Traffic Control During Special Marking Construction

This construction advisory is to clarify an acceptable method of traffic control during special pavement marking removal and installation at an intersection. It addresses work performed for the annual pavement marking contracts only.

The State/Industry Construction Zone Review Team and Michigan State Police determined that working outside of the marked lane closure during a traffic signal’s red indication is an acceptable work method, provided the following:

1. Construction is considered short duration, as defined by the 2005 Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Section 6G.02.

2. The contractor does not impede the flow of traffic beyond the existing traffic controls.

3. The contractor works within the confines of the red indication only, is back in the closure or on the curb, and outside of the traveled way when the traffic signal changes to a green indication.

The use of hand signals is not permitted as a secondary measure of temporary traffic control when working outside of the closure. The contractors are subject to the same rules and regulations as all other pedestrians when outside the closure during a red indication.

If the contractor is found working in the open lane on a green indication, the allowance of working in the open lane on a red indication may be discontinued.

Use the Special Provision for Maintaining Traffic to prohibit working during a red indication for a particular location(s). Region and TSC wide restrictions that prohibit working on a red indication are not recommended.

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