## Chapter Trans 276

# SIZE AND WEIGHT OF VEHICLES AND VEHICLE COMBINATIONS 

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Note: Chapter Trans 276 was created by emergency rule effective June 5, 1984.
Trans 276.01 General. (1) SCOPE. This chapter identifies and designates a list of qualifying highways for the operation of vehicles and combinations of vehicles the overall lengths of which cannot be limited. In addition, this chapter clarifies other statutory provisions or federal rules affecting the weight, width and length of vehicles and combinations of vehicles and the number of vehicles in combination.
(2) Policy. This policy is intended to permit Wisconsin to comply with federal law, to provide guidance to vehicle users and law enforcement authorities for safe and lawful operations, and to continue the reasonable enforcement of Wisconsin vehicle size and combination laws.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; am. (1), Register, July, 1991, No. 427, eff. 8-1-91.

Trans 276.02 Definitions. (1) In this chapter words and phrases have the meanings designated in chs. 340 and 348, Stats., and ch. Trans 250, unless a different meaning is expressly provided in this chapter.
(2) In this chapter:
(a) "Boat haulaway" means any vehicle combination designed and used specifically to transport assembled boats and boat hulls. Boats may be partially disassembled to facilitate transporting.
(b) "Double saddlemount combination" means a saddlemount combination consisting of a towing vehicle and 2 towed vehicles. It may include a fullmount in addition to the towing and 2 towed vehicles.
(c) "Fullmount" means a smaller vehicle mounted completely on the frame of either the first or last vehicle in a saddlemount combination.
(d) "National network" means all portions of the national system of interstate and defense highways in Wisconsin and all other highways in Wisconsin listed in appendix A to 23 CFR 658.
(e) "Saddle" means a mechanism that connects the front axle of a towed vehicle in a saddlemount combination to the frame or fifth wheel of the vehicle in front of it and functions like a fifth wheel kingpin connection.
(f) 'Saddlemount combination" means a combination of vehicles in which a truck or truck-tractor tows one or more trucks or truck-tractors, each connected by a saddle to the vehicle in front of it.
(g) "Stinger-steered automobile haulaway" means a truck-tractor semitrailer combination, used to transport operational automobiles, wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame behind and below the rearmost axle of the power unit.
(h) "Stinger-steered boat haulaway" means a truck-tractor semitrailer combination used to transport assembled or partially assembled boats and boat hulls, wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame behind and below the rearmost axle of the power unit.
(i) 'Triple saddlemount combination" means a saddlemount combination consisting of a towing vehicle and 3 towed vehicles. It may include a fullmount in addition to the towing and 3 towed vehicles.

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Trans 276.03 Safety devices-width exclusion. (1) The devices in this subsection are designated as safety devices as required under 23 CFR 658.5 (g) and 23 CFR 658.15 and are not included in the calculation of width:
(a) Rear-view mirrors;
(b) Turn-signal lamps;
(c) Hand-holds for cab entry and egress;
(d) Splash and spray suppressant devices;
(e) Load induced tire bulge.
(2) The devices in this subsection are determined to be safety devices and are not to be included in the calculation of width provided such devices do not extend beyond 3 inches on each side of a vehicle.
(a) Door hardware, including door handles and locking devices.
(b) Load tie down devices.
(c) Toe holds or retractable steps.

Note: The 3-inch limit is imposed by 23 CFR 658.15. The secretary is authorized to designate additional devices in s. 348.05 ( 2 m ), Stats.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85.
Trans 276.04 Width, metric equivalent. For purposes of enforcement of ch. 348 , Stats., 23 CFR 658, and this chapter, the approximate metric equivalent of 102 inches is deemed to be within the 102 limit of s. 348.05 , Stats. The approximate metric equivalent of 102 inches is 2.6 meters, which equals approximately 102.36 inches.

