



The Nation's Weigh Station Bypass System

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New PrePass Site in South Carolina Now Operational

South Carolina recently brought online its first PrePass facility, on Interstate 85 near Anderson, SC. With this opening, the PrePass system has now grown to 280 sites nationwide. This site was our twenty-first added in 2007, and there will continue to be even more growth and benefits for our customers coming in 2008!

Visit www.PrePass.com for a complete PrePass system map.

Important Reminders from the PrePass Driver Information Guide

- ❖ If your PrePass transponder gives a red light or no light when approaching an inspection facility, you **MUST** pull in if the site is open. Running the site may result in fines and possible suspension of PrePass privileges.
- ❖ Drivers that use PrePass are subject to manual vehicle inspections. Always carry valid copies of your vehicle registration, insurance and other operating credentials in your truck at all times.
- ❖ If you exit a freeway after receiving a PrePass signal but before reaching the weigh station, you **MUST** enter that facility when you return back to the roadway, even if you received a green light.
- ❖ In some cases, you may be required by states to pull in at their sites **even if you receive a green light on your transponder.** Please refer to the "Bypass Restrictions by State" on the back of your Driver Information Guide for the full list of exceptions.
- ❖ All oversize or overweight vehicles, even those with permitted loads, must pull in at most facilities. Refer to the "Bypass Restrictions by State" for more details.
- ❖ If drivers encounter changeable message signs that conflict with their PrePass signals, they are authorized to disregard the sign and follow the in-cab signal.
- ❖ In Ohio, carriers that haul hazmat and have an Alliance hazmat license should follow their in-cab signal and disregard hazmat signs that direct placarded carriers to pull into the scales.
- ❖ If you make changes to your vehicle registration or other credentials, be sure to notify us right away in order to avoid potential service interruptions.

Copies of the PrePass Driver Information Guide can be downloaded from www.PrePass.com/Forms and will also be mailed to customers in early 2008.

HELP Inc Elects New PrePass Leadership

Heavy Vehicle Electronic License Plate (HELP), Inc., the public-private partnership that provides the PrePass system, recently elected the following officers to two-year terms:

Chairman:

Joe Hill – Illinois DOT (Springfield, IL)

Vice Chairman:

Larry Davis – Ohio Trucking Assn (Columbus, OH)

Secretary/Treasurer:

John Prather – Groendyke Trans Inc (El Dorado, KS)

Joe Hill succeeds Duane Henn of Werner Enterprises as chairman. As vice chairman, Larry Davis will automatically ascend to the chairmanship of HELP in two years.

In addition, the following were elected to one-year terms:

Members at Large:

- Mike Akridge – Florida DOT (Tallahassee, FL)
- Rick Clasby – Utah DOT (Salt Lake City, UT)
- Dan Frieden – Venture Logistics Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)
- Gary Okes – Estes Express (Richmond, VA)
- Steve Vaughn – CA Highway Patrol (Sacramento, CA)

As stated by Dick Landis, President and CEO of HELP Inc, "The election of these officers will ensure vigorous volunteer leadership and geographic diversity as the PrePass system continues to grow and new services are developed for our customers. The slate of officers elected continues HELP's commitment to maintaining an equal balance between motor carrier and state officials. This careful balance has served our organization well, ensuring HELP focuses only on services in which carriers and their regulators benefit equally."

New Mexico Tax ID Going Paperless

Starting in January 2008, the state of New Mexico will no longer issue paper New Mexico Tax Identification Permits; everything will be done electronically. This means that you will no longer need to send us a copy of this permit in order for your vehicles to bypass in the state; you will only be asked to provide your New Mexico tax account number (also known as an "MTD" or "WTD" number). If you don't know your tax account number, you may obtain it by contacting the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Dept. at (505) 476-1552 or (505) 476-1553.