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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

During each month, I wonder what subject should be addressed in my column for this publication. Some months, the subject ideas come to me easier than other months. Allow me to continue concerning a very important topic.

In August of 2014, SDTA, the US Attorney, FBI, TAT and SDHP, and SEVENTEEN of our members, among other "heavy hitters", sponsored and conducted a well-attended symposium on the vile practice of human trafficking, either for labor or sex;

harvesting a human being's attributes and strengths to enrich their purveyors.

The symposium was extremely educating and enlightening to the trucking companies, hospitality industry workers, truck stop personnel, and the general attendees. Educating, because we need to recognize the signs of a trafficking situation. Enlightening, because a majority of us needed to be more aware concerning the insidious nature of human trafficking, especially as it pertains to the younger victims. One of the speakers was drugged and transported from Minneapolis to Chicago at age 15. For two years, she was forced out onto the streets to "entertain" a minimum of "clients" per day, or she was not allowed to eat, shower, or sleep that day. Of course, her income all went to her purveyor.

Personally, I was horrified and then filled with gratitude last September when our three-year-old granddaughter wandered away from home before dawn. A righteous person noticed her walking down a busy street in a large city, and alerted the authorities who returned her home safely. I shudder to think of the outcome if someone else had noticed her alone.

I could go on with other scenarios, but I strongly urge you to access the Truckers Against Trafficking website to become even more aware and educated about how we, in the transportation industry, can "put the brakes" on, and disrupt sex and slave trafficking...www.truckers-againstrafficking.org. The directors of Truckers Against Trafficking, Kylla Leeberg, and Kandice Paris, have addressed our members at various times, primarily during our annual convention. So, since 2014, Myron Rau and your Association have been on the cutting edge of spreading the word on this topic.

I realize the above is heavy information to absorb. On a lighter note, I attended the Wheel Jam in Huron earlier in June. It was a walk down memory lane to watch the parade of semis rolling down the city's streets. There were all makes, models, colors, years, and shapes of semis and trailers. It was a joyous, entertaining way to spend the day. I encourage you to take advantage of the future opportunities to connect with your fellow members at Association-sponsored events: East River Golf Outing in Brandon on July 22, and Annual Convention in Sioux Falls September 8-10. I trust the West River Golf Outing earlier in June was a well-attended, successful event.

Until next issue, enjoy the summer, celebrate our country's Independence Anniversary, and continue to be safe as you help to supply the needs of the citizens of our nation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Ollerich". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Recently I received a call of concern from a long time member of the SDTA. The concern centers on headlights and auxiliary driving lights not only on passenger cars but also on trucks. My response was that we have pertaining state laws that govern proper use of these lights. The member then asked me to dedicate my next monthly column to this subject and include all pertaining laws. Here goes:

[32-17-5](#), Construction and adjustment of headlamps--Visibility distance--Four headlight system--High beam indicator--Violation as misdemeanor.

The headlamps of motor vehicles shall be so constructed, arranged, and adjusted that, except as provided in [§ 32-17-7](#), they shall at all times mentioned in [§ 32-17-4](#), and under normal atmospheric conditions and on a level road produce a driving light sufficient to render clearly discernible a person two hundred feet ahead. However, headlamps may not project a glaring or dazzling light to persons in front of such headlamps. Any vehicle equipped with a four lamp headlight system shall have all lamps lighted on high beam, if such system was designed by the manufacturer to require all four headlamps be lighted, and shall have the two low beam lamps lighted on low beam when headlamps are lighted as required in [§ 32-17-4](#). Every motor vehicle, except those excluded in [§ 32-17-1](#), shall be equipped with a high beam indicator lamp which shall be lighted whenever the vehicle headlamps are on high beam position. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

[32-17-7](#), Circumstances under which headlamps must be dimmed--Violation as misdemeanor.

Whenever a motor vehicle, except a moped equipped with a single beam headlamp as provided in [§ 32-17-24.1](#), is being operated upon a highway, or a portion thereof, which is sufficiently lighted to reveal a person on the highway at a distance of two hundred feet ahead of the vehicle, the driver shall tilt the beam downward. Whenever a motor vehicle meets another vehicle or overtakes another vehicle proceeding in the same direction on any highway, the driver shall tilt the beams of the headlamps downward, provided that at all times, as required in [§ 32-17-4](#), at least two lights shall be displayed on the front of and on opposite sides of every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

[32-17-17](#). Auxiliary driving lamps--Mounting--Lighting restricted.