Note: The use of the metric equivalent of 102 inches is authorized in 23 CFR 658.15.
History: Cr. Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85.
Trans 276.05 Automobile haulaways. For enforcement purposes:
(1) The provision of s. 348.07 (2) (g), Stats., which limits the length of a trailer or semitrailer in a 2-vehicle combination to 48 feet does not apply to an automobile or boat haulaway provided the automobile or boat haulaway does not exceed 66 feet in length plus the authorized front and rear overhangs. This subsection applies to both designated and non-designated highways.
(2) An automobile or boat haulaway exceeding 66 feet in length may operate on designated highways and 5 -mile access routes provided the trailer or semitrailer portion of the combination does not exceed 48 feet plus authorized rear overhang.
(3) A stinger-steered automobile or boat haulaway exceeding 66 feet in length may operate on the national network and 5 -mile access routes providing its overall length does not exceed 75 feet plus overhangs of not more than 3 feet to the front and 4 feet to the rear.

[^0][^1]History: Cr. Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff, 1-1-85; am. Register, July, 1992, No. 439, eff. 8-1-92; am. Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93.

Trans 276.07 Designated highways. The following highways are designated for purposes of the operation of the specified vehicles and combinations with lengths as stated in s. 348.07 (4), Stats.:

|  | Route | From | To |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { USH } 2 \\ & \text { USH } 2 \end{aligned}$ | MN Line at Superior | MI Line at Hurley |
|  |  | MI Line W. of Florence | MI Line E. of |
|  |  |  | Florence |
| (2) | USH 8 | MN Line at St. Croix Falls | MI Line at Norway, MI |
| (3) | USH 10 | MN Line at Prescott | IH 43 N . of Manito- |
|  | STH 11 | USH 61-151 E. of | USH 51 in Janes |
|  |  | buque, Iowa | UsH 51 in Jane |
|  | STH 11 | IH 90 E. of Janesville | USH 14-STH 89, 5 miles W. of Delavan |
|  | STH 11 | IH 43 E . of Elkhorn | STH 31 in Racine |
|  | USH 12 | STH 79 N.W. of Menomonie | STH 25 in Menomonie |
|  | USH 12 | IH 94-CTH "EE" W. of Eau Claire | USH 10 at Fairchild |
|  | USH 12 | IH 90-94 at Lake Delton | IL Line at Genoa City |
|  | STH 13 | STH 82 S . of Adams | Bayfield |
|  | USH 14 | MN Line at LaCrosse | IL Line |
| (4) | STH 16 | CTH " $J$ " N. of Rockland | IH 90 E. of Sparta |
|  | STH 16 | STH 78 at Portage | IH 94 N. of Waukesha |
|  | STH 17 | USH 8 in Rhinelander | Phelps |

Route
USH 18
USH 18
STH 19
(5) STH 20

STH 21
STH 22
STH 22
STH 22
STH 23
STH 23
(5m) STH 22
(6) STH 25

STH 26
STH 26
STH 27
STH 27
STH 28
STH 28
STH 29
STH 29
STH 29
STH 29
(7) STH 30

STH 31
STH 32
STH 32
STH 32
STH 32
STH 32
STH 33
STH 34
(8) STH 35

STH 35
STH 35
STH 35
STH 35
STH 36
STH 37
STH 39
(8m) STH 37
(9) STH 40

From To
IA Line at Prairie du Chien
STH 164 E . of Waukesha Waunakee

IH 94 W . of Racine
STH 27 in Sparta
USH 51 at North Leeds
STH 76 W. of Bear Creek
STH 29 E . of Shawano
STH 11 E. of Shullsburg.
USH 51 in Endeavor
USH 45 in Clintonville
Minnesota Line
IH 90 at Janesville
USH 151 N.E. of Waupun
USH 18 in Prairie du Chien
USH 14 S.E. of Viroqua
STH 33 in Horicon
STH 144 S . of Boltonville
USH 10 in Prescott
IH 94 W. of Elk Mound
STH 124 S . of Chippewa Falls
USH 141 at Bellevue
USH 151 in Madison
Illinois Line
IH 43 in River Hills
IH 43 N. of Port Washington
USH 41 N. of De Pere
USH 8 in Laona
USH 45 in Three Lakes
STH 80 in Union Center
STH 13 in Wisconsin
Rapids
STH 11 N.E. of E. Dubuque
STH 93 at Centerville
USH 10 in Prescott
USH 8 in St. Croix Falls
STH 70 N. of Siren
STH 11 at Burlington
USH 10 at Mondovi
USH 151 in Mineral Point
STH 88 S . of Mondovi
IH 94 N.W. of Elk Mound

