Guidance on Using Wing-Plows

Vehicles equipped with a wing-plow attachment shall not occupy two lanes of through traffic at a time. However, exceptions to this advisory may be granted by the Region Engineer. To assist the Region Engineer in making a determination, please provide them the following information when requesting an exception:

1. Reason for requesting an exception.
2. Specific routes and limits where the exception is being requested.
3. Days and hours of operation that the exception will be used.
4. Conditions governing when the exception may be used, i.e., not during low visibility conditions.
5. Assurance that lights or reflective devices are installed and in proper working order.

Once the Region Engineer has made a determination, the requesting garage or contract agency will be notified of the decision with a copy to the Region Support Engineer at Operations Field Services. Additionally, when granting an exception, the Region Engineer will determine the length of time the exception is valid (i.e., one season, indefinite, etc.). It is recommended that exceptions be reevaluated periodically.