **ELD Exemption Maintained:** The Secretary is committed to not extending the Electronic Logging Device (ELD) mandate to pre-2000 model year trucks.
- **Commitment to Address Unlawful Brokering:** To promote fairness and stability of the industry, FMCSA is renewing its focus on combating unlawful double brokering—a practice that directly harms drivers.



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Study Hours of Service Impact via Pilot Programs:

To improve driver working conditions and quality of life, FMCSA is launching two new pilot programs to study increased flexibility in hours-of-service regulations. The goal for each pilot is to gather data on whether giving drivers more control over their schedules can improve rest and enhance safety.

- **Flexible Sleeper Berth:** This pilot will allow participating drivers to split their 10-hour off-duty period into more flexible combinations, including 6/4 and 5/5 splits.
- **Split Duty Periods:** This pilot will allow participating drivers to pause their 14-hour on-duty period for a period of no less than 30 minutes and no more than 3 hours.

Modernize Driver Resources and Data Systems:

FMCSA is upgrading its digital tools to provide better support and due process for drivers.

- **Refreshed Driver Resources Webpage:** The FMCSA website now features a more user-friendly and mobile-friendly driver resources page. The page has clear sections for truck and bus drivers to quickly find relevant information.
- **DataQs System Update:** The agency is proposing revisions to the DataQs requirements for MCSAP grant funding to ensure proper due process for drivers. The goal is to improve the impartiality, timeliness, and fairness of the data review process.
- **National Consumer Complaint Database (NCCDB) Update:** The NCCDB, which receives 25,000-30,000 complaints annually, is being migrated to a modern customer service platform to be more user- and mobile-friendly. The first release is scheduled before September 30th, and the update will streamline the response process, improve response timeliness, and expand complaint categories to include property brokers.