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MUNICIPAL PERMITTING WITH ROADATA Common Questions & Answers

How does the permit process work today?

Industry contacts our call center to request a permit for an overweight vehicle to travel on a Municipal road. Our Permit Specialists capture the Client, Vehicle, Commodity and Route information from the client. Municipal Permit Rules and Restrictions are reviewed and applied to ensure compliance as defined by each individual Municipality. All fees for the administrative component to apply for the permit are charged by RDS to Industry.

How will TRAVIS MJ change the relationship between RDS and Municipalities?

Essentially our relationship will remain unchanged as we transition a Municipality into TRAVIS. When funding from the Government of Alberta (GOA) is released, only the billing process will change. Industry will be charged by Alberta Transportation (AT), the Municipality will receive funding from AT, and RDS will invoice the Municipality for our services. RDS will continue to perform our services based on the requirements of the Municipality, regardless if permits will be issued within TRAVIS or not.

What are the advantages for a Municipality to work with RDS?

There are numerous advantages to select RDS as your TRAVIS contractor. RDS offers 24 hour approval service, 364 days a year. We can perform the administrative and approval function at a lower cost than “in house” and we provide a “No Cost Guarantee”. RDS can manage all your permit policies and procedures, even those that cannot be handled in TRAVIS. RDS will maximize the use of TRAVIS to improve Infrastructure Protection in your Municipality.

What are the advantages to Industry if a Municipality contracts with RDS?

TRAVIS is a one window application process for industry to request approval for overweight and/or over dimension vehicles to move on Provincial and Municipal roadways. Municipalities utilizing RDS for approval services will be providing Industry with improved levels of service on evenings, weekends and holidays. This improved availability translates into an improved level of compliance by industry.

What is involved for the Municipality to transition to TRAVIS MJ?

Please refer to our document titled “Top 24 List – Prepare for TRAVIS” for a complete list of “must do” items to ensure you are prepared for the transition. If RDS is selected as your contractor we will provide service for the 24 items listed. If you choose to transition to TRAVIS with internal staff, these staff will be required to prepare each item listed on our “Top 24 List”.

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- ★ Quick and Seamless TRAVIS Integration and Data Maintenance
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What if we don't have GIS information?

It is important to ensure TRAVIS has GIS data that is as current as possible. If Municipalities do not have their own GIS staff or service, RDS will review the latest paper map and transpose the information into GIS format to be provided to update TRAVIS. If Municipalities do have GIS data, we will review this information and provide an update of the GIS data not currently in the TRAVIS program.

What is the proposed fee allocation provided to Municipalities from the GOA?

The Government of Alberta (GOA) has structured permit fees to be allocated in two components. The first to account for road damage that is based on a Weight X Distance formula and a second component to cover administration related costs. Administrative fees are proposed at \$15 per permit per Municipality. Road Inspection Fees, Road Use Agreement Fees, and other optional service fees are not part of TRAVIS at this time.

The Province has committed to provide funding to Municipalities and that these funds may be used to pay a contractor to do the work on your behalf. The Province has also committed to having independent contractors assist Municipalities to migrate data into TRAVIS. Details of this program will be available shortly.

What else should I know?

TRAVIS is only as good as the data within it. Those who use the system to implement appropriate policies, rules and restrictions will see great gains to their Roadway Infrastructure Protection measures. Roadata can work with your Municipality to maximize the benefits TRAVIS offers as it relates to improved Roadway Infrastructure Protection.

RDS has over 15 years of experience with 40 Rural Municipal Partnerships. We have the experience to offer outstanding service to Municipalities for permit Approval Services and Data Maintenance. We have a professional team of 26 experts to assist you, 24 hours a day, 364 days a year. We pride ourselves as Alberta's largest and most experienced permitting agent.

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