



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Robert Bentley
Governor of Alabama
State Capitol
600 Dexter Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36130

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Acting Chairman



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The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor of Alaska
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Juneau, AK 99811

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The Honorable Janice K. Brewer
Governor of Arizona
Executive Tower
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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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The Honorable Mike Beebe
Governor of Arkansas
250 State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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The Honorable John Hickenlooper
Governor of Colorado
136 State Capitol
Denver, CO 80203

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The Honorable Dannel P. Malloy
Governor of Connecticut
State Capitol
210 Capitol Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106

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The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Mayor of the District of Columbia
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Washington, DC 20004

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Governor of Delaware
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Dover, DE 19901

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor of Hawaii
Executive Chambers
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable C.L. “Butch” Otter
Governor of Idaho
State Capitol
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720

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On July 15, 2014, the NTSB adopted its report concerning the May 23, 2013, accident in which a span of the Interstate 5 bridge over the Skagit River near Mount Vernon in Washington State collapsed after being struck by an oversize combination vehicle.¹ Additional information about this accident and the resulting recommendations may be found in the report of the investigation, which can be accessed at our website, <http://www.nts.gov>, under report number HAR-14/01.

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Pat Quinn
Governor of Illinois
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

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On July 15, 2014, the NTSB adopted its report concerning the May 23, 2013, accident in which a span of the Interstate 5 bridge over the Skagit River near Mount Vernon in Washington State collapsed after being struck by an oversize combination vehicle.¹ Additional information about this accident and the resulting recommendations may be found in the report of the investigation, which can be accessed at our website, <http://www.nts.gov>, under report number HAR-14/01.

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Mike Pence
Governor of Indiana
206 State House
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Terry Branstad
Governor of Iowa
1007 East Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50319

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By: Christopher A. Hart
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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

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The Honorable Sam Brownback
Governor of Kansas
Capitol
300 SW 10th Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612

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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Steve Beshear
Governor of Kentucky
700 Capitol Ave.
Frankfort, KY 40601

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By: Christopher A. Hart
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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Bobby Jindal
Governor of Louisiana
PO Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

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Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Paul R. LePage
Governor of Maine
1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

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By: Christopher A. Hart
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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Governor of Maryland
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

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On July 15, 2014, the NTSB adopted its report concerning the May 23, 2013, accident in which a span of the Interstate 5 bridge over the Skagit River near Mount Vernon in Washington State collapsed after being struck by an oversize combination vehicle.¹ Additional information about this accident and the resulting recommendations may be found in the report of the investigation, which can be accessed at our website, <http://www.nts.gov>, under report number HAR-14/01.

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Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Deval Patrick
Governor of Massachusetts
State House
Room 105
Boston, MA 02133

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Rick Snyder
Governor of Michigan
PO Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Mark Dayton
Governor of Minnesota
130 State Capitol
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St. Paul, MN 55155

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Phil Bryant
Governor of Mississippi
PO Box 139
Jackson, MS 39205

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Jay Nixon
Governor of Missouri
PO Box 720
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Steve Bullock
Governor of Montana
Office of the Governor
PO Box 200801
Helena, MT 59620

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Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

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The Honorable Dave Heineman
Governor of Nebraska
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PO Box 94848
Lincoln, NE 68509

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Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Brian Sandoval
Governor of Nevada
State Capitol Building
101 North Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Maggie Hassan
Governor of New Hampshire
State House
107 North Main St.
Concord, NH 03301

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By: Christopher A. Hart
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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Chris Christie
Governor of New Jersey
Office of the Governor
PO Box 001
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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Susana Martinez
Governor of New Mexico
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Santa Fe, NM 87501

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Governor of New York
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

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The Honorable Patrick McCrory
Governor of North Carolina
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699

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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

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The Honorable Jack Dalrymple
Governor of North Dakota
State Capitol
600 East Blvd. Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505

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Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable John R. Kasich
Governor of Ohio
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High St.
Columbus, OH 43215

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

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The Honorable Mary Fallin
Governor of Oklahoma
212 State Capitol
2300 North Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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By: Christopher A. Hart
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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

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The Honorable John Kitzhaber
Governor of Oregon
State Capitol
900 Court St., NE
Salem, OR 97301

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By: Christopher A. Hart
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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Tom Corbett
Governor of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Washington, DC 20594

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Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Alejandro Garcia Padilla
Governor of Puerto Rico
La Fortaleza
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San Juan, PR 00902

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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

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The Honorable Lincoln Chafee
Governor of Rhode Island
222 State House
Providence, RI 02903

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By: Christopher A. Hart
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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

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Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton St.
Columbia, SC 29201

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Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Dennis Daugaard
Governor of South Dakota
Office of the Governor
500 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

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H-14-13

Ban the nonemergency use by pilot/escort vehicle drivers of portable electronic devices (other than those designed to support the pilot/escort vehicle driving task), except to communicate hazard-related information to the escorted vehicle.

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The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement it. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov. If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Bill Haslam
Governor of Tennessee
State Capitol
Nashville, TN 37243

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On July 15, 2014, the NTSB adopted its report concerning the May 23, 2013, accident in which a span of the Interstate 5 bridge over the Skagit River near Mount Vernon in Washington State collapsed after being struck by an oversize combination vehicle.¹ Additional information about this accident and the resulting recommendations may be found in the report of the investigation, which can be accessed at our website, <http://www.nts.gov>, under report number HAR-14/01.

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
PO Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711

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By: Christopher A. Hart
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Gary R. Herbert
Governor of Utah
350 North State St., Suite 200
PO Box 142220
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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By: Christopher A. Hart,
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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Peter Shumlin
Governor of Vermont
Pavilion Building
109 State St.
Montpelier, VT 05609

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By: Christopher A. Hart
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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

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The Honorable Terry McAuliffe
Governor of Virginia
State Capitol
1111 East Broad St.
Richmond, VA 23219

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By: Christopher A. Hart,
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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

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The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor of Washington
Office of the Governor
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 95804

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² The four safety recommendations issued to the Washington State Department of Transportation are separate from Safety Recommendation H-14-13 issued in this letter to the state of Washington.

Vehicle Administrators; 1 to AASHTO and the CVSA; 1 to the CVSA and the SC&RA; 1 to Nokia HERE, Google Inc., and Rand McNally; and the following recommendation to the 50 states (including the state of Washington), the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico:

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By: Christopher A. Hart,
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National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor of West Virginia
State Capitol
1900 Kanawha Blvd., E.
Charleston, WV 25305

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By: Christopher A. Hart,
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Scott Walker
Governor of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
115 East Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

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By: Christopher A. Hart,
Acting Chairman



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-13

The Honorable Matt Mead
Governor of Wyoming
State Capitol
200 West 24th St.
Cheyenne, WY 82002

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