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CONSTRUCTION/TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE STRATEGIES								
Strategy & Objectives	Pros	Cons	Restrictions	When to Use	Cost			
Part Width Construction	Easier design Cheaper MOT cost No detour to follow Ramps can remain open	Contractor access interference  May sacrifice quality  More difficult to construct  Narrow lanes and less safe  Longer to construct  Barrier could still be required for some dropoffs	Min-lane widths sometimes tough to obtain  Conflict between width of roadway and width needed for work	When existing two lanes can remain with use of shoulder  Minor work with short duration  One lane may handle only 20,000 ADT with normal backup	This is the basis of comparison for alternate strategies, the "defacto" standard.			
Close & Detour  (Unusual on interstates and expressway routes)  3	Safety/speeds up construction with full access  Easier and better constr. No distracting traffic	Public can't get there the "usual" way  Access to businesses  Cost to motorist (time & fuel)  Signing  Lost motorists complaints/ damage of local roads	Short distance and ramp access  Local agencies must accept detour and public information is emphasized (i.e. by TMP in urban area)  Locations of ramps/intersections  Detour must be adequately signed and may require capacity improvements	If it produces accelerated construction, alternates are available and drivers are fairly warned	CC1, MTC1, RUC1 Cheap if only signs are used; but will cost more if alternate route modifications are required  detours- usually signed by ODOT			

Strategy & Objectives	Pros	Cons	Restrictions	When to Use	Cost
Crossover Construction 3, 4	Safety for workers, familiarity of motorist  Easier and better construction  Wider traveled lanes  If left in place useful in emergency  Should increase contractor productivity  Should increase quality  Could reduce traffic interference as a result of increased contractor productivity leading to shorter phase completion dates are mandated	Ramp interference  Cost  Requires time for X-over construction and removal  Long crossovers less acceptable in rolling to hilly terrain	Duration of project Location of x-over depends on ramp/lighting/structure/grade  Phasing limits many impact use.  Length of work zone may affect acceptability	Whenever possible, especially where not many ramps interfere.  Long stretches of pavement reconstruction or rehabilitation Bridge work not conducive to keeping one lane open  One lane each direction should handle about 30,000 ADT with limited backups	CC1, MTC1, RUC1 Min. \$1/4 to 1/2 million per pair
Temporary Pavements (Runaround) 1, 2, 3, 4	Separates work from traffic	Expensive and time consuming while constructing  Inefficient use of materials	Must have sufficient right-of-way	No adequate detour is available	MTC↑, RUC↓
Temporary Structures  1, 2  Allows closure of structure, but no detour for the public	Traffic remains on routes	Cost Time to design and construct Inefficient use of materials	Right-of-Way	When volumes warrant  No detour available	MTC↑, RUC↓

Strategy & Objectives	Pros	Cons	Restrictions	When to Use	Cost
Detour of 1-Direction of Mainline  (Assumes detour for closed direction)  3, 4	Work moves faster  Only ½ traffic detoured at anytime  Improves safety of project personnel	Detour maintenance	Short distance and ramp access  Local agencies must accept detour routes and public information is emphasized (i.e. by TMP in urban area)  Locations of ramps/intersections  Detour must be adequately signed and may require capacity improvements	Often Urban/suburban freeway is amenable to this when suitable detour is available	MTC † - Could require detour improvements

CORRIDOR OPTIONS OUTSIDE WORK ZONE								
Option & Objectives	Pros	Cons	Restrictions	When to Use	Cost			
Temporary Signals  (At ramps and on expressways includes construction vehicle crossing and ramp metering)  1, 2, 4	Helps maintain ramp/detour capacity	Change traffic patterns on cross roads	Should be warranted	When additional capacity is needed for the short term	Low			
Reversible Lanes (May use moveable barriers) 2	Flexible to accommodate fluctuations in traffic peak flow direction	Confusing to infrequent user.  Labor intensive	Need majority commuting traffic	Large variances in directional volumes between AM & PM and # of lanes limited	MTC↑, RUC↓			
Movable Barrier Systems 2, 3, 4	Ability to provide for peak flow capacity	More costly than drums and fixed barriers	Shift distance must be a constant  Must determine appropriate end treatment	When you have a need for repeated barrier shifts	CC↑, RUC↓			
Signed Alternate Routes (Eligible for Federal Money) 1, 2, 4	Reduces congestion  Lessen congestion on mainline	Hard to get people to use Signing Not always used by public	Must be just as quick or close  Shouldn't go through other construction zones  Local officials must approve	With good arterials (parallel)  When construction expected to backups  Project is of long duration	Low cost unless alternate route improvements are required			
Unsigned Alternate Routes  (Not eligible for Federal money)  (Logical unsigned alternate may be eligible for State money)  1, 2	Reduces congestion  Lessen congestion on mainline	Difficult to get people to use	Alternate routes shouldn't go through other construction zones	When construction expected to produce backups and good parallel arterials are available				

