

Technical Circular T-08/19
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To: All HQ Directors: Operations, Planning and Major Projects
All Regional Directors
All Engineering Directors
All Ministry Traffic Engineers
All District Managers Transportation
All Project Managers
All Area Managers
Manager Provincial Sign Program
All MoTI Maintenance Contractors
BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association
WorkSafeBC
BC Construction Safety Alliance
BC Municipal Safety Association
Utility Groups – Telus, BC Hydro & Fortis BC
ACEC – BC

Subject: 2020 Traffic Management Manual for Work on Roadways (TMM)

Purpose:

This Technical Circular supersedes T01-16 “Introduction of the 2015 *Interim Traffic Management Manual for Work on Roadways*”. It introduces the 2020 *Traffic Management Manual for Work on Roadways* which will come into effect in January 2020.

Background:

The introduction of the 2015 TMM brought about significant changes over the previous 1999 *Traffic Control Manual* and 2001 *Traffic Management Guidelines for Work on Roadways*.

As a consequence, it was introduced as a 4-year interim manual to facilitate users becoming familiar with changes over the previous manual and to provide a time window to flag and correct errors and inconsistencies. It also presented an opportunity to obtain feedback from industry and other users.

Unlike the 2015 TMM which brought in significant changes, the 2020 TMM remains mostly unchanged where the focus of the update was to address:

- 1) Errors and inconsistencies,
- 2) Revisions to bring about further clarification, and
- 3) Additional options and guidance

Policy:

The TMM outlines fundamental principles and guidelines for traffic management and traffic control with the goal of protection of workers and the safe and efficient movement of road users through a work zone.

Effective January 2020, the 2020 TMM will be used for all work on Ministry roadways except:

- 1) Winter maintenance – procedures and activities carried out by Ministry Maintenance Contractors are defined in their Highway Maintenance Agreement and/or other written policies.
- 2) Ministry road maintenance contracts yet to be renewed
 - a. Service Area 20 (Robson) will be renewed in 2021. The 1999 Traffic Control Manual for Work on Roadways will remain in effect for them (unless otherwise specified) until the maintenance contract is renewed.
 - b. Service Area 11 (East Kootenay) will be renewed in 2022. The 2015 Traffic Management Manual for Work on Roadways will remain in effect for them (unless otherwise specified) until the maintenance contract is renewed.
- 3) Ministry electrical maintenance contracts until the next renewal. The 1999 Traffic Control Manual for Work on Roadways will remain in effect for them (unless otherwise specified) until the maintenance contract is renewed.

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