

ANNOUNCEMENT: BDC21S-17

DATE: December 10, 2021

SUBJECT: Traffic Direction, Police Services

• Revision to the 2019 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Subpart 159.03.08

Subpart 159.03.08 of the 2019 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction has been revised in order to allow the RE the discretion to enhance the Traffic Control Plan by requesting police services to increase safety.

The following revisions has been incorporated into the 2019 Standard Specifications via 2019 Standard Inputs, SI2019.

159.03.08 Traffic Direction

PART B IS CHANGED TO:

B. Police. Unless designated as local police at the preconstruction conference, police will be on-duty New Jersey State Police. Police are either provided by the RE as employees of the State, or by the local government as a vendor to the State. The use of police services by the RE does not relinquish or diminish the Contractor's responsibilities for work zone safety.

Submit a request for police services to the RE 72 hours before beginning construction operations.

Activities requiring police services include:

- 1. Traffic direction through signalized intersections, where the integrity of the existing traffic signal system is impacted or where an override of the signal is required.
- 2. Temporary closure of all lanes on state highways and interstates.

Police services may be requested as an enhancement to the TCP.

This enhancement includes:

- 1. Temporary closure of one or more lanes on interstates.
- 2. Temporary closure of one or more lanes on state highways with a posted speed of 50 miles per hour or higher.

Emergency situations may prevent police from arriving at the scheduled date or time. The RE will not permit construction operations that, by law, require police services if police are unavailable. The Department will not accept claims for interruptions or delays resulting from any failure of police to arrive as requested.

The RE must notify State and local police of cancellations 24 hours in advance. At least 24 hours before the scheduled start of work, notify the RE of any work cancellation for which police services were requested.

Implementation Code R (ROUTINE)

Changes must be implemented in all applicable Department projects scheduled for Final Design Submission at least one month after the date of the BDC announcement. This will allow designers to make necessary plan, specifications, and estimate/proposal changes without requiring the need for addenda or postponement of advertisement or receipt of bids.

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