

**Arizona Department of Transportation
Intermodal Transportation Division
Tucson District
Freeway Closures
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Background

- The Tucson area has limited freeway assets. I-10 and I-19 serve all local, regional, and interstate traffic.
- With increased congestion there is a desire to minimize the impact to freeways while still allowing construction and maintenance crews to perform their functions safely.
- The following closure information shall apply to all freeways in the metropolitan area as well as all controlled access highways within the Tucson District.

Full closures or partial closures

- Partial closures will be allowed between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5 a.m.
 - Closures outside these hours can be requested with data/analysis identifying the impacts.
- Full closures will not be allowed. Brief “rolling” closures can be accommodated for up to 15-30 minutes in duration depending on the location, time of day, and type of work.
- Assistance must be provided by law enforcement.

Weekend closures

- Weekend closures should follow the same guidelines provided above.

Holidays

- There will be no lane closures or freeway closures on holidays or weekends which adjoin a holiday.
- The following holidays are included: New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
- Contractors shall remove all traffic control for temporary lane closures prior to holidays or weekends which adjoin a holiday.
- There will be a moratorium on weekend closures from November 15 through January 2.
- In most calendar years there will be ten weekends in which closure activity will not be allowed due to the holiday schedule.

Special Events

- There will be no partial or full closures on corridors where a special event is occurring.
- Special events are defined as events which attract more than 10,000 people per day.
- ADOT must receive advance notice at least 21 days prior to an event in order to recognize that event.

Conflicting closures

- No two adjoining corridors may be closed in the same direction at the same time.
- No two corridors which would act as alternates to each other may be closed at the same time.

Coordination of closures

- Contractors must notify the Department at least two weeks in advance of any proposed closures.
- The ADOT Communications representative assigned to Tucson District shall coordinate all communication of closure activity.
- Any work requiring a closure will need to have an approved traffic control plan.
- The special provisions should identify any adjoining contractor activity which will need to be coordinated during a construction project.
- All closures must be entered into ADOT's Highway Condition and Reporting System (HCRS).
- The resident engineer should notify the maintenance supervisor of any closure activity within their respective maintenance boundaries.
- The maintenance supervisor should notify the resident engineer of any closures which may impact a construction zone.

Notification of closures

- Final notification of weekend activities must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday to the communications group and the ADOT Traffic Operation Center (TOC).
- ADOT Communications will produce a weekly media alert by noon on Thursday for all weekend activities.
- Field offices will notify the respective cities or local jurisdictions 14 days in advance of any full closures which will require the use of local routes.
- ADOT Communications will facilitate Traffic System Management (TSM) meetings for each corridor in order to coordinate closures among projects and keep the community apprised of upcoming closure activity.
- Field personnel need to notify ADOT Communications and TOC of any cancellations or changes in schedules.

Emergency Services

- Field personnel shall coordinate with emergency services for any partial closure in which no shoulders are available, and shall provide alternate emergency access if required.

Special Approval

- The District Engineer must approve any exceptions.