

**ENGINEERING DIRECTIVE**

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Chief Engineer

Effective immediately, all necessary measures will be taken to ensure that contractors' personnel and equipment are well off the travelled way and shoulders by the time specified in contracts for work on high volume roadways. It is imperative that construction operations are managed so that motorist travel delay is minimized.

At any time during the operation when a traffic delay of over twelve (12) minutes occurs and the situation is worsening, the Resident Engineer will begin to suspend operations. Continuously increasing delays of over twelve (12) minutes are not to be permitted. When it appears that delays are developing, the Resident Engineer or the Assistant Resident Engineer are to drive the queue to determine the actual time of delay. Monitoring of traffic delay will be a continuous process until the job activity is complete and off the travelled way or until the determination is made to suspend operations.

In conjunction with this, **VARIABLE MESSAGE BOARDS** shall be placed upstream of alternative exits far enough in advance to allow motorists to make decisions about alternate routes.

In no case will operations commence prior to specified hours. This includes traffic set-ups that restrict the flow of traffic upstream of and through the construction zone.

In the case of operations which run more than fifteen minutes (15) beyond the specified contract hours, including traffic control work, the following shall apply:

1. Whenever it is determined that a time overrun is likely, the Resident Engineer (RE) shall contact the District Highway Director (DHD) or, at the DHD's option, the District Construction Engineer or District Maintenance Engineer. The RE shall explain the situation and request authorization from the DHD to work the extended hours.

2. In those rare cases that extended hours are approved, then details of lane closures, locations, etc. will be faxed or phoned immediately to the Commissioner's office, the Boston Radio Room and the District Safety Inspector.

The RE's job performance will be determined in part by the frequency of traffic delay occurrences. Occurrence of excessive traffic delays or delays which jeopardize public safety will be cause for disciplinary action.