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Traffic Control Device: **Work Zone**

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Division:

Subject: **Route Detour Signing**

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## Purpose

Route detours should always be considered whenever a detour will provide the best service to through (as distinct from local) traffic. It may be necessary or desirable to allow local traffic on the "closed" roadway.

In many cases the route that is used to detour highway through traffic is under the jurisdiction of some other authority (municipality, town, local government district). Normally these roads are not used as through routes, particularly to the detour destination. In addition to the basic requirement of safely detouring traffic at the intersection(s) of the detour route and the highway, it is also necessary to provide directional guidance at appropriate intervals, and to control all intersections in a manner that protects the detoured traffic.

## Policy/Standard

Agreement must be reached between the local traffic authority and the Department regarding the authority to control intersections as required on the detour route. In general, all intersections along a detour route will be controlled with stop signs on either the east/west or north/south approach, favouring the detour route when feasible.

If either end of a route detour falls at a location that requires a construction gate assembly as specified in a contract, the gate assembly should be placed or moved so that it does not interfere with or detract from the barricade assemblies or signing required for the route detour. This may require that the construction gate assembly is located a considerable distance upstream from the barricade assembly or signing.

Detour highway route marker assemblies should be installed and maintained at all intersections where the detour route changes direction, and at other locations as required to maintain a maximum interval of 2 km between route markers.

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