



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RALEIGH 27611


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DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

MEMORANDUM TO: Division Engineers

FROM: R. F. Coleman, P. E. 
Chief Engineer

SUBJECT: Temporary Closing Of Portions Of State
Highway System Routes For Local Events

The Board of Transportation, meeting in official session on April 12, 1985, approved the attached agenda item which delegates permit approval authority of temporary road closings to the appropriate Division Engineer. Prior to issuance of a specific approval the Division should consult with the Traffic Engineering Branch to assure public safety and travel will not be adversely impacted. The Division should also obtain a commitment from the sponsor that law enforcement officials will be available to direct traffic to provide for the safety of the traveling public and to minimize the inconvenience to the public.

Please advise if you require further information on the handling of this matter.

RFC/WDC/ph
Attachment

cc: Mr. G. E. Wells
Mr. J. M. Lynch
Mr. M. C. Adams

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY CLOSINGS OF STATE HIGHWAY
SYSTEM ROUTES

On October 10, 1980, the Board of Transportation adopted a resolution delegating to the Secretary of Transportation authority to approve the temporary closings of State Highway System routes for local special events. The resolution permits approval of these temporary closings where (a) engineering studies show public safety and travel will not be adversely affected; (b) approval is recommended by the State Highway Administrator; and (c) assurance was given by local government officials that law enforcement personnel would be available to handle traffic supervision as necessary.

Special events for which temporary road closings are often requested include parades, bicycle races, foot races, etc.

The decision for approval or denial of these requests can properly be made and should be made by our Division Engineers in cooperation with the appropriate Board members. The Board of Transportation does, therefore, hereby amend the October 10, 1980 resolution to permit approval authority of temporary road closings to be by the appropriate Division Engineer.

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RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
TO AUTHORIZE THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF PORTIONS OF STATE HIGHWAY
SYSTEM ROUTES FOR LOCAL EVENTS

WHEREAS The Board of Transportation General Ordinance 17 (Title 19A
2E .0413) prohibits any firm, person, organization, school,
or other group from conducting a parade on the main travelway
of a street or highway of the State Highway System located out-
side the limits of a municipality, and;

WHEREAS the Department has received numerous requests for closing
of portions State Highway System routes for the purpose of local
events and;

WHEREAS North Carolina General Statute 143B-350(g)(3) authorizes
the Board of Transportation to delegate to the Secretary of
Transportation the authority to promulgate rules, regulations
and ordinances concerning all transportation matters assigned
to the Department

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Transportation
delegates authority to the Secretary to authorize the temporary
closing of portions of the State Highway System routes for local
events where:

The Department's engineering studies show that public
safety and travel will not be adversely impacted, and

The State Highway Administrator recommends approval, and Assurance is given to the Secretary of Transportation by the sponsor that law enforcement officials will be available to direct traffic to provide for the safety of the traveling public and to minimize the inconvenience to the public.

October 10, 1980