

**To:** All HQ Directors: Operations, Planning and Major Projects  
All Regional Directors  
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All Regional Traffic Engineers  
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All Project Managers  
All Area Managers  
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All MoTI Highway 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:** Introduction of the 2015 Interim Traffic Management Manual for Work on Roadways

**Purpose:**

This Technical Circular introduces the December 2015 Interim Traffic Management Manual for Work on Roadways (Interim TMM). The introduction of the Interim TMM does not replace the existing *Traffic Control Manual for Work on Roadways, 1999*.

The Interim TMM combines the existing *Traffic Management Guidelines for Work on Roadways, 2001* and the *Traffic Control Manual for Work on Roadways, 1999*, as well as technical circulars relating to traffic management and traffic control. In 2019, the Interim TMM will be used for all new work on Ministry roadways.

The reason for introducing an Interim edition now, ahead of the final release, is to allow industry to:

- Update procedures
- Develop training plans & train staff
- Update equipment and resources, if necessary

The *Traffic Control Manual for Work on Roadways, 1999* is the latest edition and continues to be the minimum standard for traffic control in *Part 18 Traffic Control* of the WorkSafeBC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

## **Background:**

The Interim 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.

The Interim TMM includes standards for designing, applying, positioning, installing, maintaining, and inspecting various types of temporary traffic control devices through work zones, including signs, channelizing devices, signals, barricades, markings, lighting, and other. Minimum standards of application are prescribed for typical situations and for methods of controlling traffic through work zones. A number of typical situations are shown in layouts to illustrate the application of devices for planned, scheduled work.

Winter maintenance activities are not covered in the Interim TMM. Traffic Control for winter maintenance activities done by Ministry Maintenance Contractors are defined in their Highway Maintenance Agreement and/or other written policies.

## **Implementation Schedule:**

The Interim TMM - including any updates that may be issued from time to time - will be required for planning and implementing traffic control for work on Ministry roadways if and when called for within contract Special Provisions. The Interim TMM will also apply to all work on Ministry roadways through any other new written agreement.

- The introduction of the Interim TMM does not change the requirements for traffic management and traffic control on existing written agreements unless specified by the Ministry.
- Effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the Interim TMM will be mandatory for work on existing and renewed Ministry Maintenance Contracts.
- The *Traffic Control Manual for Work on Roadways, 1999* remains the minimum standard for traffic control on Ministry roadways in *Part 18 Traffic Control* of the WorkSafeBC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

An update to this technical circular will be released in 2019, at the end of the three year phase in period.

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