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# KEEPING ROADS OPEN TO TRAFFIC

(Effective December 1, 1999; Revised December 14, 2009)

All lanes shall be open to traffic during the legal holiday periods according to Article 107.09 of the Standard Specifications, during weekends defined as 3:00 p.m. Friday to 12:00 midnight Sunday, and at the end of each work day, with the following two exceptions:

 Lane closures for structure work on *(route)* for Structure *(number)* will be allowed overnight and on all calendar days when barrier wall is in place.

 Lane closures for pavement patching will be allowed overnight except on weekends and legal holiday periods as defined above.

In order to minimize the length of lane closures during work operations, the following are required:

 Lane closures shall be limited to one half mile ahead of the work operation. Priming is also limited to one half mile in advance of the paving machine.

 During HMA paving when the HMA lift has hardened to the satisfaction of the Engineer, the Contractor shall advance the lane closure taper and signing in one mile increments.

This work will not be paid for separately, but shall be included in the cost of the applicable traffic control items.

DESIGNER NOTE:

1. To be used on interstates and high volume multi-lane highways.
2. **DESIGNER MUST REVISE** needed times of day and work items listed regarding lane closures.