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MEMORANDUM TO: Division Engineers  
FROM: J. G. Nance, PE  
Chief Engineer - Operations  
SUBJECT: Time Restrictions – Contract Construction Projects

Many of our construction contracts include time restriction provisions associated with lane closures. These restrictions typically address concerns with safety and congestion. After work begins, our project staff should evaluate the need and effectiveness of these contract work restrictions. On some occasions the anticipated traffic congestion is different from that experienced on the project.

As part of our review of time restrictions in the contract development phase, consideration should be given to directional congestion. After project construction begins, additional consideration may allow the restrictions to be relaxed during certain periods of the day. Also, if short duration closures, such as "marathon weekends" could have a major impact on completing our projects on or ahead of schedule, they should be considered even if not part of the original contract. Any changes to the contract time restrictions should be documented with a Supplemental Agreement and revised Intermediate Contract Time. If Traffic Control Plan revisions are needed, coordinate with the Traffic Management Unit.

Although the above time restriction reviews and consideration should take place on all projects, it is especially critical as we strive to meet our Maintenance of Effort (MOE) commitments. I ask that you discuss this with your staff to make sure we do not miss any opportunities available during the early part of this construction season.

If you need additional information or assistance, please contact State Construction Engineer Ron Hancock in the Construction Unit or any member of his staff at (919) 733-2210.

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