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AAMVA News

AAMVA Alert – Update to S2S Migration Plan and CDLIS Blackout

To minimize the operational impact on jurisdictions, AAMVA has updated the previously announced State-to-State (S2S) migration plan and the associated CDLIS Blackout period. The revised migration plan is:

1. Thursday, July 2nd 9:00 PM ET: CDLIS will be down. Messages to the CDLIS Central Site will be rejected after this time. State-to-state messages (messages not going to the CDLIS Central Site) will be functional.
2. Thursday, July 2nd 10:00 PM ET: CDLIS will be brought back up in an INQUIRY-ONLY mode. This will allow CDLIS users to send and receive responses to all inquiry transactions to the Central Site (CD01/02/05/06/18).
3. Friday, July 3rd 8:00 PM ET: CDLIS will be down. Messages to the CDLIS Central Site will be rejected after this time.
4. Friday, July 3rd 9:00 PM ET – 10:00 PM ET: Intermittent outage in the transmission of all NCS messages (including non-CDLIS and non S2S messages such as PDPS, NMVTIS, SSOLV, etc.).
5. Saturday, July 4th (time TBD): CDLIS will be brought back up in an INQUIRY-ONLY mode as soon as possible.
6. **Monday, July 6th by 6:00 AM ET: Full operations restored.**

All other systems (PDPS, NMVTIS, SSOLV, etc.) will be up and running during their usual available hours with the exception of the brief 60 minute outage on July 3rd (mentioned in #4). **Please refer to the [full AAMVA Alert](#) for complete details.**

CDL Final Permit Compliance Rules: Member Resources Available



The federally mandated Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards requires compliance by U.S. jurisdictions by July 8, 2015. In order to assist members in implementing the requirements laid out in the final rule, AAMVA has pulled together a series of tools and resources and is making them available online at <http://www.aamva.org/CDL-Permit-Final-Rule/>.

Register Online for AAMVA Conferences

- Region II Conference -- June 21-24 -- Montgomery, Alabama
Conference Web site | Register Online
<http://www.aamva.org/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6368> |

<https://www.aamva.org/profile/ListAllEventRegistrations.aspx>

- Region I Conference – July 12-15 – Hershey, Pennsylvania
Conference Web Site | Register Online
<http://www.aamva.org/2015-Region-I-Conference-Home/> |
<https://www.aamva.org/profile/ListAllEventRegistrations.aspx>
- Annual International Conference – August 25-27 – Des Moines, Iowa
Conference Web Site | Register Online
<http://www.aamva.org/2015-AIC-Home/> |
<https://www.aamva.org/profile/ListAllEventRegistrations.aspx>

Region I

DMV Responds to Jastrzemski Call for Ban on Selling Records (New York)

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles released a statement in response to a call for a ban on the sale of records by the DMV made by Joe Jastrzemski. Read the full story at EastNiagraPost.com.

<http://www.eastniagarapost.com/2015/06/dmv-responds-to-jastrzemski-call-for.html?m=1>

Driving Lessons Would Teach Bike Safety Under New Bill (New York)

With more and more people riding bikes these days, it makes sense for everyone – bicyclists and motorists alike – to learn to share the city's streets, according to state Sen. Marty Golden, who is looking to change the driving lessons that New Yorkers take to include a special section on bike-pedestrian safety. Read the full story at BrooklynEagle.com.

<http://www.brooklyneagle.com/articles/2015/6/11/driving-lessons-would-teach-bike-safety-under-new-bill>

Law Would Make New York Motorists Update Drivers License Photos

A bill working its way through the closing hours of the this year's legislative session would require drivers to submit an updated photo of themselves when they renew their driver's licenses every eight years. The bill has been hailed as a common sense security measure in the post-9/11 world. Read the full story at TimesUnion.com.

<http://www.timesunion.com/tuplus-local/article/Law-would-make-New-York-motorists-update-drivers-6334024.php>

Ontario Passes Legislation to Improve Road Safety , New Rules Will Help Reduce Collisions, Injuries and Fatalities

Today, Ontario passed the Making Ontario's Roads Safer Act to help ensure that the province's roads are among the safest in North America. Read the press release.

<http://news.ontario.ca/mto/en/2015/06/ontario-passes-legislation-to-improve-road-safety.html>

Russian Ad Attracting Foreign Nationals to Vermont for Driver's Licenses

A Russian-language advertisement offering services for illegal immigrants in the New York City area is drawing Ukrainian and Georgian foreign nationals to obtain driver's privilege cards in Vermont, one of just 10 states offering formal identification cards to undocumented immigrants. Read the full story at GMOutlook.com.

<http://www.gmoutlook.com/news/2015/jun/12/russian-ad-attracting-foreign-nationals-vermont-dr/>

Region II

"School Bus Safety Bill" Passes; MCPSS to Outfit Every Bus with Cameras (Alabama)

According to school officials, all Mobile County school buses are getting cameras for the outside of their buses. The school hopes to have the buses outfitted with cameras by January. Read the full story at MYFoxAL.com.