Any motor vehicle may be equipped with up to three auxiliary driving lamps mounted on the front at a height not less than twelve inches nor more than twenty-four inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands, and every such auxiliary driving lamp or lamps shall meet the requirements and limitations of [§§ 32-17-1](#) to [32-17-16](#), inclusive. A violation of this paragraph is a petty offense.

No auxiliary driving lamp mounted on a motor vehicle, other than a fog lamp, may be lighted at any time the lighted headlamps on the vehicle are on a low beam position. A violation of this paragraph is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

It never hurts to review our equipment and the equipment of our owner operators to make sure we are actually in compliance with state law

Stay safe!

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Dennis and his wife Melanie reside in Sioux Falls, SD. They are the parents of four adult children and five grandchildren.

The South Dakota Trucking Association joins the Safety Management Council in congratulating Dennis Brown for being selected as the June 2021 Driver of the Month.

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Clearinghouse Update

Reminder: What CDL Drivers Should Know About Using CBD Products

Positive drug tests account for 81% of the total violations reported in the Clearinghouse since January 6, 2020. As of May 1, 2021, marijuana has been detected in over half of all drug tests that have been filed in the Clearinghouse.

It is important for all employees who perform safety-sensitive functions, including CDL drivers, to know:

The USDOT requires testing for marijuana and not CBD.

The labeling of many CBD products may be misleading because the products could contain higher levels of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) than what's stated on the product label.

The USDOT's Drug and Alcohol Testing Regulation, 49 CFR [Part 40](http://www.transportation.gov/odapc/part40), (www.transportation.gov/odapc/part40) does not authorize the use of Schedule I drugs, including marijuana, for any reason.

CBD use is not a legitimate medical explanation for a laboratory-confirmed marijuana positive result. Therefore, Medical Review Officers will verify a drug test confirmed at the appropriate cutoffs as positive, even if an employee claims they only used a CBD product.

Since the use of CBD products could lead to a positive drug test result, USDOT-regulated CDL drivers should exercise caution when considering whether to use CBD products.

Read the USDOT's "CBD Notice" in full on the [USDOT website](http://www.transportation.gov/odapc/cbd-notice). (www.transportation.gov/odapc/cbd-notice)

Have you viewed your Clearinghouse record?

Drug and alcohol program violations incurred by CDL drivers are recorded in the Clearinghouse, and associated with the CDL number of the driver who incurred the violation. You will need to register for the Clearinghouse and verify your current CDL information to view whether there are violations associated with your current or previous CDL numbers. Visit the new Before You Register page for more information and to start registration.

Visit the [Clearinghouse](http://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov). (clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov)

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6 Tips to Keep Safe When the Temperatures Heat Up!



1 STAY HYDRATED!

Drink plenty of fluids, drink about 16 ounces before starting and 5 to 7 ounces every 15 or 20 minutes. You can add sports drinks to replace electrolyte loss to help maintain hydration. Avoid alcohol, coffee, tea and caffeinated soft drinks as these can hurt more than help.



2 WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing helps protect against heat. Change clothing if it gets completely saturated. Wear a hat to keep sun off your face and out of your eyes.



3 PACE YOURSELF

Slow down and work at an even pace. Know your own limits and ability to work safely in heat. Schedule frequent breaks. Take time for rest periods and water breaks in a shaded or air conditioned area.



4 COOL DOWN

Use a damp rag. Wipe your face or put it around your neck. Find some shade or air conditioning if you feel yourself starting to overheat.



5 BE MINDFUL OF HEAT RELATED ILLNESSES

Know what to look for and check on other workers that might be at high risk. Avoid getting sunburn. Use sunscreen and wear a hat if working outside.



6 WATCH WHAT YOU EAT

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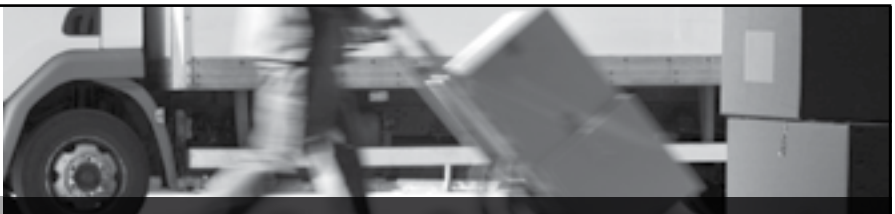
SD Road Team Captains Jeff Eschen, K&J Trucking, Inc., Mike Whitehead, FedEx Freight, Inc. and Gary Schmidt, Cliff Viessman Inc., spent the morning May 24, 2021, with nearly 200 driver's education students from O'Gorman High School, Sioux Falls.