STH 134 N . of Cambridge
IH 94 E. of Waukesha
STH 16 E. of
Watertown
STH 31 in Racine
USH 41 at Oshkosh
STH 54 S . of Manawa
USH 45 in Clintonville
USH 41 in Oconto
IH 90-94 W. of Lake Delton
Taylor Drive in
Sheboygan
STH 29 in Shawano
USH 8 in Barron
USH 151 S.E. of
Waupun
USH 41 S.W. of
Oshkosh
STH 171 at Mt. Sterling
USH 8 in Ladysmith
USH 45 in Kewaskum
STH 57 at Waldo
STH 35 in River Falls
USH 53 at Chippewa Falls
USH 41 in Green Bay
STH 42 in Kewaunee
IH 90-94 E. of
Madison
STH 20 in Racine
IH 43 E. of Grafton
STH 57 in De Pere
STH 22 in Gillett
STH 55 in Crandon
MI Line in Land
O'Lakes
STH 32 in Port Washington
USH 51 N.E. of
Knowlton
USH 14 at West Ave-
nue in La Crosse
USH 63 at Hager City
IH 94 E. of Hudson
STH 48 in Frederic
IH 535 in Superior
USH 45 in Franklin
USH 12 in Eau Claire
STH 69 in Monticello
USH 10 in Mondovi
STH 64 N. of Bloomer

## Route

 USH 41
## USH 41

USH 41
STH 42
STH 42
IH 43
STH 44
(10) USH 45

USH 45
USH 45
STH 47
STH 47
STH 48
STH 49
(11) STH 50

USH 51
USH 51
USH 51
STH 52
USH 53
USH 53
STH 54
STH 54
(11m) USH 51
(12) STH 57

STH 57
STH 59
STH 59
(13) STH 60

USH 61
USH 61
USH 63
STH 64
STH 64
(14) STH 65

STH 66
STH 67
STH 67
STH 68

## From

To
IH $94 \mathrm{~S} . \mathrm{W}$. of Oak
Creek
Garfield Avenue in Milwaukee
MI Line at Marinette
STH 32 at Howards Grove
STH 57 S.W. of Sturgeon Bay
USH 41 in Howard USH 41 S .W. of Oshkosh
CTH "B" in Eden
STH 150 W . of Menasha
MI Line at Land O'Lakes
STH 29 in Shawano
USH 8 W . of Rhinelander
STH 87 S . of
Grantsburg
Grantsburg
USH 10 at Weyauwega
45th Ave. in Kenosha
USH 14 at Janesville
STH 16 S.E. of Port-
age
USH 2 N. of Hurley
USH 45 in Antigo
USH 10 in Osseo
IH 535 in Superior
STH 80 at Dexterville
USH 41 at Green Bay
Broad St. in Beloit
STH 172 S. of Green Bay
Sturgeon Bay
USH 14 in Union
USH 164 E. of Waukesha
IH 43 E. of Grafton
STH 129 S.E. of
Lancaster
MN Line at La Crosse
USH 2 W. of Ashland
STH 13 in Medford
USH 41 in Marinette
STH 64 at New
Richmond
Rosholt
STH 28 in Mayville
USH 151 N. of Kiel
STH 49 at Waupun