Option & Objectives	Pros	Cons	Restrictions	When to Use	Cost
Highway Advisory Radio 1	Provides real time information to motorists	Limited ranges  Low usage rate by motorists due to difficult to tune in station	Information needs to be current  May work best with repeat drivers  Should be limited to project specific information	When alternate routes are available  Long duration of construction	Low cost
Advanced Signing (Time or Distance) 1, 2, 4	A great tool for information to motorists  Gives public advance warning to make decisions	If project is delayed, sign is wrong	Need to keep information up to date	Anytime  Advanced warning/PR is great always	Low cost for fixed  Addition to MOT unless PCMS is used a \$3000/mo

TRAFFIC FLOW OPTIONS INSIDE WORK ZONE							
Option & Objectives	Pros	Cons	Restrictions	When to Use	Cost		
Temporary Pavements (Widen) 1, 2, 4	Allows for more lanes to stay open  Creates greater capacity thru constr. Zone - less back-ups	Expensive and time consuming while constructing	Bridges and other roadway items	When volumes warrant, keeping all lanes open  When construction is expected to produce backups  When Project is of long duration	MTC↑, RUC↓		
Use Existing Shoulders 1, 2	Keeps flow normal  Allows wider work area or increases capacity  Low cost Quick	Requires more maintenance  Trucks may damage weak shoulders  No room for breakdowns/ emergency stops unless parking lots created  Closer to guardrail/ embankment/piers	Must have full shoulder widths level bridges  Bridges must be able to accommodate  Put trucks in left lane if possible  Must evaluate shoulders during design  Should have full width approach slabs	High volume  When backups expected  Moving projects			
Temporary Signals  (At ramps and on expressways includes construction vehicle crossing and ramp metering)  1, 2, 4	Helps maintain ramp/detour capacity	Change traffic patterns on cross roads	Should be warranted	When additional capacity is needed for the short term	Low		
Reversible Lanes  (May use moveable barriers)	Flexible to accommodate fluctuations in traffic peak flow direction	Confusing to infrequent user.  Labor intensive	Need majority commuting traffic	Large variances in directional volumes between AM & PM and # of lanes limited	MTC↑, RUC↓		

Option & Objectives	Pros	Cons	Restrictions	When to Use	Cost
Movable Barrier Systems 2, 3, 4	Ability to provide for peak flow capacity	More costly than drums and fixed barriers	Shift distance must be a constant  Must determine appropriate end treatment	When you have a need for repeated barrier shifts	MTC↑, RUC↓
Ramp Closures 2, 3, 4	Can pave/repair ramp full width  Better, faster construction  See "Close & Detour"  Reduces mainline congestion  Reduces cross road congestion  Easy to sign in rural area	Blocks traffic pattern  See "Close Detour"  Forces new traffic pattern  Moves congestion elsewhere  In urban area, may have negative impact on next intersection	Should give definite time limit  See "Close & Detour"  Best if only two ramps at a time (to/from directional pairs)	When other ramps are close by or when bridges on mainline are too close to utilize exit ramps/entrance ramps  See "Close & Detour"  Use when you have high traffic volumes  In areas where alternate routes exists	Relatively cheap  See "Close & Detour"
Glare/Gawk Screens 2, 4	Effective way to separate work and keep traffic moving Safer for work Reduce rubbernecking	Longer to set up than drums  Higher cost than 32"  Maintenance of glare screen, if used  If present on both sides, may reduce drive speed  Barrier can interfere with wideloads	Widths in certain areas  Sight restrictions at intersections and ramps	When view of intense construction is likely to reduce capacity with all part width construction at restricted areas to control headlight glare	MTC†
Highway Advisory Radio 1	Provides real time information to motorists	Limited ranges  Low usage rate by motorists due to difficult to tune in station	Information needs to be current  May work best with repeat drivers  Should be limited to project specific information	When alternate routes are available  Long duration of construction	RUC