First they presented a slideshow to the students, allowing them to understand the blind spots around the trucks and emphasizing safety measures to use when sharing the road with trucks.

After the slideshow the students all had the opportunity to sit inside one of the three tractor-trailer setups in the school parking lot. Until they had the opportunity to sit inside the semi and shut the doors they cannot truly grasp the driver's view, or lack there of.

This is the fourth year the South Dakota Road Team has had the opportunity to speak to the students. In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Road Team Captains put together a video presentation the driver's ed students were able to access from their own home computers.





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Exclusive: US businesses warn crumbling infrastructure is hurting the economy

By Matt Egan, CNN Business

Updated 2:04 PM ET, Wed June 9, 2021

New York (CNN Business) As infrastructure negotiations between the White House and a GOP Senate group broke down this week, business executives are warning that aging infrastructure is holding America back.

Nearly two-thirds (63%) of middle market executives say the nation's ailing infrastructure is restricting growth of the national economy, according to a new RSM survey shared exclusively with CNN Business. The survey, conducted in partnership with the US Chamber of Commerce, also found that 60% of these executives say the state of infrastructure is hurting local economies as well.

The findings come as President Joe Biden struggles to convince Republicans in Washington to support his \$2 trillion American Jobs Plan that would aim to modernize roads, bridges and broadband and invest in clean energy.

"The antiquated nature of America's infrastructure is holding back the national economy, the local economy and the firms that comprise the beating heart and soul of the real economy," Joe Brusuelas, chief economist at RSM, said in an interview.

Broad support for 5G, network security and highways

The survey, conducted in April, focused on the middle market sector of the economy, which, as the name suggests, encompasses firms that are larger than small businesses yet not as big as the most powerful corporations with household names. These roughly 2,000 firms have revenue ranging between \$10 million and \$2 billion and employ around one-third of the US labor force.

When asked about 21 specific initiatives — improving interstate highways, bridges, ports and railways and the like — at least 63% of executives said those improvements would have minor, moderate or significant benefits to their company's day-to-day operations, the RSM survey found.

"The middle market is signaling to the political authority that we need to improve overall efficiency and productivity because the roads, bridges, waterways and conditions of broadband technology are holding us back," Brusuelas said. "We need to invest in the future."

There was even stronger support for modernizing certain elements of infrastructure: telecom network security (95%), local roads or highways (94%), telecom networks such 5G (94%) and the energy grid (90%).

It is important to note, however, that the questions from RSM did not offer any trade-offs for getting these upgrades done. In other words, there was no mention of how revamping the electric grid may require companies to pay more to Uncle Sam in taxes.

"As a business community, we hope something gets done on infrastructure," Tim Ryan, CEO of accounting and consulting giant PricewaterhouseCoopers, told CNN Business.

Ryan, whose firm advises Fortune 1000 companies and many middle market businesses, said there remains a debate over how to pay for infrastructure improvements and what should be included in the plan.

"There is a clear view that we as a country need to progress on infrastructure," Ryan said.

White House: 'This is not stimulus'

Infrastructure talks between Biden and Republican Senator Shelley Moore Capito collapsed Tuesday. The White House is now focusing on negotiating with a bipartisan Senate group led by another lawmaker from West Virginia: Democratic Senator Joe Manchin.

Biden officials expressed cautious optimism on Wednesday that there is a path forward.

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Exclusive: US businesses warn crumbling infrastructure is hurting the economy continued...

"There is a reason that infrastructure, while extremely popular, has not gotten done: because it's hard," one White House official told CNN Business. "The president is committed to getting it done."

Republicans have argued that Biden's \$4.5 trillion Build Back Better agenda, which includes the American Families Plan, will backfire by overheating the economy with more spending.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell recently warned that Biden's current budget proposal "would drown American families in debt, deficits and inflation."

However, unlike the \$1.9 trillion stimulus package enacted in March, Biden's infrastructure proposal and American Families Plan are long-term investments that do not include enhanced jobless benefits, small business loans or stimulus checks.

