

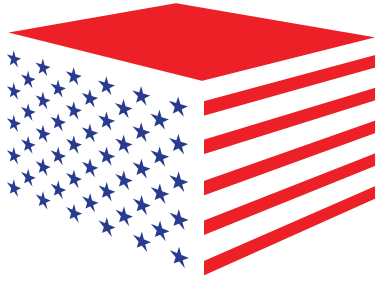
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Answer to Today's Trucking Shortage → Twin 33s

A driver shortage crisis is facing the trucking industry as drivers retire and replacement positions are vacant. If current trends hold, the American Trucking Association estimates that approximately 174,500 replacement drivers will be needed by 2024.

The Americans for Modern Transportation (AMT) coalition has a proposal, at no cost to taxpayers, to modernize the national twin trailer standard from 28 feet to 33 feet. This would instantly improve the efficiency and safety of truck operations across the nation's congested freight network, help to alleviate the freight industry's ongoing capacity and workforce shortages, and benefit taxpayers and travelers.

- **Improved Safety on Our Roads** – The reduction in the number of trucks on our roads would have tangible safety benefits. Additionally, Twin 33' trailers perform better than many other truck configurations on four critical safety measures, including stability and rollover. Research shows that the adoption of Twin 33' trailers would result in 4,500 fewer truck accidents annually, and 57.2 million hours saved due to less congestion. Furthermore, the following additional safety features on Twin 33s will enhance safety as they travel on the existing national highway network in a Twin 33 configuration:
 - Automatic emergency braking system
 - A speed limiting device capped at 68 miles per hour
 - Electronic stability control
 - On-board safety video recorder
- **Economic Benefits** – Twin 33' trailers can move the same amount of freight with 18% fewer truck trips, allowing consumers and businesses to realize \$2.8 billion annually in lower shipping costs and quicker delivery times. As times are good for the economy; freight movement also is increased and drives private investment.
- **Longer Life Cycle for Our Roads and Bridges** – The implementation of Twin 33' trailers will result in 3.36 billion fewer truck miles traveled each year, greatly reducing the impact on roads and bridges with less congestion at no cost to taxpayers.
- **Environmental Gains** – The efficiency gains from the adoption of Twin 33' trailers would equate to 274 million fewer gallons of fuel and 3.12 million fewer tons of CO₂ emissions.



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What Others Are Saying:



“Trucks move almost all of the food and other items Americans purchase, and the shortage of drivers is driving up shipping rates.”

[NPR](#) (February 11, 2019)

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

“A major constraint on faster economic growth at the moment is a severe nationwide shortage of truck drivers... One useful response in Washington would be to update a 1982 restriction that is crimping more efficient transportation on America’s roads.”

[The Wall Street Journal Editorial Board](#) (August 16, 2018)



“Fewer trucks with bigger payloads would reduce the driver shortage while enhancing the quality and rewards of driver jobs.”

[Ron Knipling](#), Independent Safety Researcher and Consultant – Eno Transportation (April 3, 2017)