Option & Objectives	Pros	Cons	Restrictions	When to Use	Cost
Owner Imposed Design Restrictions  1, 3	Can reduce actual construction duration	Requires advance planning during design; could increase cost		For certain time critical phases	
Use of Owner Supplied or Stockpiled Materials  1, 3	Can reduce actual construction duration	Requires advance planning		For time critical phases to shorten duration	Inexpensive
Control of Contractor's Access to the Work  (By location or time of day.)  2, 4	Eliminates potential conflicts between construction traffic and motorist  Improves through put of motorists	May reduce contractor productivity	Must provide reasonable access for contractor	Where capacity is critical, where conflicts between contractor's equipment and motorists is expected to impact capacity and safety possibly on grades or locations with poor sight distances	CC↑, RUC↓

	TIME LIMITATIONS WITH LIQUIDATED DAMAGES OPTIONS							
Option & Objectives	Pros	Cons	Restrictions	When to Use	Cost			
Temporary Lane Closures or Restrictions  1, 2	Prevents contractor from keeping lanes closed longer than necessary  Prevents work during specified hour	May surprise repeat drivers  May be more expensive  More setups and take downs which can reduce construction time	Rush hour considerations  Use only if work will allow Give public notices	Mainline paving on basic freeway lanes  When desired to prohibit closures during specified times	CC1, MTC1, RUC1 Cheap (Cone - Day) (Drums - Night)  Possibly higher cost than permanent closure			
Night Work  (Hours of day a specific phase of work is or required to be performed)  2, 3	Good PR  Lower cost to motorist  May shorten project duration	Costly for labor  Lower efficiency  Personnel are isolated  Possible poorer quality work and inspection difficulty  Difficult to get some materials at night  Increased hazard potential  Difficult access to management/supervision for problem solution	Residential areas  Work must be able to be accomplished in this time  Urban noise ordinances	High volume areas  When extensive backups expected to be created	CC1, MTC1, RUC1			
Weekend Work (Only) 2, 3, 4	Lower cost to motorist	Costly/needs inspection on overtime also  Impacts traveler who is less familiar with alternate routes  Difficult to get some materials on weekends	Work must be able to be accomplished in this time	More amenable in urban areas  High volume of commuter traffic expected to be delayed	CC↑, RUC↓			

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Lane Rental  (Many variations)  (Contractor loses money for duration of specific lane closures)  1, 2, 3	Work done in the most cost effective and timely manner  Should minimize construction time  Provides incentive to minimize use of road space	Expect disagreements  New application in Ohio	Requires careful timekeeping  Too many variables	Paving freeways	CC↑, RUC↓
Interim Completion Dates, By Phase 3 (possibly 4)	A good tool for timeliness  Prevents contractor from having lanes closed or restricted when not desired	Only works if enforced by increased liquidated damages	Schools, weather, plowing, etc.  Must require early consideration and follow-up  Must be updated when a sale date is established or revised	To open roads before winter, specified events	Cheap

	CONTRACTING PROCEDURE OPTIONS							
Option & Objectives	Pros	Cons	Restrictions	When to Use	Cost			
Incentive/Disincentives  (Usually applies to a phase of a project.)  1, 3	Timeliness  Quicker construction	More arguments on time extension  Our people must resolve issues quickly  Requires CPM schedule	None known  Need good plans and a project with the work well defined in advance  Work must be able to be accomplished in allotted time - must follow I-D policy	High volume that truly impacts motorists without good detour or alternate route	CC↑, RUC↓  Must budget for maximum incentive			
A + B Bidding  (Construction cost plus construction time.)  1, 3	Work done in the most cost effective and timely manner Should minimize construction time	May pay more for the work  Expect disagreements	Limit to high impact projects currently limited to test projects  Need very good plans and no expected changes  Need reasonable completion times	High volume that truly impacts motorists without good detour or alternate route	CC↑, RUC↓			
Lane Rental  (Many variations)  (May be combined with A&B Bidding) (Contractor loses money for duration of specific lane closures)  1, 2, 3	Work done in the most cost effective and timely manner Should minimize construction time Provides incentive to minimize use of road space	Expect disagreements  New application in Ohio	Requires careful timekeeping	Paving freeways	CC↑, RUC↓			

