

## District One Lane Closure Policy & Procedures

PURPOSE: To establish lane closure guidelines in conjunction with any construction and/or maintenance activity of the State Highway within the district.

NO LANE CLOSURE SHALL OCCUR ON ANY STATE ROAD UNLESS ALL OTHER ALTERNATIVES HAVE BEEN EXPLORED AND REASONS FOR THE CLOSURE ARE WARRANTED, JUSTIFIED AND DOCUMENTED. LANE CLOSURES MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT, WHEN ABOVE CONDITIONS ARE MET.

### 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:

- Allowable lane closure time for all activities authorized by a Florida Department of Transportation (referenced as “department” from this point) permit, will be specified by the department, on the permit.
- Allowable lane closure time in a department project will be specified in the Maintenance of Traffic Plans.
- Notification must be provided to law enforcement agencies, local fire departments and emergency medical services for lane closures in excess of two (2) hours in duration.
- All lane closure requests must include consideration for special events such as major community events, sporting events and concerts.
- A MINIMUM TWO (2) WEEKS ADVANCE notification of proposed lane closure must be provided to the local operations center and district public information office.
- The Department reserves the right to modify previously approved or specified times of closures when in the opinion of the Engineer it becomes necessary to do so.
- Work activities with lane closures will be monitored. If in the opinion of the Engineer, the lane closure is creating undo traffic delay and congestion, he/she may suspend the work and/or modify the lane closure time.

### II. Lane Closure Policy for Interstate Highways:

- The allowed time periods for one lane per direction lane closures along Interstate highways in District One are specified in Attachment “A”.
- Attachment “B” provides allowable time periods for two lanes per direction lane closures. Final approval will be provided by the local Operations Center Engineer with concurrence from either the District Maintenance Administrator or the District Construction Engineer.
- Lane closures along ramps will be limited to 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM.
- Special requests deviating from the referenced time periods must be approved by the Director of Transportation Operations or his designee.

#### Notification requirements:

- The contractor shall notify the appropriate Traffic Management Center must be contacted 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 and Polk Counties - District 7 TMC
- I-4: Traffic impact in Polk County - District 7 TMC
- I-4: Traffic impact in Polk and Osceola Counties - District 5 and District 7 TMCs
- I-275: District 7 TMC
- I-75: Manatee and Sarasota Counties - District 7 TMC \*\*\*
- I-75: Charlotte, Lee and Collier Counties - Traffic.Com \*\*\*
- \*\*\* This will be changed to District One TMC after its opening.
- Traffic Management Center Contacts:
  - District 5 TMC: 407-736-1900
  - District 7 TMC: 813-615-8657
  - Traffic.Com: 813-207-0800

### III. Lane Closure Policy for Other State Highways:

- Lane closures are not allowed from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM along state highways within an urban area as identified on the official Straight Line Diagrams (SLD). Deviations from these time periods must be approved by the local Operations Center Engineer with concurrence from either the District Maintenance Administrator or the District Construction Engineer.
- A Lane closure analysis is required for all work activities requiring closure of one or more lanes along the state highway system to determine further restrictions which may apply. Lane closure analysis for maintenance activities should be prepared by the designated person in the local operations center. Lane closure analysis for permits should be performed by the permittee and by the engineer of record for department let projects.
- The analysis should be done using the automated lane closure worksheet prepared by and is available from the District Design Office. This worksheet is based on Section 10.12.7 in Chapter 10, Transportation Management Plan in the latest version of the Plans Preparation Manual (PPM).

### IV. Emergency Condition

- Restricted hours of lane closure are waived under emergency conditions declared by the Governor.
- Work is to be performed on a continuous, round-the-clock basis to minimize time of closure, unless otherwise approved by the Director of Transportation Operations.
- The local Operations Centers and Public Information Office are to be notified of any lane closure which exceeds or is expected to exceed two (2) hours.