| Route | From | To |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| STH 69 | IL Line | CTH "PB" at Paoli |
| (15) STH 70 | STH 48 in Grantsburg | USH 53-63 in Spooner |
| STH 71 | STH 54 at Melrose | STH 80 in Elroy |
| STH 73 | IH 90 N . of Edgerton | STH 19 in Marshall |
| STH 73 | USH 151 S.W. of Columbus | STH 54 in Wisconsin Rapids |
| STH 73 | STH 13 W. of Pittsville | STH 64 S. of Gilman |
| (15m) STH 70 | MN Line | STH 48 in Grantsburg |
| (16) STH 76 | USH 10 W . of Appleton | USH 45 at Greenville |
| STH 78 | IH 90-94 S. of Portage | USH 51 N. of Portage |
| STH 79 | USH 12 N.W. of Menomonie | STH 170 at Boyceville |
| (17) STH 80 | STH 11 S . of Cuba City | USH 14 at Richland Center |
| STH 80 | STH 33 in Union Center | STH 13 at Pittsville |
| STH 81 | STH 35 N.E. of Beetown | STH 23 S. of Darlington |
| STH 81 | STH 11 N . of Monroe | STH 11 S. of Brodhead |
| STH 82 | STH 80 N. of Elroy | USH 51 W . of Montello |
| STH 83 | STH 167 S. of Hartford | STH 60 in Hartford |
| STH 85 | USH 10 in Durand | STH 37 S.W. of Eau Claire |
| STH 87 | USH 8 in St. Croix Falls | STH 48 S . of Grantsburg |
| STH 89 | USH 14 N . of Darien | USH 12 in Whitewater |
| STH 89 | IH 94 at Lake Mills | STH 73 in Columbus |
| (17m) STH 81 | STH 11 S. of Brodhead | STH 213 in Beloit |
| (18) IH 90 | MN Line at La Crosse | IL Line at Beloit |
| STH 92 | STH 69 W. of Belleville | STH 69 in Belleville |
| STH 93 | USH 53 in Galesville | USH 53 in Eau Claire |
| IH 94 | MN Line at Hudson | IL Line S. of Pleasant Prairie |
| STH 95 | USH 53 at Blair | STH 73 S . of Neillsville |
| STH 97 | STH 13 in Marshfield | STH 29 S . of Athens |
| STH 98 | STH 73 W . of Loyal | STH 13 in Spencer |
| (19) STH 100 | IH 94 in Oak Creek | IH 43 in Milwaukee |
| STH 103 | STH 49 S | Co. 151 at LaMartine |
| (20) STH 110 | USH 41 at Oshkosh | USH 10 E. of Fremont |
| STH 117 | STH 29-47 in Bonduel | STH 22 in Cecil |
| STH 119 | IH 94 in Milwaukee | STH 38 in Milwaukee |
| (21) STH 121 | STH 93 in Independence | USH 53 in Pigeon Falls |
| STH 124 | USH 53 N. of Eau Claire | STH 64 E. of Bloomer |
| STH 128 | STH 29 in Spring Valley | STH 170 in Glenwood |
|  |  | City |
| STH 129 | USH 61 S.E. of Lancaster | USH 61 N.E. of |
|  |  | Lancaster STH 56 at Viola |
| $\begin{aligned} \text { (22) STH } 131 \\ \text { STH } \\ 131 \end{aligned}$ | USH 14-61 at Readstown STH 71 in Wilton | STH 56 at Viola IH 90 S. of Tomah |
| STH 133 | USH 61 in Boscobel | USH 14 N. of Lone |
|  |  | Rock |
| STH 138 | STH 14 in Oregon | USH 51 W . of Stoughton |

Route
STH 139
(23) USH 141

USH 141
STH 144
STH 145
(24) STH 150

USH 151
USH 151
USH 151. STH 23 in Fond du Lac
USH 158
STH 164
STH 164
STH 165
STH 170
STH 172
STH 173 STH 21 W . of Wyeville
STH 175 STH 67 in Lomira
STH 178
(25) STH 186

STH 190
STH 194 STH 27 W . of Sheldon
(26) STH 213

STH 310
IH 535 5th St. in Superior
IH 794 IH 43-94 in Milwaukee
IH 894 IH 94 W . of Milwaukee
(26m) STH 213 Broad St. in Beloit
(27) CALUMET COUNTY:

CTH "PP" STH 57 S. of Hilbert
(28) CHIPPEWA COUNTY:

CTH "S" STH 124 N. of Chippewa Falls
CTH " S " Jim Falls
CTH "Y" STH 124 W . of Jim Falls
(29) COLUMBIA COUNTY:

CTH "AW" STH 73 N . of Randolph
(30) DANE COUNTY:

CTH " $N$ " USH 51 in Stoughton
CTH "PB" STH 69 at Paoli
(31) DODGE COUNTY:

CTH "A" STH 26 S . of Juneau
CTH "A" STH 33 W. of Fox Lake
CTH "AW" West County Line

To
Long Lake
STH 29 at Bellevue
USH 8 S.E. of Niagara
STH 57 at Random Lake
USH 41-45 in
Milwaukee
USH 41 at Neenah
S. Park St. in Madison

USH 41 in Fond du
Lac
USH 10 at Manitowoc
STH 31 in Kenosha
USH 18 E . of Waukesha
STH 74 in Sussex
STH 31 in Kenosha
STH 79 in Boyceville
IH 43 S.E. of Green
Bay
STH 73 in Nekoosa
CTH "P's. of Theresa
Jim Falls
USH 10 in Auburndale
STH 100 in Wauwatosa
CTH "G" in Sheldon
USH 14 in Evansville
STH 42 in Two Rivers
MN Line at Superior
Car Ferry Dr. in Milwaukee
IH 94 S. of Milwaukee
STH 81 in Beloit
USH 10 in Brillion
STH 178 N. of Chippewa Falls
STH 27 E. of Jim Falls Jim Falls

## East County Line

IH 90 N . of Stoughton
USH 18-151 E. of Verona

STH 68 at Fox Lake
North County Line
STH 49 W . of Waupun


Route<br>(40m) CITY OF BELOIT:<br>Broad St. STH 213 in Beloit<br>(41) CITY OF FOND DU LAC:<br>Pioneer Rd. Johnson Street Scott St. Pioneer Road<br>(43) CITY OF JANESVILLE:<br>Delavan Dr. USH 51<br>(44) CITY OF MILWAUKEE: Silver 73rd Street Spring Dr.<br>(44m) CITY OF RIPON:<br>Douglas St. E. Fond du Lac St.<br>Oshkosh St. W. Fond du Lac St.<br>(45) CITY OF SUN PRAIRIE:<br>Main St. USH 151<br>\section*{From}

Note: The county trunk highways and other local roads or streets designated by s. Trans 276.07 (27) through (45) may be subject to weight restrictions imposed by local authorities and not known to the department. Seasonal weight restrictions may be imposed by local authorities under s. 349.16, Stats., but must be posted. Under s. 349.15, Stats., county trunk highways may be designated as Class " $B$ " highways by the county highway committee. Similarly, other local authorities may designate highways they maintain as Class " $B$ ". Wheel, axle, axle group and gross weights are limited on Class " B " highways as provided by s. 348.16, Stats. Neither posting of Class " $B$ " designations nor notification to the department is required. Therefore, the department recommends that motor carriers avoid overweight violations by verifying the applicable weight limits on these highways with the local authorities, before use.

Note: See s. Trans 276.09 (1) regarding applicability of s . Trans 276.07 (11m), (17m), $(26 \mathrm{~m})$ and $(40 \mathrm{~m})$.

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Trans 276.075 Designated access routes. The following highway is designated for the purpose of the operation of the specified vehicles and combinations with lengths as provided in s. 348.07 (4), Stats., to gain access to locations within the 5 mile limit as provided in s. 348.07 (4), Stats.:
Route
USH $12 \quad$ From
USH 128 E. of Hersey

History: Cr. Register, July, 1992, No. 439, eff. 8-1-92.
Trans 276.08 Detours, bypasses and alternate routes. When a highway designated in s. Trans 276.07 or 276.075 is closed and detoured as authorized by s. 84.02 (10) (b), Stats., vehicles being operated under ss. 348.07 (2) (f), (fm), (gm), (gr), (4) and 348.08 (1) (e), Stats., may be operated

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on the detour until the regular route of the highway is reopened to traffic. When a bypass or alternate route is recommended by the department for a highway designated in s. Trans 276.07 or 276.075 in order to reduce congestion, improve access or improve public safety, vehicles being operated under ss. 348.07 (2) (f), (fm), (gm), (gr), (4) and 348.08 (1) (e), Stats., may be operated on the recommended bypass or alternate route. Notice of a recommended bypass or alternate route may be given by signs or other appropriate methods.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1991, No. 432, eff. 1-1-92; emerg. am. eff. 11-24-93; am. Register, April, 1994, No. 460, eff. 5-1-94.