ADMINISTRATIVE OPTIONS					
Option & Objectives	Pros	Cons	Restrictions	When to Use	Cost
Traffic Management Program  (Area, corridor or project)  (May include enforcement, demand management, public info., public perception adjustment)  1, 2, 4	Keeps checks on conflicts Helps with consistency  Coordinates all projects develops a forum for discussion of construction problems	Not welcomed by some  Takes extra time and planning  Tend to be expensive  Additional funding required from Districts and Locals  Project outside area boundaries may cause public relation problems/ requires more staff time	Takes extra time and planning  Area must be large enough to make worthwhile	Anytime  Most often used in larger urban areas and particularly (8 MPO's) with large projects	CC1, MTC1, RUC1 Personnel only (Mainly)  Typical program is \$500,000 to \$1 million/year
Enforcement 1, 2, 4	Expedited, orderly traffic flow, incident support	Cost		When incident support is required or enforcement presence is desired	Medium high
Incident Management 1, 2, 3, 4	Minimizes effect incidents have on traffic flow	Cost of standby incident response personnel and vehicles administrative cost		Freeway sections with high v/c ratio and high likelihood of incidents	High
Demand Management 1, 2, 3, 4	Shifts some demand from highway under construction  Good PR	Requires advance planning and coordination  Cost	Alternative routes and modes must be available	Large urban/suburban projects in congested corridor	High
Contractor Proposed Options 3	May result in shorter construction duration	Contractor may not be as familiar with recommended procedure as claimed  Usually requires rush reviews by ODOT	Requires adequate lead time for PR and permits		CC1

A + B BIDDING - the contractor bids the cost of work ("A") and the number of days that will be required to complete the project. The time cost ("B") is established by multiplying the time by a set rate based on roadway user costs. These two "costs" are then added together to determine the lowest total bid for the project.

ADVANCE SIGNING - signing is displayed well in advance (either distance or time) in order to clearly communicate what to expect in the work zone and to offer options to the motorist. When displaying distance, these signs are placed in addition to those signs specified in MT series of Standard Drawings. They are placed far enough in advance of the project to warn approaching motorists of the work zone and to permit the selection of an alternate route.

**CLOSE & DETOUR** - all through traffic is completely banned from the roadway under construction. Through traffic is rerouted on other designated routes. Closures can range from 24 hours a day, seven days a week for a phase or the entire duration of the project to limited times such as nights, weekends, specified hours during the day, etc.

CLOSURE OF ONE DIRECTION OF THE MAINLINE - the complete closure of one direction of the roadway with that traffic being diverted to other detour routes.

**CONTRACTOR-PROVIDED OPTIONS** - allows the contractor to propose changes in construction strategy and maintenance of traffic. This method takes advantage of the contractor's construction knowledge and special capabilities and can result in shortened contract time.

# CONTROL OF CONTRACTOR'S ACCESS TO THE WORK - project documents clearly spell out

where and when the contractor can and cannot enter and/or exit the work site from the lanes that are available for through traffic. Examples of such control are: specified ingress/egress from adjacent routes, limits on timing such as during non-peak hours, limiting the

number of breaks in temporary concrete barriers, etc.

**CONSTRUCTION CROSSOVERS** - involves the routing of one direction of traffic across the median to the opposite lanes. If the shoulder/temporary pavement is not used for through lanes, the number of travel lanes in each direction is reduced.

**DEMAND MANAGEMENT** - through traffic is reduced through establishment of HOV lanes, mass transit, ride-sharing programs, and/or employer Park-and-ride lots are created or cooperation. expanded. Mass transit service is either modified or established within the corridor via the use of schedule changes and/or additional local or express service. Ride-sharing is promoted through the creation of vanand/or car-pools. HOV lanes are established to move mass transit vehicles, van- and car-pools through the corridor. Employers (usually, but not limited to, large) are contacted for support via adjustments to employees work schedules (staggered starting times, compressed work schedules, telecommuting, etc.) and for support of the mass transit and ride-sharing programs.

**ENFORCEMENT** - law enforcement officers (LEO's) paid to specifically patrol the work zone to ensure speed compliance and provide emergency response support with the zone. The LEO's can be used on alternate routes during peak hours.

**GLARE/GAWK SCREEN** - the use of vertical panels or screening on the top of 32" or 50" high portable or permanent median barriers. This practice prevents the blinding of most motorists by headlights from opposing traffic (glare), and restricts the ability of motorists on one side from viewing construction activity on the other side (gawk).

**HIGHWAY ADVISORY RADIO** - a limited range transmitter to broadcast real time traffic information reports that are too long or complex for either static or portable changeable message signs.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT - a mechanism by which the non-contract related traffic disruptions are minimized through contracting agency foresight. An example is the use of to have standby tow trucks or vehicles equipped with push bumpers on site or close at hand to minimize response time and reduce the effect which accidents or breakdowns could have on traffic flow.