<http://www.myfoxal.com/story/29346149/school-bus-safety-bill-passes-mcps-to-outfit-every-bus-with-cameras>

Georgia Investing \$10M in Ramping Up Truck Enforcement

Georgia's governor plans to crack down on accidents involving commercial vehicles on I-16, I-85 and I-95 by spending \$10 million to hire 60 new enforcement officers. Read the full story at CCJDigital.com.

<http://www.ccjdigital.com/georgia-investing-10m-in-ramping-up-truck-enforcement/>

North Carolina Senate Budget Raises DMV Fees 20 to 25 Percent

The transportation budget released Monday by Republican Senate leaders would push motor vehicle fees 20 to 25 percent higher and halt the use of gas tax funds to pay for the Highway Patrol – in order to increase state spending for highway construction and bridge and road maintenance. Read the full story at NewsObserver.com.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/traffic/road-worrier-blog/article24509716.html>

Distracted Driving Crashes Up Six Percent in Texas

Beginning June 15, The Texas Department of Transportation is launching their "Talk, Text, Crash" campaign across the state of Texas to urge drivers to stop texting while driving and minimize driving distractions. Read the full story at NBCDFW.com.

<http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Distracted-Driving-Crashes-Up-Six-Percent-in-Texas-307376181.html>

Supreme Court: Texas Doesn't Have to Allow Confederate Flag License Plates

The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that messages displayed on specialized license plates are a form of government speech and Texas is free to reject a proposed design that features the Confederate flag. Read the full article in the Washington Post.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts_law/supreme-court-texas-doesnt-have-to-allow-confederate-flag-license-plates/2015/06/18/d328b824-15c6-11e5-89f3-61410da94eb1_story.html

Region III

Former Ms. Wheelchair Iowa Strives to Make a Difference in the World of Transportation

Michele Meadors is no stranger to public transit – as a matter of fact it is her only means of transportation. As a part of Ride Transit Week, Meadors shares her story on how public transportation is a vital resource not only to her, but to the community. Read the full story at TransportationMatters.IowaDOT.gov.

<http://www.transportationmatters.iowadot.gov/2015/06/former-ms-wheelchair-iowa-strives-to-make-a-difference-in-the-world-of-transportation.html>

MPI Aims to Cut Motorcycle Insurance Rates in Manitoba

Manitoba Public Insurance plans to reduce insurance rates for motorcycle drivers in the province starting next year. The auto-insurer announced the plans on Friday, revealing a rate decrease of more than seven per cent for motorcycle drivers. Read the full story at CBC.CA/News.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/mpi-aims-to-cut-motorcycle-insurance-rates-in-manitoba-1.3111278?cmp=rss>

Region IV

Report: Arizona Strictest in Nation in Punishing Drunk Drivers

All those years of legislators toughening up the state's drunk-driving laws apparently have paid off – at least on paper. A new report Tuesday by the financial advice web site WalletHub says Arizona is the strictest state in the nation when it comes to cracking down on people driving under the influence of alcohol. Read the full story at AZCapitolTimes.com.

<http://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2015/06/17/report-arizona-strictest-in-nation-in-punishing-drunk-drivers/#ixzz3dQ8EIO8>

British Columbia Considers Raising Penalties for Distracted Driving

The government of British Columbia is considering raising penalties for distracted driving and is now asking provincial residents to offer their input online with the launch of a four-week consultation that runs until July 16. Read the full story at CanadianUnderwriter.ca.

<http://www.canadianunderwriter.ca/news/b-c-considers-raising-penalties-for-distracted-driving/1003679417/?er=NA>

Governor Approves Bill to Stop Fraudulent Immigration Services (California)

Immigrants in California who are fighting deportation have new protections under a bill signed Wednesday by Gov. Jerry Brown. The governor approved legislation to stop lawyers from scamming immigrants by promising immigration assistance that does not exist. Read the full story at BizJournals.com.

http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/news/2015/06/18/governor-approves-bill-to-stop-fraudulent.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+bizi_sacramento+%28Sacramento+Business+Journal%29

California Rules Uber Driver is an Employee

A San Francisco-based driver for ride-hailing service Uber is an employee, according to a ruling by the California Labor Commission. The ruling, filed on Tuesday in state court in San Francisco, was the latest in a host of legal and regulatory challenges facing Uber and other highly valued start-ups in the United States and other countries. Read the full story at CNBC.com.

<http://www.cnn.com/id/102766716>

Colorado Supreme Court: Employers Can Fire for Off-Duty Pot Use

Employers' zero-tolerance drug policies trump Colorado's medical marijuana laws, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled Monday. In a 6-0 decision, the high court affirmed lower court rulings that businesses can fire employees for the use of medical marijuana — even if it's off-duty. Read the full story at DenverPost.com.

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28315256/colorado-supreme-court-affirms-lower-court-rulings-medical

Vehicle Registration, Gas Tax Jump July 1 (Idaho)

Idaho vehicle registration fees are set to take a big jump come the start of July, but an early trip to the DMV office could head off some of those extra costs, at least for a year. Read the full story at IdahoCountyFreePress.com.

