



Task 24-1: Recommendations on Initiatives to Increase the Availability of Truck Parking

I. Task Title

Examine critical need for truck parking across the nation, focusing on states that have parking policies that could be used as best practices nationwide to increase the number of spaces for trucks, paying particular attention to safety, location near lodging or facilities commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers need on the roads, as well as private sector initiatives that increase truck parking availability.

II. Background

The U.S. Department of Transportation established a Truck Parking Working Group to address the pressing need for more truck parking across the nation. The working group coordinates with the National Coalition on Truck Parking, a loosely structured open forum with public and private stakeholders. FMCSA has a Truck Parking Team, a Truck Parking Information Systems Data Exchange, and research efforts. Staffed by representatives of DOT's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), the Truck Parking Working Group supports efforts to increase both the amount of parking nationwide and the safety of that new and existing parking.

III. Task

For Task 24-1, FMCSA asks MCSAC to review and share its collective expertise on this important issue, to recommend best practices that states and the private sector have established to increase safe parking for CMV drivers. FHWA and FMCSA will brief MCSAC on their efforts, providing examples of what has worked and creating a framework for MCSAC's deliberations. As with every task, MCSAC should identify any organizations or experts they believe could provide presentations or briefings to help MCSAC complete its work if the task cannot be completed during the December 2024 meeting.

IV. Estimated Completion of Task

FMCSA asks MCSAC to deliberate on this task at its December 17-18, 2024, and in a subsequent meeting, if necessary. MCSAC will submit its recommendations to FMCSA at or before its spring 2025 meeting.

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