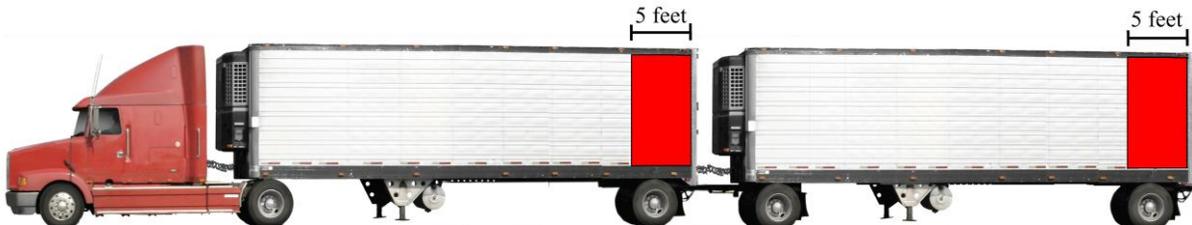


Proposed Bigger Truck Configurations

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Longer Double Trailer Trucks



- FedEx, UPS, Amazon and a handful of other companies have lobbied for legislation that would force states to allow double trailer trucks 91 feet in length, called “Double 33s,” on the federally designated National Network, which includes 200,000 miles of roadways. These are 10 feet longer than today’s twin trailers and 17 feet longer than standard single trailer trucks.
- Double 33s were rejected in the U.S. Senate in November of 2015 on a 56-31 vote.
- The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) determined in 2016 that Double 33s take 252 feet to stop—22 feet longer than today’s twin trailer configuration.
- USDOT also found that Double 33s would result in the largest increase in pavement damage compared to all other studied configurations. This would result in \$1.2 billion to \$1.8 billion in estimated pavement damage every year.

Heavier Single Trailer Trucks



- Certain shippers have lobbied to allow heavier single trailer trucks weighing 91,000 pounds—an increase of 11,000 pounds compared to today’s trucks—as part of a 10 year, pilot program in an unlimited number of states. Legislation has also been introduced in the past to raise the national weight limit to 97,000 pounds.
- Legislation to allow 91,000 pound trucks was defeated in the U.S. House in 2015 on a 187-236 vote.
- These 91,000 pound trucks were found in limited state testing by USDOT in 2015 to have 47 percent higher crash rates and cause \$1.1 billion in additional bridge costs.