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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOVA District Staff

**FROM:** Hari Sripathi, P.E.  
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**SUBJECT:** Lane Closures in Nova District

As a follow up to the Lane Closures in Nova District memorandum dated April 27, 2012, enclosed are the updated guidelines for lane closures.

These updated guidelines will be effective immediately. All existing and previously approved projects are encouraged to review their respective contract documents and make adjustments if possible.

# Lane Closure Guidelines

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**-For Northern Virginia-**



**Virginia Department of Transportation  
Northern Region Operations**

**September 21, 2016**

**Instruction**

The purpose of this memorandum is to present guidelines for lane closure hours for construction, maintenance, permits, and special events in Northern Virginia.

The first version of the lane closure guidelines was issued in April 2012. In the past four years, there have been completed and on-going roadway construction projects in the NoVA District, such as I-495 and I-95 express lanes and the I-66 spot improvements. As these guidelines are applied and implemented, modifications and updates to these guidelines have become necessary. Same as the previous version, the modifications were made based on traffic volume; roadway characteristics; comments from staff; and considering the public tolerance for the lane closure during certain time periods of the day.

It should be noted that these guidelines must be used as a starting point for discussion at the project level. On large scale projects with robust community outreach and a Traffic Management Plan, these hours could be extended. If project staff would like to modify these hours for interstate or major arterials, they must work with NRO Traffic Operations staff for recommendations and obtain final approval from their functional Assistant District Administrator (ADA).

Please review the existing contracts and discuss the deviations from these hours with your functional ADA.

**Restriction of Operations:**

In addition to the allowable lane closure hours specified in the tables, the restrictions listed below shall be followed.

**1. Peak Hours Lane Closures**

Any lane reductions (temporary or permanent) during the peak periods (Monday to Friday, 6:00AM to 9:00AM and 3:30PM to 6:30PM) on roads with an AADT above or equal to 10,000 vehicles requires consultation with the Regional Operations Director (ROD) and Public Affairs Manager.

**2. Complete Roadway Closures**

If there are complete road closures on any road for construction or maintenance work, the ROD and Public Affairs Manager must be consulted.

Complete Roadway Closures shall be limited to 20 to 30 minutes intermittent stoppage for some specific work activities.

If the closure duration is above 30 minutes, it shall be approved separately with full Maintenance of Traffic and Traffic Management Plans.

**3. Construction in Residential Subdivisions**

Road work within residential subdivisions and/or cul-de-sac streets should be conducted during daytime hours to avoid night time noise issues.

#### 4. Express Lanes (I-95 & I-495)

All I-95 and I-495 Express Lane closures shall be coordinated with the Express Lanes Operations Center at least 5 business days in advance using their Authorization to Work form (available from the Express Lanes Operations Center at (571) 419-6046. Complete road closures on the I-95 Express Lanes and I-495 Express Lanes will be limited to 30 minutes or less

#### 5. Holiday

In addition to the Sunday or Holiday work limitations, mobile, short duration, short-term stationary or intermediate-term stationary temporary traffic control zone lane closures on mainline lanes, shoulders or ramps shall not be performed during the following Holiday time periods without the written permission of the Engineer. Additionally, long-term stationary temporary traffic control zones shall not be initially put in place, adjusted, or removed during the following Holiday time periods without the written permission of the Engineer (VDOT 2016 Standard Specifications, updated 7/2016):

- **January 1:** From Noon on the preceding day until Noon on the following day, except as indicated below.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Lee Jackson Day\*:** From Noon on the preceding Thursday to Noon on the following Tuesday.
- **Presidents Day\*:** As indicated below.
- **Easter\*:** As indicated below.
- **Memorial Day:** As indicated below.
- **July 4:** From Noon on the preceding day until Noon on the following day, except as indicated below.
- **Labor Day:** As indicated below.
- **Columbus Day\*:** As indicated below.
- **Veterans Day\*:** From Noon on the preceding day until Noon on the following day, except as indicated below.
- **Thanksgiving Day:** From Noon on the Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving Day until Noon on the Monday following Thanksgiving Day.
- **Christmas Day:** From Noon on the preceding day until Noon on the following day, except as indicated below.

