

Technical Circular T-4/92

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TO: ALL H.Q. DIRECTORS, Prof. Services, Planning and
Major Projects
ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS, Prof. Services, Planning and
Operations
ALL DISTRICT HIGHWAYS MANAGERS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL PROCEDURES

PURPOSE:

To provide the travelling public with standardized traffic control procedures (and eventually standardized devices) for temporary works on or immediately adjacent to all public roads in British Columbia.

BACKGROUND:

In early 1992, Office and Field Editions of the new "Traffic Control Manual for Work on Roadways" (the Manual) were published. Implementation of the new standards could not be mandated until both editions had been distributed; both inside and outside the Ministry. Reasonably wide distribution has now been accomplished.

PROCEDURE:

Commencing on July 1, 1992, traffic control **procedures** for temporary works on all Ministry roads must comply with the Manual. Where appropriate, older style devices, such as black and yellow Warning signs, may continue to be used until January 1, 1994. Other road authorities in the Province are being encouraged to adopt these or similar implementation dates.

An H.227A "Permission to Construct Signs ..." permit is required for all work carried out on Ministry rights-of-way when the work is not done by or on behalf of the Ministry and where the Manual calls for traffic control and that control is not provided by or on behalf of the Ministry. Permits will require adherence to the procedures (and eventually to the devices) contained in the Manual. Permits for Province-wide operations, such as B.C. Hydro and B.C. Telephone will be issued by the Director, Highway Engineering. Permits for more localized operators such as land surveyors, traffic control contractors, etc., not working for or on behalf of the Ministry, will be issued by appropriate District Highways Managers.

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