"This is not stimulus. It's not going to be rolled out the minute the ink is dry on the legislation," a second White House official told CNN Business.

Inflation is here. How long will it last?

Even so, pricing pressures are real. Everything from gasoline and used cars to diapers and lumber has gotten more expensive.

The latest: Chipotle (CMG) announced this week it raised menu prices by up to 4%, while Sherwin-Williams (SHW) is jacking up paint prices by 7% beginning in August.

The White House, like the Federal Reserve and many economists, is betting the return of inflation won't last.

"We're going to see some short-term challenges with inflation, but that is likely to abate once we get through and come out of this crisis," the second White House official said.

Paying for infrastructure

Beyond the substantial price tag on the infrastructure package, one major sticking point is how to pay for it. The Build Back Better agenda calls for raising \$3.5 trillion by increasing taxes on corporations and the wealthy.

Republicans and many business groups, including the US Chamber of Commerce, oppose rolling back the Trump tax cuts that lowered the corporate rate to 21%. They argue that raising the tax rate to 28%, as Biden has proposed, would make US companies less competitive on the global stage. (Biden has also signaled a willingness to consider other options, such as imposing a 15% minimum tax on all corporations).

First Solar (FSLR) CEO Mark Widmar cited the Trump tax cuts as one reason the solar panel manufacturer decided to build a third factory in Ohio. He told CNN Business that rolling back those tax cuts would have an "adverse impact" as companies consider investing in more manufacturing in the United States.

Biden officials suggested there is an irony among Republicans' concerns about inflation and their desire to avoid raising taxes.

"When you pay for something, you're taking money out of the economy. That helps reduce the expansionary effects of anything we do," the second White House official said. "If your main concern is inflation, then you should be very concerned about the other side of the equation."

Brusuelas expressed concern that Washington will fail to take advantage of the current low borrowing costs to make overdue investments in the nation's infrastructure.

"If they don't get this done," the RSM economist said, "there is going to be hell to pay."

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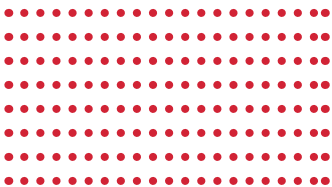


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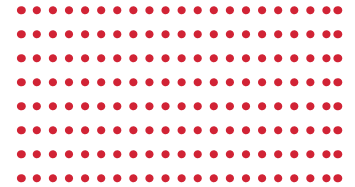
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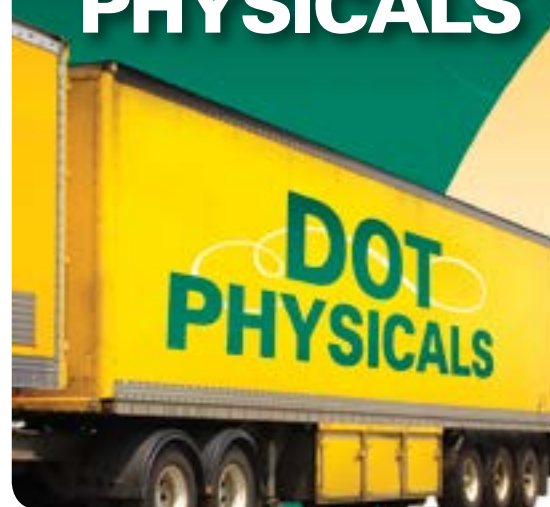
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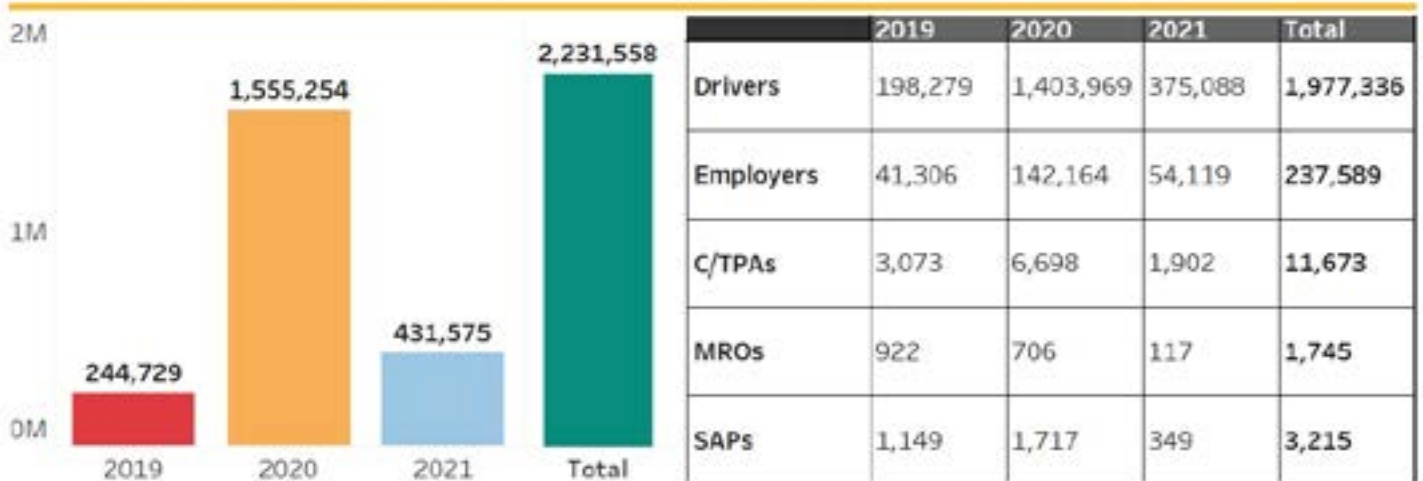
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This chart reflects the number of CDL holders (drivers) and organizations registered within the Clearinghouse by role type.

