## Construction Advisory

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## **Traffic Safety Provision - Holiday Periods**

This construction advisory is directed to the need for coordinating highway construction and maintenance activity so that all construction projects are in satisfactory condition for traffic safety during the Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day holiday periods.

In addition to specific contract provisions, <u>all road and bridge construction</u> and maintenance work will be suspended during the following holiday periods:

## Memorial Day:

3:00 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2013, to 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2013 <u>Independence Day</u>:

3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2013, to 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 8, 2013 Labor Day:

3:00 p.m. Friday, August 30, 2013, to 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 3, 2013

The following exceptions will apply:

- 1. Emergency work authorized by the region engineer.
- 2. Work authorized by the region engineer on relocated or detoured sections that do not interfere with traffic.
- 3. Work authorized by the region engineer when the contractor's operation does not adversely affect traffic flow.
- 4. Additional suspension periods due to project-specific mobility issues.

The hauling of earthmoving equipment, trucks, etc., either on or across public roads, will not be permitted. For projects being constructed under traffic, the work shall be scheduled to eliminate one-way traffic restrictions wherever possible and provide for the safe movement of holiday traffic. The condition of temporary routes, including signs and barricades, shall be checked for potential traffic hazards and conformance to requirements. Any deficiencies noted shall be directed to the attention of either the construction engineer, TSC manager, or region construction engineer for appropriate action.

The region traffic engineers are requested to inspect all projects where traffic is maintained for conformance with signing and traffic safety requirements. Every precaution should be taken to eliminate hazards and minimize inconvenience due to road and bridge construction activities.

<u>Lane closures shall be eliminated wherever possible and practical</u>. Please communicate any lane closures to the Office of Communications as soon as possible prior to the holiday.