<http://www.idahocountyfreepress.com/news/2015/jun/17/vehicle-registration-gas-tax-jump-july-1/>

DMV Offers a New Convenience to More Than 40,000 Veterans (Nevada)

Nevada veterans in Clark County may now claim their annual property tax exemption during a vehicle registration renewal online or at one of the DMV's self-service kiosks. Up until now, veterans in Clark County could renew only by mail or in person at a DMV office. To use the new service, veterans simply enter their voucher number during the online renewal at dmv.nv.com or at a DMV kiosk. Read the press release.

<http://dmv.nv.com/news/15004-Vets-Exemptions-Clark-County.htm>

Other News

Soon, Cars May Take Away the Keys of a Drunken Driver

IN the near future, cars will communicate with one another on the road, partly or entirely drive themselves and be packed with more entertainment options than most computers. But could technology also offer a solution for a scourge that kills nearly 10,000 Americans each year — drunken driving? Read the full story at NYTimes.com.

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/12/business/technology-to-prevent-drunken-driving-could-soon-come-in-new-cars.html?_r=0

Feds Want to Run Flimsy Motorcycle Helmets Off the Road

After years of inaction, federal regulators are trying to crack down on the use of cheap novelty helmets linked to thousands of motorcycle crash deaths and injuries in recent years. The novelty helmets do not comply with federal safety standards, and provide little or no protection against head injuries in a crash. Read the full story at TucsonSentinel.com.

http://www.tucson sentinel.com/nationworld/report/061115_novelty_helmets/feds-want-run-flimsy-motorcycle-helmets-off-road/

Belgian City has Plans to Create 'Text Walking Lanes' for Pedestrians

A Belgian city has come up with a solution to the problem of pedestrians bumping into other people while sending text messages from their mobile phones. Antwerp has given smartphone users their own designated lanes, where they can walk while texting or looking at their mobiles without irritating or endangering others. Read the full story at NationalPost.com.

<http://www.nationalpost.com/Belgian+city+plans+create+text+walking+lanes+pedestrians/11138131/story.html>

Most Canadians Admit to Distracted Driving: Poll

A majority of Canadian drivers — seven in 10 — admit to driving distracted, according to a new poll by RBC Insurance. And even more — almost nine in 10 — have noticed the distracted driving of others, suggesting Canadians are quick to point the finger at others. Read the full story at GlobalNews.ca.

<http://globalnews.ca/news/2056869/most-canadians-admit-to-distracted-driving-poll/>

Did You Know

ASPHALT PAVING

Summer—it's that time of year when many of us are hitting the roads with the family. No matter how well you plan out your trip, it is almost inevitable that somewhere along the way we will all groan when we see the dreaded "Road Construction" signs. But let's try to be patient, folks: without those paved roads, we'd be hard-pressed to get to where we want to go as quickly, or as cheaply, as we do.

Here are some quick facts about asphalt that you might want to think about next time you're stuck in road construction traffic:

- There are almost 4.1 million miles of public roads in the U.S. According to the Federal Highway Administration, more than 1.3 million miles are unpaved. About 1.8 million miles are paved local roads for which FHWA does not track pavement type. Of the remaining 953,000 miles of paved roads, about 796,000 miles are asphalt and 158,000 miles are concrete. Many concrete pavements, however, are surfaced with asphalt for maintenance reasons, to extend their life or to address safety and noise issues.
- There is approximately 18 billion tons of asphalt pavement in American roads, all of which could be mined for reuse in new asphalt pavements. Currently, the asphalt pavement industry reclaims more than 99 percent of asphalt pavement removed from projects for reuse in future projects.
- 65 percent of the asphalt pavement market is publically funded highway projects, with residential and non-residential construction making up the remaining 35 percent.
- Asphalt pavements are the most recycled materials (80 million tons annually) in the United States—more than glass, metal, tires, paper or any other material.
- Capital spending on highways, roads, and bridges by all levels of government (federal/state/local) totals about \$80 billion annually, about half of which comes from federal funding.
- The FHWA estimates that each \$1 spent on road, highway and bridge improvements results in a payback of \$5.20 in reduced vehicle, road and bridge maintenance costs, reduced delays, reduced fuel consumption, improved safety and reduced emissions.
- American taxpayers save over \$300 million per year from recycling asphalt.
- Asphalt cuts road construction time. The use of asphalt paving reduces the amount of traffic delays you'll encounter compared to concrete.

These facts and more can be found online at:

- Market Facts (National Asphalt Pavement Association)
http://www.asphaltpavement.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=891&Itemid=1068
- Fast Facts (MyAsphaltPavingProject.com)
<http://www.myasphaltpavingproject.com/whatisasphalt/fast-facts/>
- Asphalt Paving Facts (Falcon Industries) <http://falconindustries.com/news/2015/06/16/asphalt-paving-facts>
- Asphalt Pavements Increase Use of Recycled Materials (AsphaltFacts.com)
<http://www.asphaltfacts.com/news/sustainability/asphalt-pavements-increase-use-recycled-materials/>