

# E-Tickets for Materials in Construction

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## E-Ticketing

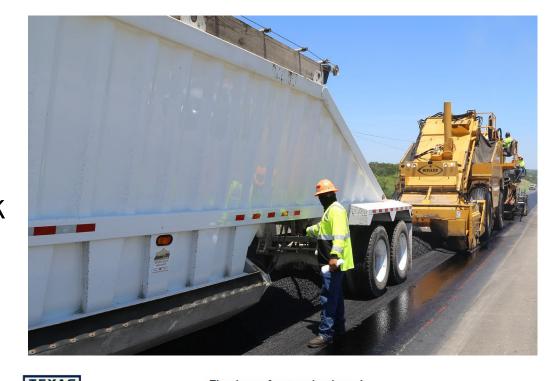
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- What potential benefits and drawbacks?
- What does the spec say?
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- When will it be approved?

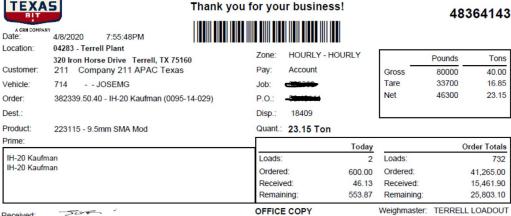




#### What is it?

- An electronic version of a paper truck ticket...
- an outgrowth of Truck Management Systems developed for contractors...
- E-Ticketing options expedited due to Covid-19





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# E-Ticketing: What does it do?

- Interfaces with truck scale ticket information
- Associates that information digitally to the truck
- Tracks truck movements (GPS or time based)
- Verifies load delivered the project proof of delivery.
- Provides daily summary of truck tickets and travel information.
- Note: Different systems have additional options.





## **E-Ticketing: Potential Benefits**

- Eliminates paper tickets, handling, sorting, distribution no lost tix!
- Allows field data entry (Temps, location, etc.)
- Eliminates data entry of paper truck tickets.
- Reduces number transposition
- Faster turnaround of daily quantities
- It's new, It's different, It's virtual!





#### E-Ticketing: Potential Drawbacks

- It's new, It's different, It's virtual.
- Cell service and Internet service not available everywhere.
- Some systems require trucks to be equipped with special GPS units. A bigger challenge with 3<sup>rd</sup> party trucks.
- Potential data overload.
- Missing forest for the trees.



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## Proposed Spec – Modification to 520

#### Special Provision to Item 520 Weighing and Measuring Equipment



Item 520, "Weighing and Measuring Equipment" of the Standard Specifications is amended with respect to the clauses cited below. No other clauses or requirements of this Item are waived or changed.

Section Article 520.2., "Equipment." The third paragraph is voided and replaced by the following.

Calibrate truck scales using weights certified by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) or an equivalent agency as approved. Provide a written calibration report from a scale mechanic for truck scale calibrations. Cease plant operations during the checking operation. Do not use inaccurate or inadequate scales. Bring performance errors as close to zero as practicable when adjusting equipment.

Article 520.2., "Equipment." The fourth paragraph is amended to include the following:

At the Contractors option, an electronic ticket delivery system (e-ticketing) may be used instead lieu of printed tickets. The use of e-ticketing will require written approval of the Engineer. At a minimum, the approved system will:

- Provide electronic, real-time e-tickets meeting the requirements of the applicable bid items:
- Automatically generate e-tickets using software and hardware fully integrated with the automated scale system used to weigh the material, and be designed in such a way that data input cannot be altered by the Contractor or the Engineer;
- Provide the Engineer access to the e-ticketing data in real-time with a web-based or app-based system compatible with iOS:
- Provide offline capabilities to prevent data loss ifin the event of power or connectivity is lost; loss or loss of connectivity.
- Require both the Contractor and the Engineer to accept or reject the e-ticket and provide the ability to record the information required by the application applicable bid items, as well as any comments. Record the time of the approval/rejection and include it in the summary spreadsheet described below. Provide each party the capability to edit their respective actions and any entered information.

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3. Provide the Engineer access to the e-ticketing data in real-time with a web-based or app-based system compatible with iOS;

4. Provide offline capabilities to prevent data loss if power or connectivity is lost;



5. Require both the Contractor and the Engineer to accept or reject the e-ticket and provide the ability to record the information required by the applicable bid items, as well as any comments. Record the time of the approval/rejection and include it in the summary spreadsheet described below. Provide each party the capability to edit their respective actions and any entered information.



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the applicable bid items.





#### **Providers**

- Fleetwatcher/Earthwave
- Haul Hub/DOTSlip
- Spot On Performance
- Truck-It
- More vendors and growing
- In-house systems





# Who is using it? SAPA Survey – Sept 20

**No:** AR, CA, CT, HI, KS, MI, MO, NJ, OK, SC, UT (11)

Sorta: MA, WV, OH (3)

Contactless Versions: IN, KY, MD, WA (4)

Working on it: GA, NY, NC, TX, VA (5)

Yes: IA, IL, PA, AL, FL (5) - some require approval

27 responses out of 38 SAPA members



# Who is using it? TXAPA Survey – Sept 20

Are you currently using an electronic ticketing/truck management program?

Yes-12 No-32

Do you anticipate adopting an electronic ticketing system in the next 6 months?

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Yes-23 No-21

Note: Some companies may have responded more than once.

# **Specification Status**

- First Industry expedited review, Industry Comments
- FHWA Review and Comments
- 2<sup>nd</sup> expedited review, Industry Comments
- 3<sup>rd</sup> expedited review, Industry Comments
  - Current Status

• Final Adoption date??? Soon! 2021

UPDATE: January 2021

Approved for January





#### Checklist

- **Optional**
- **Electronic** version of printed ticket
- Web/App accessibility
- Proof of Delivery
- & Add Field notes
- Summary of truck loads
- land Proprietary





## Summing it up.

#### E-Ticketing is...

a natural extension of technological innovations.

an opportunity for time & cost savings, and

improved efficiencies.

something to consider?

Yep!







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