

TRAFFIC CONTROL NOTES

1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT A SITE SPECIFIC TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN TO THE ENGINEER FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION. CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS SHALL NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN IS APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INCLUDE A CONSTRUCTION SIGN PACKAGE FOR EXPECTED LANE CLOSURES, WORK ZONE SPEED REDUCTIONS AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LATEST EDITION OF THE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (MUTCD). THE COST OF PREPARING THIS PLAN (AND MAKING CHANGES IF NECESSARY) SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE UNIT PRICE BID FOR ITEM 641.10, "TRAFFIC CONTROL".
2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL POSITION PORTABLE CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS (PCMS) WARNING MOTORISTS OF THE EXPECTED ROADWAY CONDITIONS AHEAD. THE MESSAGE TO BE DISPLAYED, AND THEIR PROPOSED LOCATIONS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ENGINEER IN ADVANCE FOR APPROVAL. THE PCMS SHOULD BE RELOCATED AS DETERMINED BY THE ENGINEER TO PROVIDE WORK ZONE TRAVEL INFORMATION THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO CONVEY WITH STATIC SIGNS. THE COST OF PROVIDING THESE MESSAGE SIGNS AND THEIR RELOCATION IF NECESSARY SHALL BE PAID UNDER ITEM 641.15, "PORTABLE CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGN".
3. THE BID PRICE FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL, ITEM 641.10, SHALL INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING, AS NEEDED: APPROACH AND ON-PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SIGNING, PORTABLE FLASHING ARROW BOARDS, BARRIERS, BARRELS, CONES, BARRICADES, TEMPORARY REGULATORY AND WARNING SIGNS, AND POSTS AS DETAILED IN THE MUTCD AND VAOT STANDARDS. ALL ADJUSTING, RELOCATING AND REMOVING OF THESE DEVICES AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER SHALL ALSO BE INCLUDED.
4. THE LATEST EDITION OF THE MUTCD SHALL BE THE STANDARD FOR ALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES. EXISTING SIGNS AND MARKINGS SHALL BE VALID UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY ARE REPLACED OR RECONSTRUCTED. WHEN NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ARE ERECTED OR PLACED, OR EXISTING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ARE REPLACED OR REPAIRED, THE EQUIPMENT, DESIGN, METHOD OF INSTALLATION, PLACEMENT OR REPAIR SHALL CONFORM WITH SUCH STANDARDS.
5. NO CONSTRUCTION SIGNS SHALL BE INSTALLED AS TO INTERFERE OR OBSTRUCT THE VIEW OF EXISTING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, STOPPING SIGHT DISTANCE, AND CORNER SIGHT DISTANCE FROM DRIVES AND TOWN HIGHWAYS. EXISTING SIGNS WHICH CONFLICT WITH TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SHALL BE COMPLETELY COVERED OR REMOVED.
6. SEE VAOT STANDARDS T-10 AND T-17 FOR ADDITIONAL SIGN PLACEMENT DETAILS.
7. CONSTRUCTION ZONE SIGN LAYOUT SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE LATEST EDITION OF THE MUTCD, AND AS OUTLINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.
8. CONSTRUCTION SIGNS SHALL BE IN NEW OR LIKE NEW CONDITION PER VAOT STANDARDS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS.
9. DIAMOND SHAPED SIGNS SHALL BE FOUR FOOT BY FOUR FOOT WITH BLACK TEXT AND BORDER ON A RETROREFLECTIVE FLUORESCENT ORANGE BACKGROUND.
10. RETROREFLECTIVE SHEETING SHALL BE AS NOTED ON VAOT STANDARD T-1 AND IN SUBSECTION 750.08