**If the Holiday occurs on a Friday or Saturday:** From Noon on the preceding Thursday to Noon on the following Monday.

**If the Holiday occurs on a Sunday or Monday:** From Noon on the preceding Friday to Noon on the following Tuesday.

**\*Note:**

For low volume roadways (minor arterial), lane closures will not be allowed during the holidays; however, there will be no restriction to the preceding day and the following day.

| <b>INTERSTATE 395 &amp; INTERSTATE 95</b>     |   |   |                          |                               |                              |
|---|---|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>WEEKDAY</b>                                |   | <b>Northbound</b>                       |                          |                               |                              |
|   |   | <b>Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder</b> | <b>Two-Lane Closures</b> | <b>Multiple-Lane Closures</b> | <b>Complete Road Closure</b> |
| <b>Segment 1</b>                              | <b>14<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge to Springfield Interchange</b>  | 10:00AM to 3:00PM                       | 10:00PM to 5:00AM        | 11:00PM to 5:00AM             | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |
|   |   | 9:00PM to 5:00AM                        |                          |                               |                              |
| <b>Segment 2</b>                              | <b>Springfield Interchange to Rt.123</b>                      | 9:30AM to 3:30PM                        | 10:00PM to 5:00AM        | 11:00PM to 5:00AM             | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |
|   |   | 9:00PM to 5:00AM                        |                          |                               |                              |
| <b>Segment 3</b>                              | <b>Rt.123 to Prince William / Stafford County line</b>        | 9:30AM to 3:30PM                        | 10:00PM to 4:30AM        | 11:00PM to 4:00AM             | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |
|   |   | 9:00PM to 5:00AM                        |                          |                               |                              |
| <b>Segment 4</b>                              | <b>Prince William / Stafford County line to Rt.3 Exit 130</b> | 9:30AM to 3:30PM                        | 10:00PM to 4:30AM        | n/a                           | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |
|   |   | 9:00PM to 4:30AM                        |                          |                               |                              |
| <b>Segment 5</b>                              | <b>Rt.3 Exit 130 to Caroline / Hanover County line</b>        | 9:00AM to 3:30PM                        | 10:00PM to 4:30AM        | n/a                           | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |
|   |   | 9:00PM to 5:30AM                        |                          |                               |                              |
| <b>All lanes open at 12:00 noon on Friday</b> |   |   |                          |                               |                              |
| <b>WEEKDAY</b>                                |   | <b>Southbound</b>                       |                          |                               |                              |
|   |   | <b>Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder</b> | <b>Two-Lane Closures</b> | <b>Multiple-Lane Closures</b> | <b>Complete Road Closure</b> |
| <b>Segment 1</b>                              | <b>14<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge to Springfield Interchange</b>  | 10:00AM to 2:30PM                       | 10:00PM to 5:00AM        | 11:00PM to 5:00AM             | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |
|   |   | 9:30PM to 5:00AM                        |                          |                               |                              |
| <b>Segment 2</b>                              | <b>Springfield Interchange to Rt.123</b>                      | 9:00AM to 2:00PM                        | 10:00PM to 5:00AM        | 11:00PM to 5:00AM             | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |
|   |   | 9:30PM to 5:00AM                        |                          |                               |                              |
| <b>Segment 3</b>                              | <b>Rt.123 to Prince William / Stafford County line</b>        | 9:00AM to 2:00PM                        | 10:00PM to 5:00AM        | 11:00PM to 5:00AM             | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |
|   |   | 9:30PM to 6:00AM                        |                          |                               |                              |
| <b>Segment 4</b>                              | <b>Prince William / Stafford County line to Rt.3 Exit 130</b> | 9:00AM to 2:00PM                        | 10:00PM to 5:30AM        | n/a                           | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |
|   |   | 9:30PM to 6:00AM                        |                          |                               |                              |
| <b>Segment 5</b>                              | <b>Rt.3 Exit 130 to Caroline / Hanover County line</b>        | 9:00AM to 3:00PM                        | 10:00PM to 5:30AM        | n/a                           | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |
|   |   | 9:30PM to 6:00AM                        |                          |                               |                              |
| <b>All lanes open at 11:00am on Friday</b>    |   |   |                          |                               |                              |

