

UTILITY WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

All work activities within the public space require appropriate work zone traffic control to protect the motorists, pedestrians, and workers. The degree of controls required will be proportionate to the characteristics of the roadway, its traffic demands and the type and extent of work to be performed. All required signs shall be installed prior to the start of construction or placing any equipment or materials on site

The permittee shall submit a site specific Temporary Traffic Control Plan (TTCP) for approval by the Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Engineering & Operations (DTEO) when either of the following conditions exist:

- Roadways classified as Arterial and Higher (Typically, 80' right-of-way or greater)
- Roadways within the business district (Bethesda, Wheaton, and Silver Spring)

The DTEO may consider waiving the requirements if it is determined the roadway is under-utilized or if the work activity would not seriously affect traffic. The waiver may be secured by verbal or written request to Ms. Stella Igbinedion by phone at 240-777-2165 or at stella.igbinedion@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The site specific TTCP shall correctly depict the name of the affected roadways, physical characteristics including the correct number of lanes, turn lanes, pavement markings, parking lanes, medians, traffic islands, posted speed limits as well as all intersecting streets and affected sidewalks within the proposed traffic control plan. The TTCP shall identify the proposed work zone and staging areas. The TTCP shall identify and provide specific locations for all traffic control devices (i.e. signs, drums, taper lengths, cones, arrow panel, flaggers, etc.), to protect the work zone. The TTCP must conform to the provisions set forth in the most recent editions of the Maryland Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) Part 6 and the Montgomery County Work Zone Traffic Control Standards Book.

For all work activities meeting any of the following conditions, a site specific TTCP is not required. However, the permittee shall comply with the most recent edition of the Montgomery County Work Zone Traffic Control Standards Book:

- Any emergency work activity (i.e. storm damage restoration, defective equipment replacement, malfunction repairs, etc.)
- Maintenance work activities of less than four (4) hours TOTAL duration (i.e.: cable relocations and splicing, streetlight repairs, installing equipment on existing poles, short term manhole work, etc.) which does not involve roadway excavation and does not occupy more than one travel lane in one direction. Work activities within the traveled portion of roadways shall be restricted to the hours of 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday, and not on holidays unless written exception is granted in writing by the County Inspector.

Roadways classified as Primary, Secondary or Tertiary (Typically, 79' right-of-way or less).