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CONSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM 24-09

TO: District Deputy Commissioners
District Construction Directors
District Area Engineers
District Project Engineers/Supervisors/Managers

FROM: Gregory G. Pankow, P.E., Chief Engineer of Construction
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SUBJECT: Traffic Breaks on Interstates

The purpose of this memorandum is to address issues related to traffic breaks for construction zones on interstate highways. Traffic breaks are addressed in 801.16(c) of the Standard Specifications as revised by RSP 801-T-198. Traffic breaks include temporary stoppages and rolling slowdowns.

When a traffic break is requested by a Contractor on an interstate highway, and not already included in the contract documents, the PEMS must contact the District Traffic Engineer for review and coordination for the approval of the requested traffic break. This is to ensure compliance with our Interstate Highway Congestion Policy (IHCP) and the safety of the operation. The Designer may also need to be involved as well.

Any questions should be directed to your assigned Construction Management Field Engineer.

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