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Coalition Against Bigger Trucks



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National nonprofit **grassroots** organization

over 3,000 individuals and organizations in **40 states**

Law enforcement, local government,
truck drivers, safety groups

financial support comes from
the railroad industry and
the trucking industry

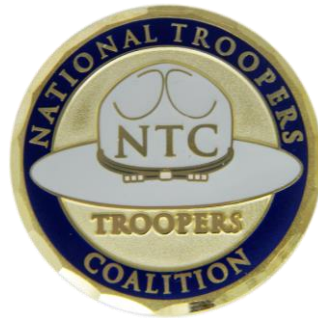


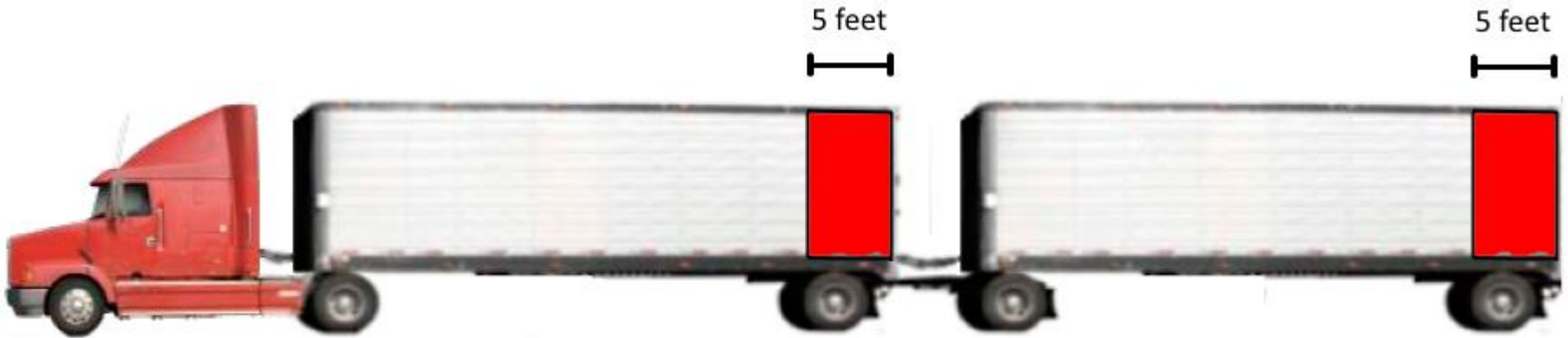
Who Wants Bigger Trucks?

A few large trucking companies and shipping companies
BUT

The trucking industry is deeply divided on these issues

Who Opposes Bigger Trucks?





91 feet/Double 33s



Single 53

USDOT Final Report, “...no changes in the relevant truck size and weight laws...”

Increased Infrastructure Damage:

Heavier Trucks:

- **Bridge Stress** – 97,000-pound, six-axle configuration would negatively effect more than 6,200 bridges, costing \$2.2 billion – federal roads

91 Foot Doubles:

- **Bridge Stress** - 2,500 bridges at \$1.1 billion
- **Increased pavement damage** - \$1.2 billion to \$1.8 billion in pavement damage *per year*
- The above on federal roads alone



USDOT Final Report – April 2016

Heavier Trucks:

- **18% higher braking out-of-service violations** as weight goes above 80,000 pounds versus trucks at 80,000 or below

Double Trucks:

- **58% higher out-of-service violation rates** for double trailer trucks compared to single trailer trucks

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety - December 2016

- **Any large truck with an out of service violation is 362% more likely to be involved in an accident**

July 2018 Bigger Trucks Legislative Update

Coalition blocks Double 33s & heavier singles - even though both were the focus of heavy lobbying by proponents

Appropriations

- Double 33s amendment pulled before House & Senate Appropriations Committee votes
- Heavier-truck pilot project amendment not offered

Infrastructure Funding Bill

- No movement yet this Congress

The Battle on Two New Fronts

The threat level has ramped up in recent years with two new, single issue organizations established to replace the deeply divided American Trucking Associations:

- *Safer Hauling & Infrastructure Preservation Coalition*
 - Increased Weight
 - Anheuser-Bush, AgTC, American Forest & Paper Coalition, American Soybean Association
- *Americans for Modern Transportation*
 - Double 33s and LCVs
 - FedEx, UPS, Amazon

Virginia By the Numbers

9,101 bridges in Virginia are in fair/poor condition, according to 2017 FHWA data--that is over **65 percent of all bridges** across the Commonwealth.

Forty-one percent of Virginia's major roads are in poor or mediocre condition. Driving on roads in need of repair costs Virginia motorists \$3 billion a year in extra vehicle repairs and operating costs. (The Road Information Program or TRIP)

20 percent of Virginia's rural roads are rated in poor condition - **the 14th highest rate in the nation** - and 24 percent are rated in mediocre condition. (TRIP)

The rate of traffic fatalities on Virginia's non-Interstate, rural roads – 2.46 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles of travel – is the **11th highest rate in the nation.** (TRIP)

A large, deep pothole in asphalt pavement. The pothole is filled with a muddy, brownish liquid. The surrounding asphalt is cracked and shows signs of wear. The text 'CABT' is overlaid in large white letters across the pothole.

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