241 Lane Closure Analysis

241.1 General

See ***FDM 240.4.2.7*** for requirements and criteria concerning lane closures.

Lane closure analysis is a process used to calculate the peak hour traffic volume and the restricted capacity for open road and signalized intersections. The analysis will determine if a lane closure should be allowed and the time period a lane closure could occur without excessive travel delay.

Many roadways have directional peak hour traffic volumes, with inbound morning traffic, and outbound afternoon traffic. Doing a composite lane closure analysis would in many cases require night work or create very short allowable lane closure periods. If a separate lane closure analysis is calculated for inbound and outbound separately, night work may be avoided and longer lane closure periods may be allowed.

241.2 Lane Closure Excel Program

An Excel file is available to assist in the preparation of the Lane Closure Worksheet. The program can be found at the Department's TTC Resources web page: ***TTC Resource Download Library***. The Excel worksheet is based on the methods presented in this chapter; Districts may require alternate methods.

The Excel worksheet also illustrates two examples: a widening project and a resurfacing project.

241.3 Lane Closure Symbols and Definitions

The following symbols and definitions provide detail and guidance on the variables to be entered into the Input Data Sheets. The number provided in the circle corresponds to the circled number found on the Lane Closure Worksheet in ***FDM 241.5***.

(1) ATC — Actual Traffic Counts. Use current traffic counts. Traffic counts can be obtained from the Office of Planning, or you may need to get traffic counts done. The designer needs hourly traffic volumes with a total traffic volume for a 24-hour period (see ***Figure 241.7.1***).

(2) P/D — Peak Traffic to Daily Traffic Ratio. Highest hourly volume divided by the total 24-hour volume. Convert the percentage to a decimal on the Lane Closure Worksheet (see ***Figure 241.7.1***).

(3) D — Directional Distribution of peak hour traffic on multilane roads. This factor does not apply to a two-lane roadway converted to two-way, one-lane. The directional distribution can be obtained from the Office of Planning.

(4) PSCF — Peak Season Conversion Factor. Many counties in Florida have a significant variance in seasonal traffic. Use the PSCF for the week in which the actual traffic count was conducted. The ***Transportation Statistics Office*** has tables showing Peak Season Conversion Factors for every county in Florida. These tables are found in the ***Florida Traffic Online*** mapping application by selecting "Traffic Reports" from the toolbar on the right side of the screen.

(5) RTF — Remaining Traffic Factor is the percentage of traffic that will not be diverted onto other facilities during a lane closure. Convert the percentage to a decimal on the Lane Closure Worksheet. This is an estimate that the designer must make on his own, or with help from the Office of Planning. Range: 0% for all traffic diverted to 100% for none diverted.

(6) G/C — Ratio of Green to Cycle Time. This factor is to be applied when lane closure is through or within 600 ft. of a signalized intersection. The Office of Traffic Engineering has timing cycles for all traffic signals.

(7) V — Peak Hour Traffic Volume. The designer calculates the peak hour traffic volume by multiplying the actual traffic count, times peak to daily traffic ratio, times directional factor, times peak seasonal factor, times remaining traffic factor. This calculation will give the designer the expected traffic volume of a roadway at the anticipated time of a lane closure.

(8) C — Capacity of a 2L, 4L 6L, or 8L roadway with one lane closed, and the remaining lane(s) unrestricted by lateral obstructions. The capacity of a 4L, 6L, or 8L roadway is based on lane closure in only one direction.

(9) RC — Restricting Capacity of the above facilities by site specific limitations detailed in the Temporary Traffic Control plans which apply to travel lane width, lateral clearance and the work zone factor. The work zone factor only applies to two lane roadways (see the tables in ***FDM 241.6*** to obtain the Obstruction Factor and Work Zone Factor).

(10) OF — Obstruction Factor which reduces the capacity of the remaining travel lane(s) by restricting one or both of the following components: Travel lane width less than 12 ft. and lateral clearance less than 6 ft. (see Obstruction Factor Table in ***FDM 241.6***).

(11) WZF Work Zone Factor (WZF) is directly proportional to the work zone length (WZL). The capacity is reduced by restricting traffic movement to a single lane while opposing traffic queues. The WZF and WZL only apply to a two lane roadway converted to two way, one lane (see the Work Zone Factor Table in ***FDM 241.6***).

(12) TLW Travel Lane Width is used to determine the obstruction factor (see the Obstruction Factor Table in ***FDM 241.6***).