| <b>INTERSTATE 395 &amp; INTERSTATE 95</b> |   |                               |                              |
|---|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>WEEKEND</b>                            | <b>Northbound/Southbound*</b>           |                               |                              |
|   | <b>Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder</b> | <b>Multiple-Lane Closures</b> | <b>Complete Road Closure</b> |
| Friday to Saturday                        | 10:00PM to 7:00AM                       | 11:00PM to 6:00AM             | 12:00AM to 5:00AM            |
| Saturday to Sunday                        | 10:00PM to 7:00AM                       | 11:00PM to 6:00AM             | 12:00AM to 5:00AM            |
| Sunday to Monday                          | 10:00PM to 5:00AM                       | 11:00PM to 4:00AM             | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |

\* For special operations, depending on time of year, additional hours may be allowed with proper ADA/ROD approval.

|                | <b>REVERSIBLE LANES (HOV &amp; EXPRESS LANES)*</b>          |                                |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                | <b>Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder</b>                     | <b>Complete Road Closure**</b> |
| <b>WEEKDAY</b> | 9:30PM (Sunday to Thursday) to 4:00AM (Monday to Friday)    | 11:00PM to 4:00AM              |
| <b>WEEKEND</b> | 11:00PM (Friday to Saturday) to 9:00AM (Saturday to Sunday) | 11:00PM to 4:00AM              |

\* Direction of traffic control for all lane closures in reversible lanes will need to be adjusted as necessary to face direction of traffic.  
 \*\* Complete Road Closure on Express Lanes limited to 30 minutes or less.

| <b>INTERSTATE 495 (BELTWAY)</b>  |   |   |                                |                               |                              |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>WEEKDAY</b>   |   | <b>Inner Loop</b>                       |                                |                               |                              |
|  |   | <b>Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder</b> | <b>Two-Lane Closures</b>       | <b>Multiple-Lane Closures</b> | <b>Complete Road Closure</b> |
| <b>Segment 1</b>   | <b>A. L. Bridge to Springfield Interchange</b>              | 10:00AM to 3:00PM                       | 10:00PM to 5:00AM              | 11:00PM to 5:00AM             | 12:00AM to 5:00AM            |
|  |   | 9:30PM to 5:00AM                        |                                |                               |                              |
| <b>Segment 2</b>   | <b>Springfield Interchange to W.W. Bridge</b>               | 10:00AM to 3:00PM                       | 10:00PM to 5:00AM              | 11:00PM to 5:00AM             | 12:00AM to 5:00AM            |
|  |   | 9:30PM to 5:00AM                        |                                |                               |                              |
| <b>All lanes open at 12:00 noon on Friday</b>                            |   |   |                                |                               |                              |
| <b>WEEKDAY</b>   |   | <b>Outer Loop</b>                       |                                |                               |                              |
|  |   | <b>Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder</b> | <b>Two-Lane Closures</b>       | <b>Multiple-Lane Closures</b> | <b>Complete Road Closure</b> |
| <b>Segment 1</b>   | <b>A. L. Bridge to Springfield Interchange</b>              | 9:30AM to 2:30PM                        | 10:00PM to 5:00AM              | 11:00PM to 5:00AM             | 12:00AM to 5:00AM            |
|  |   | 9:30PM to 5:00AM                        |                                |                               |                              |
| <b>Segment 2</b>   | <b>Springfield Interchange to W.W. Bridge</b>               | 10:00AM to 3:00PM                       | 10:00PM to 5:00AM              | 11:00PM to 5:00AM             | 12:00AM to 5:00AM            |
|  |   | 9:30PM to 5:00AM                        |                                |                               |                              |
| <b>All lanes open at 12:00 noon on Friday</b>                            |   |   |                                |                               |                              |
| <b>WEEKEND</b>   |   | <b>Inner/Outer Loop</b>                 |                                |                               | <b>Complete Road Closure</b> |
|  |   | <b>Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder</b> | <b>Multiple-Lane Closures</b>  |                               |                              |
| Friday to Saturday   |   | 10:00PM to 8:00AM                       | 11:00PM to 7:00AM              |                               | 12:00AM to 5:00AM            |
| Saturday to Sunday   |   | 10:00PM to 9:00AM                       | 11:00PM to 8:00AM              |                               | 12:00AM to 5:00AM            |
| Sunday to Monday   |   | 9:30PM to 5:00AM                        | 11:00PM to 5:00AM              |                               | 12:00AM to 5:00AM            |
| <b>EXPRESS LANES</b>   |   |   |                                |                               |                              |
|  |   | <b>Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder</b> | <b>Complete Road Closure**</b> |                               |                              |
| <b>WEEKDAY</b>   | 9:30PM (Sunday to Thursday) to 4:00AM (Monday to Friday)    |   | 11:00PM to 4:00AM              |                               |                              |
| <b>WEEKEND</b>   | 11:00PM (Friday to Saturday) to 9:00AM (Saturday to Sunday) |   | 11:00PM to 4:00AM              |                               |                              |
| ** Complete Road Closure on Express Lanes limited to 30 minutes or less. |   |   |                                |                               |                              |