Trans 276.09 Applicability. (1) The treatment of s. Trans 276.07 (11m), $(17 \mathrm{~m}),(26 \mathrm{~m})$ and ( 40 m ) applies beginning January 1, 1992, and ending when any one of the following occur:
(a) The department determines, by rule, that the state of Illinois has designated Illinois state trunk highway 26 from the Wisconsin border to U.S. highway 20, north of Freeport, Illinois, as a designated highway for the operation of vehicles and combinations of vehicles the overall length of which cannot be limited.
(b) The department, as a result of the Rock County Transportation Study authorized by 1989 Wis. Act 31, Section 3053 (7e), determines and designates a more feasible alternative route than the route provided under s. Trans 276.07 ( 11 m ), ( 17 m ), ( 26 m ) and ( 40 m ).
(c) On January 1, 1996.
(2) The treatment of s . Trans 276.07 ( 15 m ) applies when the state of Minnesota has designated Minnesota state trunk highway 70/county trunk highway 110 from the Wisconsin border to interstate highway 35.
(3) The treatment of s . Trans 276.07 ( 5 m ) applies after the segment of STH 22 from the Waupaca-Shawano county line to Shawano is reconstructed and all detours are removed in 1996.

Note: Sections Trans 276.07 (11m), 17 m ), ( 26 m ) and ( 40 m ) and 276.09 (1) shall expire on December 31, 1995.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8-1-90; 276.09 renum. to (1), cr. (2), Register, May, 1991, No. 425, eff. 6-1-91; r. and recr. (2), Register, July, 1992, No. 439, eff. 8-1-92; cr. (3), Register, January, 1996, No. 481, eff. 2-1-96.

Trans 276.10 Tire load carrying capacity in excess of 13,000 pounds. (1) Subject to the restrictions and limitations in sub. (2), the weight on the steering axle of a truck tractor may exceed 13,000 pounds if the sum of the maximum load carrying capacities of the tires used on that axle, as certified by the tire manufacturer, allows a greater steering axle load.
(2)(a) The actual weight on the steering axle of a truck tractor may not exceed the sum of the maximum load carrying capacities of the tires used on that axle and in any event may not exceed 20,000 pounds.
(b) The extra weight privilege allowed by this chapter is available only when the tires used on the steering axle of a truck tractor have the manufacturer's certifed load carrying capacity embossed thereon in compliance with applicable federal regulations. If the tires on a steering axle have no certified load carrying capacity embossed on them, the steering axle is restricted to the 13,000 pound load limit prescribed in s. 348.15 (3) (b), Stats.
(c) This chapter does not authorize the operator of a truck tractor to exceed the gross aule weight rating (G.A.W.R.) established by the manufacturer of the steering axle being used.
(d) The tires on the steering axle of a truck tractor exceeding the statutory 13,000 pound weight limit shall have equal load carrying capacity and shall be properly inflated.

History: Emerg. cr. eff. 3-9-78; cr. Register, June, 1978, No. 270, eff. 7-1-78; renum. from Hy 36.02, Register. July. 1991, No. 427, eff. 8-1-91.


[^0]:    History: Cr. Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; am. Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93.

    Trans 276.06 Permits for vehicles operating in saddlemount combination or motor buses. For enforcement purposes, no permit is required for vehicles operating in double or triple saddlemount combination provided the overall length of the combination is 75 feet or less, or for the operation of any motor bus provided the overall length of the motor bus is 45 feet or less. This section applies to the national network and 5 -mile access routes.

[^1]:    Note: The provision of Wisconsin law requiring a permit for these combinations (s. 348.27 (13), Stats., was preempted by the federal rule ( 23 CFR 658.13 (d) (1) iii.) when these vehicles operate on the designated system and access routes.

    Note: The provision of Wisconsin law requiring a permit for the eperation of motor buses in excess of 40 feet in length is. 348.07 (1), Stats.) was preempted by federal law (49 USC Appx. $\$ 2311$ (a) as amended by s. 4006 (b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 , when these vehicles operate on the federally designated system and access routes.

