



OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 2, 2020

TO: Region Engineers
Associate Region Engineers
Region Construction Engineers
TSC Managers
TSC Construction Engineers
TSC Projects and Contracts Engineers

FROM: Tony Kratofil, P.E.
Chief Operations Officer

SUBJECT: Traffic Safety Provision – 2020 Holiday Periods

Your attention is directed to the need for coordinating highway construction and maintenance activity so 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, all road and bridge construction and maintenance work will be suspended during the following holiday periods:

Memorial Day: 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 22, 2020 to 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2020
Independence Day: 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2020 to 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 6, 2020
Labor Day: 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 4, 2020 to 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2020

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 must 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, must be checked for potential traffic hazards and conformance to requirements. Any deficiencies noted must be directed to the attention of either the construction engineer, TSC manager, or region construction engineer for appropriate action.

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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.

Lane closures are to be eliminated wherever possible and practical. Please communicate any lane closures to the Office of Communications as soon as possible prior to the holiday. If you have any questions, please contact me or Jason Gutting at 517-636-4913 or GuttingJ@Michigan.gov.



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