| INTERSTATE 66  |   |                                  |                     |                        |                       |
|--|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| WEEKDAY  |   | Eastbound                        |                     |                        |                       |
|  |   | Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder | Two-Lane Closures   | Multiple-Lane Closures | Complete Road Closure |
| Segment 1  | Prince William County line to Route 286 | 10:00AM to 3:30PM                | 9:00PM to 5:00AM    | 10:00PM to 5:00AM      | 12:00AM to 4:00AM     |
|  |   | 8:00PM to 5:00AM                 |                     |                        |                       |
| Segment 2  | Route 286 to Beltway                    | 11:00AM to 3:30PM                | 10:00PM to 5:00AM** | 11:00PM to 5:00AM**    | 12:00AM to 4:00AM     |
|  |   | 9:00PM to 5:00AM                 |                     |                        |                       |
| Segment 3  | Beltway to TR Bridge (Inside Beltway)   | 9:30PM to 5:00AM                 | n/a                 | n/a                    | 12:00AM to 4:00AM     |
| <b>All lanes open at 12:00 noon on Friday</b>        |   |                                  |                     |                        |                       |
| WEEKDAY  |   | Westbound                        |                     |                        |                       |
|  |   | Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder | Two-Lane Closures   | Multiple-Lane Closures | Complete Road Closure |
| Segment 1  | Prince William County line to Route 286 | 9:00AM to 2:30PM                 | 9:30PM to 6:00AM    | 10:30PM to 5:00AM      | 12:00AM to 4:00AM     |
|  |   | 9:00PM to 6:00AM                 |                     |                        |                       |
| Segment 2  | Route 286 to Beltway                    | 9:00AM to 2:00PM*                | 10:00PM to 5:00AM** | 11:00PM to 5:00AM**    | 12:00AM to 4:00AM     |
|  |   | 9:30PM to 5:00AM                 |                     |                        |                       |
| Segment 3  | Beltway to TR Bridge (Inside Beltway)   | 9:30AM to 2:00PM*                | 10:00PM to 5:00AM** | n/a                    | 12:00AM to 4:00AM     |
|  |   | 10:00PM to 5:00AM                |                     |                        |                       |
| <b>All lanes open at 12:00 noon on Friday</b>        |   |                                  |                     |                        |                       |
| * Only be considered for three lane segment.         |   |                                  |                     |                        |                       |
| ** Consider opening shoulder lane, where Applicable. |   |                                  |                     |                        |                       |

