10. Internet access from smartphones and tablet devices has greatly improved the work environment of long-distance truck drivers. Using your favorite search engine, identify at least three apps that a trucker might use to do two or more of the following: obtain routing information, manage fuel consumption, find truck stops or truck-friendly rest areas, record what they have hauled and where they have hauled it, track required permits, locate Department of Transportation weigh stations, maintain electronic log books, or find potential loads and place bids to carry them. For each app you identify, write a paragraph that explains what the app does, how much it costs, and on what type of devices it runs.

One of the first apps that comes up when researching top long haul truckers' apps is Trucker Path. This app claims to be the #1 with millions of CDL truck drivers and is the #1 top grossing in maps and navigation apps. When searching in the Play store for Android it comes up third in the results of truck driving. It is a free app that does include in-app purchases. The reviews do reveal that in-app purchases are needed to fully use Trucker Path to its full ability. The app claims to give the best routes and has "trucker" tools like finding cheap fuel, clean rest stops and parking. It also has information about weight station locations and whether they are open or closed.

Next app that comes up in research is Drivewyze. It is advertised as the best app to help truckers avoid weight stations and regulatory stops. While the premise is alarming, it is the #7 top grossing in maps and navigation in the Android Play store. The app is free to download but like other apps researched it required in-app purchases to be truly useful. Some estimates show that most truckers need to pay $17.99 a month or more to take advantage of the full apps' tools. In some cases, their fleet managing service will provide it as a perk.

The last app is Truckers Chat 2. This app is designed to be an anonymous message sharing system that shows messages posted in a predetermined area by current location. It claims to be used primarily for sharing information about traffic, parking availability, and chatting. It does not require a login or verification and is compared to a private CB system. It does appear under smart routing in Google Play store but does not show any distinctions and appears to be free and uses ads to generate revenue.

All of these apps are both on iOS and android platforms and seem to be popular in trucking. Most of the apps researched seemed to have ways for drivers to communicate about weight stations. It also seems normal to give information about if they are open and about how to exit the interstates to drive around them. As I am not familiar with trucking as a business the thought of avoiding all detection with apps is concerning, especially with the rise of human and drug trafficking.