

ROADWAY WORK ZONE POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to promote public safety and prevent injury to workers while working in the proximity of passing motorist and construction vehicles on or adjacent to highways

Exposure to vehicular traffic: Workers in highway zones are exposed to risk of injury from the movement of equipment and construction vehicles and passing motor vehicle traffic within the work zones. Employees will be provided training to recognize and avoid the hazards of the highway work zones. Employees exposed to public vehicular traffic and construction vehicles shall be provided with and shall wear, warning vest or other suitable garments marked with or made of reflectorized or high visibility material. Employees provided with hard hats will be accessorized with reflective markings for increased night time visibility. Workers should be reminded that unnecessary activity within the traveled portion of roadways shall be kept to a minimum to prevent unnecessary exposure and confusion.

Work Zone delineation and traffic control: Before work starts, temporary reflective signage, electronic message and or arrow boards, pavement and curb markings, cones, barriers and other pedestrian and vehicular control devices as specified by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) will be installed. Such devices are to be used to provide orderly and predictable movement of all traffic, and to provide enough information and guidance for all motorized and non motorized traffic in addition to worker safety. As work progresses insure the placement of signs and control devices are to be maintained at appropriate locations.

Additional traffic control may be facilitated with the use of trained traffic control flagger equipped with 'Stop/Slow' paddles or through the use of traffic control signals.

All construction vehicles shall be equipped with functional warning devices such as flashing lights, rotating beacons, or strobes, and backup alarms. They shall be organized and placed such that their use provides the least inconvenience to the Public as possible.

Nighttime operations will be supplemented with lighting devices such as light towers, Flagger's with signaling wands, and flashing warning lights. Illuminated arrow or message boards will be provided as deemed necessary or required by project specifications.

Exposure to inclement weather: Employees should anticipate changes in weather patterns and dress appropriately. A change of cloths is recommended to provide additional comfort should sudden weather changes catch the worker off guard. The employees are responsible for their own comfort and are expected to dress as required to perform their job function for the duration of their shift. It is important that the workers maintain proper nourishment and fluid intake levels to remain alert and healthy.