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**DCE MEMORANDUM NO. 20-08**

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**TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS**

**FROM:** Dan Hurtado, P.E., Director, Office of Construction

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**SUBJECT: SPECIFICATION 102 REVISION (Maintenance of Traffic)**

The Department has revised Standard Specification **Section 102 Maintenance of Traffic** to provide contractors with criteria to propose extended closure durations on projects with lane closure restrictions.

The revised language was implemented in the July 2020 Standard Specifications, which is also included in the attachment below.

**Upon request by the contractor, this memorandum serves as a blanket approval to process a \$0.00 contract change to incorporate the above referenced revisions into projects let before July 2020 and should be attached to the Work Order or Supplemental Agreement.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Scott Arnold at 850-414-4273.

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Attachment

**102 MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC**  
**(REV 11-7-19) (FA 2-19-20) (7-20)**

ARTICLE 102-4 is deleted and the following substituted:

**102-4 Alternative Traffic Control Plan.**

The Contractor may propose an alternative traffic control plan (TCP) to the plan presented in the Contract Documents. The Contractor's Engineer of Record must sign and seal the alternative plan and submit to the Engineer. Prepare the TCP in conformance with and in the form outlined in the current version of the FDOT Design Manual. Indicate in the plan a TCP for each phase of activities. Take responsibility for identifying and assessing any potential impacts to a utility that may be caused by the alternate TCP proposed by the Contractor, and notify the Department in writing of any such potential impacts to utilities.

For projects with nighttime lane closure restrictions where paving is expected to extend into the winter months, the Contractor may propose an alternative TCP allowing for daytime lane closures for friction course paving. The alternative TCP must be a lane closure analysis based on actual traffic counts and prepared in accordance with the FDOT Design Manual.

Engineer's approval of the alternate TCP does not relieve the Contractor of sole responsibility for all utility impacts, costs, delays or damages, whether direct or indirect, resulting from Contractor initiated changes in the design or construction activities from those in the original Contract Specifications, Design Plans (including TCPs) or other Contract Documents and which effect a change in utility work different from that shown in the Utility Plans, joint project agreements or utility relocation schedules.

The Department reserves the right to reject any alternative TCP. Obtain the Engineer's written approval before beginning work using an alternate TCP. The Engineer's written approval is required for all modifications to the TCP. The Engineer will only allow changes to the TCP in an emergency without the proper documentation.

The Contractor may propose to extend lane closure times up to one hour in advance of the lane closure start times shown in the Plans for the following conditions:

1. Limited Access roadways with a traffic count of less than 1,300 vehicles per hour per lane
2. Arterials and Collector roadways with a traffic count of less than 1,550 vehicles per hour per lane.

To determine traffic count, record the number of vehicles in the direction of the closure during a 15-minute period. Multiply the number of vehicles by four and divide by the number of lanes in the direction of the closure.