

**Arizona Department of Transportation
Intermodal Transportation Division
Valley Transportation Group
Freeway Closures
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Background

- The first 20 years of proposition 300 was primarily focused on building new freeways on new alignments.
- The next 20 years in proposition 400 includes significant expansion of existing freeways
- This expansion will require significant impact to existing freeways.
- There is also more maintenance activity along existing corridors.
- 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 Phoenix Construction and Maintenance Districts.

Full closures or partial closures

- Full or partial closures will be allowed Sunday night through Friday morning from 9:00 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Full or partial closures will be allowed Friday night from 10:00 p.m. to Saturday 7:00 a.m.
- Full or partial closures will be allowed Saturday night 10:00 p.m. to Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekend closures

- Work activities requiring weekend closures should be identified in the design process.
- Weekend closures will only be allowed when identified in the plans or special provisions.
- Weekend closures will be allowed from Friday at 11:00 p.m. to Monday at 5:00 a.m.

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 15th through January 2nd.
- In most calendar years there will be 10 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 30,000 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 Communication and Community Partnerships (CCP) representative assigned to Phoenix Maintenance District (PMD) and Phoenix Construction District (PCD) shall coordinate all 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 CCP and the ADOT Traffic Operation Center (TOC).
- CCP 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.
- CCP will facilitate Traffic System Management (TSM) teams for each corridor in order to coordinate closures among projects and keep the community apprised of upcoming closure activity.
- Field personnel need to notify CCP 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.

Special Approval

- The District Engineer for Phoenix Construction or the District Engineer for Phoenix Maintenance must approve any exceptions.