

INTRODUCTION

This Field Manual is a section of the Part 6 of the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MN MUTCD). It has been reprinted as a separate document for use in field operations. This Field Manual contains the general Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) standards and the user should refer to the MN MUTCD - Part 6 for more details, and follow any TTC plans, specifications, and special provisions written for a specific project. When specific TTC plans for a specific operation are not available, any public or private agency whose work affects vehicular and pedestrian traffic should use this Field Manual to provide proper temporary traffic control (TTC).

The typical layouts contained in this manual do not cover all situations encountered. Because all situations differ, engineering judgment should be used to insure proper traffic control. The goal of the temporary traffic control zone is to provide for the safe and efficient movement of traffic around a location where the normal function of the roadway is temporarily suspended. To accomplish this, the respect of the driver must be earned by appropriate and prudent use of traffic control devices. When work is not in progress or the hazard no longer exists, the temporary traffic control devices shall be folded, covered or removed from the area.

This manual contains typical layouts for temporary traffic control zones ranging from mobile operations to zones which may remain in place overnight for up to three days. If the temporary traffic control zone is to remain in one place for more than three days or involves a detour, road closure or a situation where the typical layouts do not apply, the governing road authority's Traffic Engineering staff should be consulted and a project specific Temporary Traffic Control Plan prepared. Advance planning is necessary for a successful temporary traffic control zone. A checklist is included on page 6K-xxiii to assist you in planning your temporary traffic control zone.

Prior to starting work on any public roadway right-of-way, permission shall be obtained from the governing road authority. The use of any regulatory temporary traffic control device or sign shall be approved by the governing road authority prior to installation. To assist you on state highways, numbers for the Minnesota Department of Transportation are included in the back of this manual. You may wish to note the number of other road authorities on the NOTES page in the back of this book.

Before beginning work, familiarize yourself with this manual, definitions, the principles and the General Responsibilities contained herein. Qualified individuals who have adequate training in temporary traffic control and have a basic understanding of the MN MUTCD should supervise the selection, placement and maintenance of traffic control devices in temporary traffic control zones.