**INCENTIVE/DISINCENTIVE** - rewards (incentive) the contractor for completing the work ahead of schedule and assesses deductions (disincentive) to the contractor for not meeting the completion date.

**INTERIM COMPLETION DATES** - a specified date or duration of time by which a phase of the project must be completed.

**LANE RENTAL** - a charge to the contractor which is assessed whenever the contractor has a portion of the roadway obstructed. The rental charge is usually based road user costs for upon number/configuration/length of lanes closed, the time of day the closure occurs, and the duration of the closure. The rental charge can vary within a project (i.e., one lane closed for ½ hour at rush hour could cost more than one lane closed for four hours at night). The contractor includes an estimate for the total lane rental charge for the project in the bid.

MOVABLE BARRIER SYSTEMS - a mechanical system by which temporary, portable, concrete barriers can be moved quickly to provide additional work space for the contractor during off-peak hours or to provide an increase in the number of lanes to accommodate peak traffic flow periods.

#### OWNER IMPOSED DESIGN RESTRICTION -

construction contractors can be structured to require the contractor to perform specific activities or operations in a manner which minimizes disruption to traffic.

NIGHT WORK - certain phases, or perhaps the entire project, are required to be performed at night to reduce interference with normal daytime traffic volumes. Night is usually defined as beginning at the end of the evening rush hours and ending at the beginning of the following morning rush hours.

PART WIDTH CONSTRUCTION - one or more normal traffic lanes are closed for the work zone. The remaining lane(s) may or may not have width restrictions. This is considered ODOT's "de facto" options against which all other options are measured.

RAMP CLOSURES - complete closure of either, or both, entrance and exit ramps to provide smoother flow on the mainline, to encourage local traffic to use alternate routes, and/or expedite work on the ramp.

**REVERSIBLE LANES** - an existing lane or lanes that may be assigned a reversible role to accommodate the predominant flow of traffic within the corridor.

SIGNED ALTERNATE ROUTE - an attempt to give the public a possibly less congested routing through the corridor while maintaining traffic on the mainline through the work zone. As with a detour route, this usually involves a cost to the contracting agency for maintenance of the route.

TEMPORARY LANE **CLOSURES/RESTRICTIONS** - the contractor may utilize a traveled lane only during specified times. The contractor must complete the necessary work in the lane and re-open the lane by the specified time.

## TEMPORARYPAVEMENTS (RUNAROUND)a temporary roadway that is constructed parallel to the work zone within the right-of-way. The temporary

roadway is used as a detour within the corridor when the mainline is closed.

TEMPORARY PAVEMENTS (WIDENING) pavement is added adjacent to the existing roadway in order to maximize the number of lanes available during construction.

TEMPORARY SIGNALS - traffic signals are installed on entrance and exit ramps, and along detour routes to provide priority travel for through traffic.

**TEMPORARY STRUCTURES** - an appropriately sized adjacent structure is erected for the duration of the construction project only. All traffic is shifted to this new structure to permit complete closure of the existing structure without detouring traffic to another route. This additional structure is removed once construction on the existing structure is complete.

#### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (TMP)

- the use of a multi-faceted and multi-jurisdictional program of operational, communications, and demand management strategies to maintain acceptable levels of traffic flow during periods of construction activities. Typically, TMP's consist of elements from each of the following areas: Public Information, Motorist Information, Incident Management, Construction Strategies, Demand Management Strategies, and Alternate Route Strategies. A TMP can be used for either single projects or for coordination of multiple projects within a given area.

**UNSIGNED ALTERNATE ROUTES** - the use of transportation system management-type improvements on streets, highways, and freeways in and adjacent to the construction corridor to augment the overall corridor capacity. Unsigned alternate routes may benefit from such improvements as signal re-timing and coordination as well as operational changes including parking and turning restrictions.

#### USE OF OWNER-SUPPLIED OR STOCKPILED

**MATERIALS** - the shortening of actual construction time by having the project owner provide critical, hard-to-get materials with unpredictable delivery schedules. Such material can be obtained and stockpiled for ready use either by the owner, or through preceding projects.

**USING EXISTING SHOULDERS** - this involves using the existing shoulder(s) as a part of the traveled portion of the roadway, with or without upgrading the shoulder pavement to the anticipated traffic loads.

**WEEKEND WORK** - a method of restricting certain phases or all work to weekends (off peak hours). This is usually defined as beginning at the end of evening rush hours on a Friday and ending at the beginning of morning rush hours on the following Monday.