11. WHERE TEMPORARY SIGNS ARE PLACED BEHIND GUARDRAIL, THEY SHALL BE ADJUSTED SUCH THAT THE BOTTOMS OF THE SIGNS ARE ABOVE THE TOP OF GUARDRAIL.
12. AS THE CONSTRUCTION OPERATION MOVES, FLAGGER SIGNS SHALL BE MOVED ACCORDINGLY. AT NO TIME SHOULD THE FLAGGER SYMBOL SIGN BE MORE THAN 500 FEET FROM THE FLAGGER STATION. FLAGGER SIGNS SHALL BE COVERED OR TURNED AWAY FROM TRAFFIC WHEN FLAGGING OPERATIONS CEASE FOR LONGER THAN 15 MINUTES.
13. BARRELS AND CONES SHALL BE USED TO CLEARLY DEFINE THE TRAVEL SPACE AND PROVIDE SEPARATION FROM THE WORK SPACE ALONG ITS ENTIRE LENGTH.
14. FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL GENERAL NOTES, SEE VAOT STANDARD T-1.
15. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE ACCESS THROUGH THE WORK ZONE AND MAINTAIN ACCESS TO ALL PROPERTIES FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AT ALL TIMES. ACCESS TO ALL COMMERCIAL AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES SHALL BE MAINTAINED DURING BUSINESS HOURS. ACCESS TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES MAY BE RESTRICTED FOR A SHORT DURATION (A FEW HOURS). THIS WORK SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH THE OWNER. COORDINATE MAJOR WORK ON COMMERCIAL OR MUNICIPAL ACCESSES WITH THE OWNER AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO STARTING THE WORK. ALL ACCESSES SHALL ALSO BE KEPT FREE OF WORK AND TRAFFIC CONTROLLED BY UNIFORMED TRAFFIC OFFICERS OR FLAGGERS AS REQUIRED BY THE ENGINEER.
16. A MINIMUM LANE WIDTH OF 12 FT. SHALL BE MAINTAINED.
17. WHEN COLD PLANED BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT IS OPEN TO TRAFFIC, A "MOTORCYCLES USE CAUTION" SIGN, AS PER VAOT STANDARD T-17, SHALL BE PROVIDED.
18. THE CONTRACTOR SHOULD LEAVE NO LONGITUDINAL DROP-OFFS DURING THE OVERNIGHT HOURS. THEREFORE, THE FULL ROADWAY WIDTH SHOULD BE COLD PLANED OR PAVED DURING THE DAILY WORK PERIOD. WHEN NECESSARY, DROP-OFF PROTECTION IN THESE AREAS SHALL CONFORM TO VAOT STANDARD T-36.
19. TRAFFIC SHALL NOT BE CHANGED FROM ONE TRAFFIC PATTERN TO THE NEXT TRAFFIC PATTERN UNTIL ALL TEMPORARY MARKINGS AND SIGNING WORK ARE COMPLETED. ANY CONFLICTING MARKINGS SHALL BE REMOVED.
20. ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS SHALL BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE PEDESTRIAN TRAVEL AT ALL TIMES. THIS CAN INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO A DEDICATED PEDESTRIAN ESCORT, SIGNAGE AND CONED OFF WALKING AREAS WITHIN CLOSED LANES. FLAGGERS SHALL NOT BE USED AS PEDESTRIAN ESCORTS. WHEN EXISTING PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ARE DISRUPTED, CLOSED, OR RELOCATED IN A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE, THE TEMPORARY FACILITIES SHALL BE DETECTABLE AND SHALL INCLUDE ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES CONSISTENT WITH THE FEATURES PRESENT IN THE EXISTING PEDESTRIAN FACILITY. PAYMENT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE UNIT PRICE BID FOR ITEM 641.10 TRAFFIC CONTROL.
21. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE UTO (UNIFORMED TRAFFIC OFFICER), UNDER AUTHORITY GRANTED BY LAW (TITLE 23 VSA) MAY DIRECT AND CONTROL TRAFFIC. SUITABLE EXAMPLES IN WORK MIGHT INCLUDE THE DIRECTION AND CONTROLS OF TRAFFIC AT INTERSECTIONS WHERE SIGNALS ARE NOT FUNCTIONING OR ARE MALFUNCTIONING. IN THESE CASES, THE PRESENCE OF THE BLUE LIGHT MAY NOT BE SUITABLE OR NECESSARY. THE WEARING OF DEPARTMENTALLY REQUIRED AND APPROVED REFLECTIVE GARMENTS IS REQUIRED.

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