

District One Lane Closure Policy & Procedures

PURPOSE: To establish lane closure, detours, and diversion (collectively herein referred to as lane closure) guidelines in conjunction with any design, permitting, construction, and/or maintenance activities on State Highways within the district.

I. General Requirements:

The following statements outline the District One Lane Closure Guidelines for all construction and maintenance activities, including all permits, utilities, railroad and other on all roadways of the State Highway System within the District:

- **Construction Projects:** Allowable lane closure times will be specified in the Temporary Traffic Control Plans (TTCP). Coordinate lane closures on ramps and intersecting arterials with Traffic Operations and adjust signal timings if necessary.
- **Permit Projects (including Utilities):** Allowable lane closure times for all activities authorized by a permit will be specified by the Department in the permit. Allowable lane closure times will be prepared by a designated person in each Operations Center.
- **Maintenance Projects:** Allowable lane closure times will be prepared by a designated person in each Operations Center.
- Lane closure analysis should be performed using the worksheet in FDM Section 241, *Temporary Traffic Control*.
- It is understood that this policy may conflict with the requirement of accommodating an allowable lane closure duration of at least one eight-hour period per 24-hour work period (as required by FDM 240.2.1.6) during daytime work. If a continuous eight-hour work period is not provided, approval from the State Roadway Design Engineer is required, with supporting approvals by either the District Maintenance Administrator or District Construction Engineer, as applicable.
- All lane closure requests shall be coordinated with local communities and consider tourist seasons and special activities such as sporting events, festivals, concerts, etc., to avoid or minimize impacts to the travelling public.
- Specifications Section 102 requires approval of all lane closures a minimum of 14 days in advance of the closure. A MINIMUM OF ONE WEEK ADVANCE notification of any proposed lane closure, detour, and diversions must be provided to the local Operations Center and District Public Information Office. Two (2) week notification is recommended.
- Contractors must provide notification to law enforcement agencies, local fire departments and emergency medical services of lane closures in excess of two (2) hours in duration. For maintenance activities, the responsible Operations Center shall provide the notification. For surveying, pavement coring, or geotechnical boring activities, the responsible office shall provide the notification. For any other lane closures required as part of the design phase of the project, the design project manager shall provide notification.
- Work activities with lane closures will be monitored by the Department. The Engineer may suspend the work and/or modify the lane closure time if the lane closure is creating undue traffic delay and congestion.

II. Lane Closure Policy for Interstate Highways:

- Per FDM 240.4.2.7 – For widening and reconstruction projects, the TTCP shall maintain the existing number of travel lanes. Use detours, diversions, and lane shifts as necessary to preserve pre-construction capacity.
- Single lane closures are not permitted during the day between the AM and PM peak periods. Double lane closures along the mainline are limited to 10 PM to 5 AM.
- When ramp closures cannot be avoided at interchanges, only one ramp per mainline direction may be closed at any given time.
- Per FDM 240.4.2.7 – Lane closures in excess of one workday on interstate and freeway facilities are prohibited, where only two travel lanes in one direction exist. If such a lane closure is unavoidable, approval from the District Secretary is required.
- Special requests deviating from the referenced time periods must be approved by the Operations Center Engineer, Interstate Program Manager, or designee. If the requestor is a Contractor, the Contractor must provide documentation that supports the request.

III. Lane Closure Policy for State Highways:

- Lane closures are not allowed from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM along state highways in Highlands (Sebring and Avon Park), Polk, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, and Collier Counties, unless a lane closure analysis is completed and approved by the local Operations Center Engineer or Interstate Program Manager, or designee.

IV. Emergency Conditions

- Lane closure restrictions are waived under emergency conditions affecting the roadway.
- Perform work on a continuous, round-the-clock basis to minimize time of closure, unless otherwise approved by the Director of Transportation Operations.
- Notify the local Operations Center, District Maintenance, the local Traffic Management Center and Public Information Office of any lane closure expected to exceed two (2) hours.

V. Special Conditions

- Ensure lane closure restrictions consider morning drop-off (i.e., 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM) and afternoon pick-up hours (i.e., 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM) for schools. These timeframes are examples only and need to be determined specifically for each project based on input from local government officials, our community liaisons, and the District Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, as necessary.

VI. Notification Requirements

- The Contractor shall notify the appropriate Traffic Management Center when a lane closure is implemented and when lanes are reopened for traffic.
- If the lane closure is going to impact traffic in multiple counties along Interstate 4, one or more Traffic Management Centers need to be notified (District 5 and District 7).

- Traffic Management Center to Notify:
 - I-4: Traffic impact in Hillsborough/Polk Counties - District 7 TMC
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 - I-4: Traffic impact in Polk/ Osceola Counties - District 5 and District 7 TMCs
 - I-275: District 7 TMC
 - I-75: Manatee/Sarasota/Charlotte/Lee/Collier Counties – District 1 TMC

- Traffic Management Center Contacts:
 - District 1 TMC: 239-225-9860 (For general questions - TMC Manager, 239-225-1901)
 - District 5 TMC: 407-736-1900
 - District 7 TMC: 813-615-8657