(13) LC Lateral Clearance is the distance from the edge of the travel lane to the obstruction. The lateral clearance is used to determine the obstruction factor (see the Obstruction Factor Table in ***FDM 241.6***).

241.4 Lane Closure Worksheet Instructions

General Instructions are as follows:

(1) ***Lane Closure Symbols and Definitions*** (see ***FDM 241.3***) provide guidance on where to find the necessary information to fill out the lane closure worksheets.

(2) Fill out the top part of the lane closure worksheet and complete the formulas to calculate the hourly percentage of traffic at which a lane closure will be permitted.

(3) Transfer the calculated percentages to the graph on the ***Lane Closures 24 Hour Counts*** (see ***Figure 241.7.1***).

(4) Draw a line across the graph representing the percentage for both open road and signalized intersections (see ***Figure 241.7.1***).

(5) Plot the hourly percentages (hourly volume divided by total volume) on the graph. Any hourly percentage extending above the restricted capacity percentage lines for open road or signalized intersections indicates the potential for excessive delays.

(6) Lane closures should be prohibited during the time periods shown to have a potential for excessive delays.

241.5 Lane Closure Worksheet

DATE: _____

FINANCIAL PROJECT ID:_____ FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.:_____

COUNTY:_____ DESIGNER:_____

NO. EXISTING LANES:_____ LOCATION: _____

SCOPE OF WORK: _____

Calculate the peak hour traffic volume (V)

V=ATC (1) X P/D (2) X D (3) X PSCF (4) X RTF (5) = (7)

Capacity (C) of an Existing 2-Lane – Converted to 2-Way, 1-Lane = 1400 VPH
Capacity (C) of an Existing 4-Lane – Converted to 1-Way, 1-Lane = 1800 VPH
Capacity (C) of an Existing 6-Lane – Converted to 1-Way, 2-Lane = 3600 VPH
Capacity (C) of an Existing 8-Lane – Converted to 1-Way, 3-Lane = 5400 VPH

Factors restricting Capacity:

TLW (12) LC (13) WZL (11) G/C (6)

Calculate the Restricted Capacity (RC) at the Lane Closure Site by multiplying the appropriate 2L, 4L, 6L, or 8L Capacity (C) from the Table above by the Obstruction Factor (OF) and the Work Zone Factor (WZF). If the Lane Closure is through or within 600 ft. of a signalized intersection, multiply the RC by the G/C Ratio.

RC (Open Road) = C (8) X OF (10) X WZF (11) = (9)

RC (Signalized) = RC (Open Road) (9) X G/C (6) = (9)

If V ≤ RC, there is no restriction on Lane Closure
If V > RC, calculate the hourly percentage of ADT at which Lane Closure will be permitted

$$\text{Open Road \%} = \frac{\text{RC (Open Road) (9)}}{\text{(ATC (1) X D (3) X PSCF (4) X RTF (5))}} = _____\%$$

Signalized % = Open Road % _____ X G/C (6) = _____ %

Plot 24 hour traffic to determine when Lane Closure permitted. (See ***Figure 241.7.1***)

NOTE: For Existing 2-Lane Roadways, D = 1.00.

Work Zone Factor (WZF) applies only to 2-Lane Roadways.

For RTF < 1.00, briefly describe alternate route _____
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241.6 Lane Closure Input Data

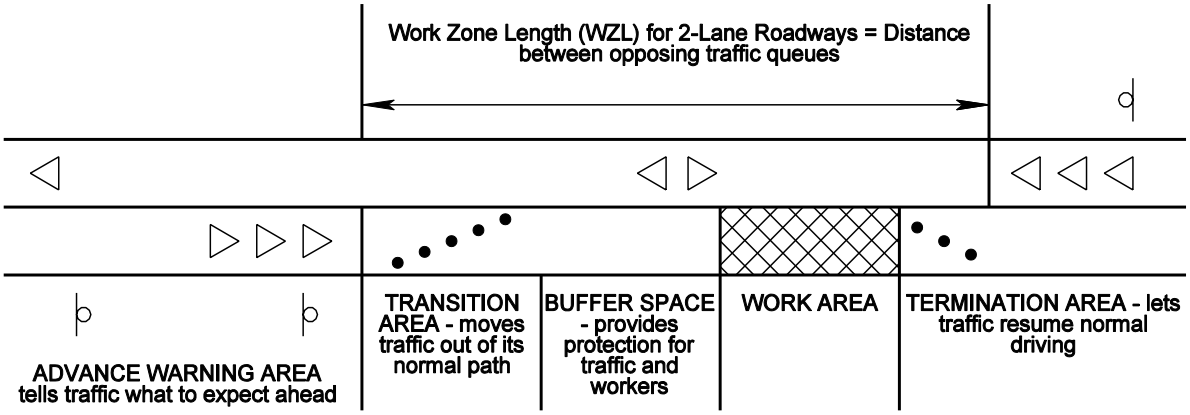
Table 241.6.1 Obstruction Factors (OF)

