

## DIRECTIVE

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**To: District Directors, Construction Managers, Area Managers**

**From: Donald Maillet, Executive Director, Highway Engineering & Construction**

**Date: September 14, 2020**

**Subject: DIRECTIVE: SECONDARY LOCKING DEVICES ON ALL TRUCK AND TRAILER TAIL OR DUMP GATES (FOR ALL NSTIR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS)**

With another recent serious gate malfunction incident, we must emphasize the importance of having a secondary locking device installed on all truck and trailer tail or dump gates (herein referred to as a "gate").

Effective immediately, for all NSTIR Highway Construction and Maintenance Projects, truck and trailer gates are required to have a secondary locking device installed, regardless of the material or equipment being hauled. There are many acceptable locking device combinations which may consist of, but not limited to, safety chains, locking brackets, double pins, turnbuckles, air switches, or air canisters. The key takeaway is there must be at least two separate devices installed to secure the gate against accidental release. One device with a two-step system is not acceptable.

Load securement is the responsibility of the truck driver and owner. The driver is to ensure all locking devices on gates are engaged, and the load is secure, before leaving the scales, base, or jobsite.

The Weigher, as part of their normal daily truck and driver checklist routine, shall visually inspect the vehicle to ensure there are two locking systems. If trucks do not have a secondary locking device installed, the truck will not be permitted to haul for NSTIR, and the Weigher has been instructed not to issue a weight ticket.

Non-compliance or complaints by external truckers (non-TIR) shall be directed to the Project Engineer. Internal concerns should be directed to a supervisor.

Regards,



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