| WEEKEND            |  | Eastbound/Westbound              |                        |                       |
|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Outside Beltway    |  | Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder | Multiple-Lane Closures | Complete Road Closure |
| Friday to Saturday |  | 9:00PM to 9:00AM                 | 10:00PM to 6:00AM      | 12:00AM to 5:00AM     |
| Saturday to Sunday |  | 9:00PM to 9:00AM                 | 10:00PM to 6:00AM      | 12:00AM to 5:00AM     |
| Sunday to Monday   |  | 8:00PM to 5:00AM                 | 9:00PM to 5:00AM       | 12:00AM to 4:00AM     |
| Inside Beltway     |  | Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder | Multiple-Lane Closures | Complete Road Closure |
| Friday to Saturday |  | 10:00PM to 6:00AM                | n/a                    | 12:00AM to 5:00AM     |
| Saturday to Sunday |  | 10:00PM to 6:00AM                | n/a                    | 12:00AM to 5:00AM     |
| Sunday to Monday   |  | 9:30PM to 5:00AM                 | n/a                    | 12:00AM to 4:00AM     |



| <b>ROUTE 267 CONNECTOR</b>                    |   |                              |   |                              |
|---|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>WEEKDAY</b>                                | <b>Eastbound</b>                        |                              | <b>Westbound</b>                        |                              |
|   | <b>Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder</b> | <b>Complete Road Closure</b> | <b>Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder</b> | <b>Complete Road Closure</b> |
| Monday to Friday                              | 11:00AM to 3:00PM                       | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            | 9:30AM to 3:00PM                        | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |
|   | 9:30PM to 5:00AM                        |                              | 9:00PM to 5:00AM                        |                              |
| <b>All lanes open at 12:00 noon on Friday</b> |   |                              |   |                              |

| <b>WEEKEND</b>     | <b>Eastbound/Westbound</b>              |                              |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|
|                    | <b>Single-Lane Closures or Shoulder</b> | <b>Complete Road Closure</b> |
| Friday to Saturday | 10:00PM to 8:00AM                       | 12:00AM to 5:00AM            |
| Saturday to Sunday | 11:00PM to 8:00AM                       | 12:00AM to 5:00AM            |
| Sunday to Monday   | 9:00PM to 5:00AM                        | 12:00AM to 4:00AM            |

| Single-Lane Closures* or Shoulder |                    |                   |                    |                    |                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| ARTERIAL                          | WEEKDAY            |                   | WEEKEND            |                    |                   |
|                                   | Monday to Thursday | Friday            | Friday to Saturday | Saturday to Sunday | Sunday to Monday  |
| Major Arterials**                 | 9:30AM to 3:00PM   | 9:30AM to 2:00 PM | 10:00PM to 9:00AM  | 10:00PM to 8:00AM  | 10:00PM to 5:00AM |
|                                   | 10:00PM to 5:00AM  |                   |                    |                    |                   |
| All Other Roadways                | 9:00AM to 3:30PM   | 9:00AM to 2:00 PM | 10:00PM to 9:00AM  | 9:00PM to 9:00AM   | 10:00PM to 5:00AM |
|                                   | 9:00PM to 5:00AM   |                   |                    |                    |                   |

| Multiple-Lane Closures |                    |                           |                    |                    |                   |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| ARTERIAL               | WEEKDAY            |                           | WEEKEND            |                    |                   |
|                        | Monday to Thursday | Friday                    | Friday to Saturday | Saturday to Sunday | Sunday to Monday  |
| Major Arterials**      | 10:00PM to 5:00AM  | Not allowed until 11:00PM | 11:00PM to 5:00AM  | 11:00PM to 6:00AM  | 11:00PM to 5:00AM |
| All Other Roadways     | 9:00PM to 5:00AM   | Not allowed until 10:00PM | 10:00PM to 6:00AM  | 10:00PM to 6:00AM  | 10:00PM to 5:00AM |

\*Single-lane closures only permitted for multiple-lane roadways.

\*\*Major Arterials defined as Primary Roads, high volume Secondary Roads, and all other routes that connect directly to Interstates.