Lateral Clearance (LC) (feet)	Travel Lane Width (TLW) (feet)			
	12	11	10	9
6	1.00	0.96	0.90	0.80
4	0.98	0.94	0.87	0.77
2	0.94	0.90	0.83	0.72
0.0	0.86	0.82	0.75	0.65

Table 241.6.2 Work Zone Factors (WZF)

WZL (ft.)	WZF	WZL (ft.)	WZF	WZL (ft.)	WZF
200	0.99	2200	0.87	4200	0.78
400	0.97	2400	0.86	4400	0.77
600	0.96	2600	0.85	4600	0.77
800	0.95	2800	0.84	4800	0.76
1000	0.93	3000	0.83	5000	0.75
1200	0.92	3200	0.82	5200	0.75
1400	0.91	3400	0.81	5400	0.74
1600	0.90	3600	0.80	5600	0.73
1800	0.89	3800	0.80	5800	0.73
2000	0.88	4000	0.79	6000	0.72

Figure 241.6.1 Work Zone Length (WZL)



241.7 24-Hour Counts

Figure 241.7.1 24-HR Counts – Example

LANE CLOSURES

24 HOUR COUNTS

TIME	AM HOURLY VOLUME	ATC %	PM HOURLY VOLUME	ATC %
12 - 1	320	1.1	1920	6.4
1 - 2	180	0.6	1660	5.5
2 - 3	60	0.2	1620	5.4
3 - 4	50	0.2	2160	7.2
4 - 5	60	0.2	2380	7.9
5 - 6	260	0.9	2480	8.3
6 - 7	1050	3.5	1860	6.2
7 - 8	2270	7.6	1360	4.5
8 - 9	1820	6.1	1060	3.5
9 - 10	1740	5.8	850	2.8
10 - 11	1650	5.5	730	2.4
11 - 12	1920	6.4	540	1.8
		TOTAL	30,000	100

DATE
APR 19, 1998

DESIGNER
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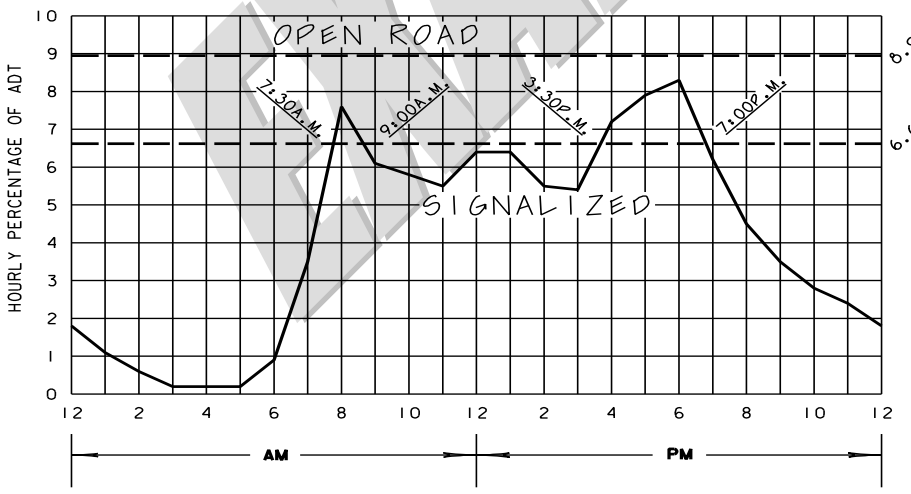
FINANCIAL PROJECT ID
123456-7-89-10

LOCATION
BUCK LAKE RD.

HOURLY VARIATION OF DAILY TRAFFIC



-CONCLUSION-

ROUND TO THE NEAREST 1/2 HOUR CONSERVATIVELY

OPEN ROAD LANE CLOSURE
NO RESTRICTION

SIGNALIZED LANE CLOSURE
9:00A.M. - 3:30P.M.
7:00P.M. - 7:30A.M.

EXAMPLE