

## TRIP PLANNING

### Set the Scene:

- You have unloaded your load in Lima, OH. at 11AM EST.
- You have 60 hours on your 70 hour clock, 7 hours left on your 14 hour clock and 5 hours left on your 11 hour drive clock.
- Your next load is in Columbus, OH, weighs 44,000 pds and they will load you as soon as you get there.
  - Do you want to fuel before picking up the load?
  - When will you be in Columbus?
- The load goes to Phoenix, AZ. And dispatch has a return load for you when you get there.
  - When can you be in Phoenix?
  - What route will you take to get there?
  - How much time will you have on your 70, 14 and 11 hour clocks after delivery in Phoenix?

### Facts about the trip:

- Dispatch tells you it is 95 miles from Lima to Columbus.
- It is 1924 miles from Columbus OH to Phoenix, AZ.
- The route has tolls.
  - Where are they?
  - How much are they?
- It is February
  - Could weather be an issue?
  - What additional gear do you need?
  - Will knowing the route help in determining potential weather issues?

### Additional Questions:

- Where will you end your days?
- How many miles are left on the trip at the end of each day?
- How many state scales will you come across?
- What tools can be used to answer these questions?
- Will you have parking issues due to when you are ending your days?

### Helpful Tips:

- Use 50MPH for trip planning purposes
  - This allows for breaks, fueling and some potential slow downs along the way.
- Most of these questions can be answered in a Rand McNally Atlas. Review the first 50 pages for invaluable information that you will need.
- Use the by-passes around major cities. These are identified by a 3 digit interstate number starting with an even number. Such as I-465 is the loop around Indianapolis. A 3 digit interstate number starting with an odd number is spur directly to the center of the city.

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