

**Number of vehicles whose loads are either shifted or offloaded**

Load shifting	4,709
Offloading	6,003

**(3) Number of permits issued for overweight loads**

Permit Type	Number Issued
Non-divisible trip permits	28,145
Non-divisible annual permits	6,129
Divisible trip permits	0
Divisible annual permits	0

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## Statement

Statement:

Copy of the document authorizing the designated official, which has been signed by the Governor (if this statement is made by an official other than the Governor):

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## New Law or Regulation

Copy of any State law or regulation pertaining to vehicle size and weight adopted since the State's last certification:

N/A

Analysis of the changes made:

N/A

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## Facilities and Equipment

### Permanent Scales

Total number:

1

Locations:

Interstate 20, Westbound, near Georgia State Line

Public Private (if any):

n/a

### Portable Scales

Number:

150

Type (if used in sets, list number comprising a set):

15 sets of 10, 10 scales for each of 14 teams and 10 scales used for backup in case weigh crew scales need to be repaired.

### Semiportable or Ramp Scales

Number:

2

Type (if used in sets, list number comprising a set):

2 used in set at Clanton Rest Area

### Weigh-in-motion (WIM) equipment

Total number:

14

Locations:

I-10 at MP 4.0; I-20 at MP 100.0, MP 211.0; I-65 at MP 21.0, MP 355.3; I-85 at MP 20.5; US 231 at MP 35.98, MP 92.0; US 84 at MP 49.7; US 280 at MP 54.0; US 78 at MP 154.7; US 43 at MP 45.5; AL 20 at MP 30.61

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## Resources

### Enforcement Agencies:

Agencies:

Alabama Department of Transportation	
Alabama Department of Public Safety	

Lead agency:

Alabama Department of Transportation
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### Personnel numbers from respective agencies assigned to weight enforcement:

Total number:

92
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Description:

66 Department of Transportation Personnel	
26 Department of Public Safety Personnel	
Personnel Department of Transportation	

### Funding:

Facilities total:

\$ 1,309,000
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Facilities detail:

\$ 200,000.00	Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	
\$ 200,000.00	Replace WIM system on US 43 in Sunflower	
\$ 186,000.00	Hire UofA to develop Pilot Car Certification	
\$ 38,000.00	Replace portable scales	
\$ 15,000.00	Replace Computer Equipment	

Personnel total:

\$ 4,620,000
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Personnel detail:

\$2,400,000.00	Annual expenditure for routine weight enforcement	
\$2,200,000.00	Reimbursement for weight enforcement troopers salaries, overtime, and travel expense	
\$ 20,000.00	Scale Certification	

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**Practices and Procedures**

**Proposed plan of operation, including geographical coverage and hours of operation, in general terms:**

**Proposed schedule of operation of fixed scale equipment:**

I-20 Cleburne County near Georgia state line. This state of the art facility which is equipped with ramp WIM (weigh in motion), high speed WIM in East bound lanes, 80 ft. platform scale, and Prepass as a means of electronic screening. This facility was

**Strategy for prevention of bypassing of fixed weighing facility location:**

We routinely station a portable scale team in the area of the weigh station to patrol bypass routes.

**Proposed schedule of deployment of portable scale equipment:**

The majority of the weight enforcement efforts are centered around patrol weighing. The weigh team either sets the scales up on a weigh lane constructed to allow a safe place to move the commercial vehicle out of the main travel lane or ride routes in

**Proposed schedule of deployment of semi-portable equipment:**

We currently use the I-65 Clanton Rest Area as a place to use our semi-portable wim scale unit.

**Policy and practices with respect to overweight violators:**

**Overweight violators:**

32-9-5. Misdemeanors.  
The operation of any truck, semi-trailer truck, or trailer in violation of any section of this chapter or of the terms of any permit issued under this chapter, shall constitute a

**Offloading requirements for divisible loads:**

31-9-31, Code of Alabama  
Any officer enumerated in Section 32-9-3 having reason to believe that the height, length, width, or weight of any truck semi-trailer truck, or trailer is in excess of the maximum

**Administrative variance from the legal requirement (if offloading is mandatory by law):**

None

Administrative guidelines (if off-loading is permissible by law):

None

**Policy and practices with respect to penalties:**

Penalties:

32-9-5. Misdemeanors.  
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Penalties for repeated violations:

None at this time. We now have the ability to track repeat violators thru e-citations

Administrative directives, booklets or other written criteria:

See Rules and Regulations

**Policy and practices with respect to special permits for overweight:**

Policy and practices:

The Alabama Department of Transportation issues the following permits: Single trip permits for nondivisible loads and Annual permits for nondivisible loads. A nondivisible load is defined as a load that cannot be readily dismantled or separated. We

Administrative directives, booklets or other written criteria:

Authority, 32-9-29, Code of Alabama (1975), as amended  
1 August 1981 Revision  
RULES AND REGULATIONS



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# Changes in Vehicle Size and Weight Laws and Regulations

Describe any modifications or additions to the plan based on experience and new developments in the enforcement program.

We are currently investigating changes to the Code of Alabama to allow joint use weigh stations with the State of Mississippi. We also are seeking to change the penalties for violators of section 32 to be an administrative fine to reduce court intervention. ALDOT working through the University of Alabama and other state regulatory agencies are working toward becoming

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### Goals

#### Short term (year beginning October 1 following submission of a vehicle size and weight enforcement plan):

- 1.) Weigh 125,000 vehicles on weigh station platform scales.
- 2.) Weigh 750,000 vehicles on WIMS.
- 3.) Weigh 55,000 vehicles with portable wheel weigher scales.

#### Medium term (2-4 years after submission of the enforcement plan):

- 1.) Work with the CVISN effort to change state codes to enhance safety and enforcement and to protect the public investment in the highway infrastructure.
- 2.) Continue to evaluate WIM data to enhance enforcement efforts.

#### Long term (5 years beyond the submission of the enforcement plan):

- 1.) Continue construction of permanent weigh stations when funding is available.
- 2.) Work with CVISN Initiative to bring Alabama into compliance.

#### Provision for annual review and update of vehicle size and weight enforcement plan (optional):

- 1.) The weigh station on I-20 at the Georgia line has exceeded our expectations and continues to provide an excellent enforcement effort.
- 2.) We continue to have success with patrol weighing and have

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# Evaluation

### Evaluation of enforcement operations:

We are currently using the most modern equipment and continue educating weight enforcement personnel while providing the safest work environment possible. Continuing the deployment of the CVISN effort and removing the exemptions in the Code of Alabama for weight on State and secondary roads is a high priority. We continually look for better ways to weigh more

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