Alternative Truck Configurations



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Purpose of Session:

 Listen and gather Information on the CTSW Study's modeling, data, and methods

Role of the Facilitator:

- Facilitate meeting information
- Time keeper
- Use of "Parking Lot"



Truck Configurations	Generic Renderings (not to scale)
	Confirmed Configurations for Study
5-axle tractor 53' semitrailer [80k and 88k lbs.]	
6-axle tractor 53' semitrailer [97k lbs.]	
	Other Configurations for Consideration in Study
Twin 33'	
Rocky Mountain Doubles	
Tumpike Doubles	
Triples	
Other	

Alternative Configurations Matrix

	Trailer Lengths (ft)		Operation Permitted on Networks			Number of Axles		GVW (lb)	
Truck Configurations	Control Access Network	Non- Control Access Network	Interstate	PAS (Non- Interstate)	National Truck Network	Low Density Freight	High Density Freight	Low Density Freight	High Density Freight
Confirmed Configurations for Study									
5-axle tractor 53' semitrailer	53	53	yes	yes	yes	5	5	80,000	80,000
5-axle tractor 53' semitrailer	53	53				5	5	88,000	88.000
6-axle tractor 53' semitrailer *	53	53				6	6	97,000	97,000
Other Single Trailer Configurations for Consideration in Study									
Other									
Other									
Longer Combination Vehicles for Consideration in Study									
Twin 33'									
Rocky Mountain									
Doubles									
Turnpike Doubles									
Triples									

Alternative Configurations: Advantages and Disadvantages

Truck Configurations	Advantages	Disadvantages	Notes						
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5-axle tractor 53' semitrailer									
6-axle tractor 53' semitrailer									
Other Configurations for Consideration for Study									
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Rocky Mountain Doubles									
Turnpike Doubles									
Triples									
Other									

Rationale for Alternative Configuration Selection

- Currently in use in the US, Canada, or elsewhere;
- Operationally practical for use in the US;
- USDOT to make final decision.



What are the key elements for consideration when selecting alternative configurations for the Study?



What are the benefits of these elements?



What are the disadvantages in selecting specific elements?



Are there other areas that we should consider when selecting alternative configurations for the Study?



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