Manitoba Transportation and Government Services Traffic Engineering



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Purpose

Short term detours present a special set of traffic control problems.

Protection of the travelling public, and the safety of workers is paramount. However, these must be weighed against the cost and time involved with installing and removing the necessary traffic control devices.

Flagpersons, used effectively, can be expected to substitute for some other traffic control devices. However, heavy traffic volumes, limited sight distances, or poor visibility conditions may require additional measures to ensure motorist and worker safety.

Definition

Daylight detours will be considered to include any shoo-fly (minor deviation) type of detour which will be in place for daylight hours only.

Policy

Whenever a construction and maintenance activity or other situation causes the requirement for a "daylight hours" only detour to be required the following special Traffic Management Plan (TMP) must be implemented and maintained. This policy applies to all Provincial Trunk Highways and Provincial Roads and during daylight hours only.

Standard

Traffic control should consist of at least the following (see drawing TMP-23):

- X DETOUR AHEAD (C-2) and FLAGMAN AHEAD (WD-A45) signs placed as shown for traffic in both directions.
- X Signs mounted as shown. (Department approved portable sign stands acceptable.)

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- X Two flagpersons, (properly attired in approved vest and orange cap), one for traffic in each direction. Flagpersons should be in radio (preferred) or visual contact, and should allow traffic to proceed from one direction at a time.
- X Class A "directional" barricades required in the closed lanes for traffic in both directions.
- X Class B barricades **recommended where space is available**.
- X Reflectorized orange delineator posts (50 mm x 1200 mm) at 15 m spacing, placed on left and right side of detour.

NOTE: Project Supervisors must assess each situation **individually**; based on experience and good judgement implement additional measures as necessary to ensure the safety of motorists and workers.