CDL Holder and Organization Registrations



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- East River Golf Event - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at the Brandon Golf Course.
- Annual Convention - Ramkota Hotel, Sioux Falls on September 8 - 10, 2021.
- Annual guided pheasant hunt is on Thursday, November 11, 2021 - leave the hotel in Pierre at 9:00 a.m.
- SDTA Fall Board of Directors Meeting - Executive Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. with the full board to convene at 10:00 a.m. all at RedRossa, Pierre, SD on Friday, November 12, 2021.
- West River Legislative Reception - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Minerva's in Rapid City - Monday, November 22, 2021.
- East River Legislative Reception (NextGen Group meeting at 4:30) - Minerva's in Sioux Falls - Thursday, December 9, 2021, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Winter Executive Committee Meeting - 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022 at the Ramkota River Centre, Pierre. Followed by the Winter Board of Directors Meeting at 12:30 p.m. The Winter Reception with Legislators will follow at 6:00 p.m. All events of the day are scheduled at the Ramkota River Centre in Pierre.
- Spring Log Haulers Seminar - 2022 (specific date TBD) tentatively at the Deadwood Mountain Grand.
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Name of Carrier _____

Home Terminal Address (in full) _____

Phone Number _____

Years Employed by Present Employer _____

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Type of Equipment Operated: _____

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Has your driver ever been selected as a driver of the month or year in South Dakota or any other state? Yes No

If yes, explain when and where _____

Participation in truck driving championships or other transportation related activities: _____

Basis of Nomination: _____

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Nominated by _____ Title _____

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1. The nominated driver must be an employee of a member in good standing of the South Dakota Trucking Association.
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3. South Dakota domiciled* drivers are eligible for nomination for an outstanding act performed in any state.

*The intent of the word "domiciled" shall be interpreted to mean: Any driver reporting to or regularly dispatched from a terminal within the State of South Dakota (in keeping with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations definition of his home terminal) regardless of where the driver may dwell.

4. A driver may receive the Driver of the Month award only one time in any contest year. He/she may be renominated in any subsequent year.

5. Nominations for outstanding acts on the highway shall be accompanied by supporting evidence (letters, statements, news clipping, etc.). A clear, factual account is absolutely necessary. Vague generalizations will not be accepted.

6. A copy of recent driver motor vehicle record check must accompany the nomination.

7. Drivers nominated and not selected as Driver of the Month will be held over and used in the following month's selection. Nominees not selected in either of these two months may be re-nominated for any future month's selection.

8. Entries must be in the office of the South Dakota Trucking Association no later than the 10th of each month for that current month's contest.

9. Nominations may be made by any party, but must be approved by the employer or a representative of the employer.

10. The annual contest will run from September of the previous year through August of the current year.

11. Company agrees to submit a professional, head and shoulders, black and white photo of entry upon notification of winning. (3" X 5" preferred)

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