

Bosch Secure Truck Parking and logistics association BGL:

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New funding guideline from the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure makes a contribution to improving the truck parking situation

- The Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI) wants to improve the truck parking situation on federal motorways.
- With the help of new funding, the federal government is for the first time providing incentives for companies that create or expand truck parking spaces on company premises or truck stops.
- Bosch Secure Truck Parking supports companies in the planning, construction and digital connection of parking areas in accordance with the funding criteria.

Frankfurt am Main – Truck parking lots are very rare: According to estimates, tens of thousands of truck parking spaces are missing on German motorways. The result is that truck drivers spend a long time looking for parking lots and often have to park unsecured on motorways by entrances and exits to rest areas. This poses a great risk of rear-end collisions. To create more parking spaces, a new funding guideline from the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI) will come into force on June 29, 2021. For the first time, the funding program offers companies financial incentives to provide truck parking spaces at truck stops and depots. The prerequisite for using existing parking spaces is that they are connected to a digital system that records occupancy - a concept that Bosch Secure Truck Parking has been successfully implementing since 2017.

“We welcome the fact that politicians are funding private-sector projects to close the gap in truck parking spaces. This approach is not only cheaper but also more sustainable as we avoid sealing green areas to build new parking areas.” explains Dr. Jan-Philipp Weers, Head of Bosch Secure Truck Parking.

New funding guidelines are to create truck parking spaces

The Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure is planning to provide 90 million euros for this scheme by 2024. Companies that build new parking spaces, expand or remodel existing ones can apply for subsidies of up to 90

percent to cover the construction costs as well as the costs for fencing, marking, IT systems, lighting and safe pathways. One of the requirements is that the parking area is close to the (i.e. a maximum of three kilometers from the next junction), has long opening times and can record occupancy online. Applications for funding can be submitted to the Federal Office for Goods Transport from July 14th.

Bosch is doing pioneering work

Bosch Secure Truck Parking is a provider of a digital booking platform, and supports companies in the successful implementation of such projects: from the selection of suitable areas, the conversion or expansion of parking spaces, and equipping with security technology, through to connecting to the booking platform. Since it was founded in 2017, Bosch Secure Truck Parking has already supported more than 50 site operators - transport and logistics companies, truck stops, exhibition grounds and retail companies - and connected their truck parking spaces to the booking platform. Depending on requirements, parking spaces can also be converted in accordance with the certified security standards of the Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA). To do this, Bosch relies on in-house security expertise and technology, for example connection video surveillance from the Bosch security control center. Large parts of these conversion costs can be subsidized by the new funding. Everyone involved benefits from this: companies can flexibly rent spaces on depots and generate additional income. At the same time, unused space is freed up for urgently needed parking space, which transport companies and their drivers can digitally reserve.

An important step against a lack of parking space

The Federal Association of Goods Transport, Logistics and Disposal (BGL) e.V. also assesses the new funding guidelines as a step in the right direction: "In order to counteract the serious shortage of truck parking spaces in Germany, two years ago BGL developed a concept that includes an assessment of potential. The aim was to try out new ways and, in addition to the state development of parking spaces, to promote the utilization of truck parking spaces at depots. We therefore very much welcome the fact that we have now succeeded in putting this concept into practice," explains Prof. Dr. Dirk Engelhardt, board spokesman of the BGL.

Info box: Bosch Secure Truck Parking

Bosch Secure Truck Parking provides technology-based security and service solutions for the logistics sector. The focus is on the digital booking platform for truck parking spaces, which allows freight forwarders and drivers to book and pay for parking spaces online. In addition, Bosch creates and implements secure and digital parking solutions across Europe, including video surveillance by the Bosch

Monitoring Center. For further information, please visit: <https://www.bosch-secure-truck-parking.com>

Capture: To counteract the shortage of parking spaces on German motorways, Bosch Secure Truck Parking is pursuing the approach of making parking spaces at depots and truck stops usable. Such projects can now be financially supported.

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