

City and County of Denver	POLICY & PROCEDURES	Public Works Department
Subject: COORDINATION OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WITH TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES		
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This Policy supersedes and replaces Public Works Policy Number PW-4-96-CA-3, Policy on Coordination of Construction Projects with Traffic Engineering, dated April 8, 1996.

POLICY

Proper traffic control is critical to the success of almost every construction project undertaken by Public works. The notification and safeguarding of the traveling public, including vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians is a primary task of every individual associated with a Public Works controlled construction project. Work site safety must be reasonably assured with any traffic control plan. Minimal disruption of public travel and private property access, consistent with safety must be engineered. The detouring of traffic through adjoining residential neighborhoods should be considered only as a last option for the successful completion of any project.

PROCEDURE

In order to insure the timely development and approval of traffic control plans the following procedure will be used.

1. The design project manager will meet with Traffic Engineering Services to identify potential issues and solutions regarding traffic safety within and adjacent to construction sites. This meeting should be held prior to completion of the final design.
2. If a detour using adjacent residential neighborhood streets lasting more than 2 working days is the only alternative around a construction site then the agency should seek assistance from the City Council District representative to survey the involved neighborhood organization (or, the property owners along the detour route) to obtain a consensus approval of the proposed detour plan.
3. Construction on an arterial or downtown access street will require a detailed traffic control plan, prepared by a licensed barricade company or licensed engineering consultant. The traffic control plan will be included in the construction bid documents after approval by Traffic Engineering Services.
4. Any plan submitted to Traffic Engineering Services for review will be responded to within five (5) working days and approved, with specified conditions within eight (8) working days of receipt.
5. If Traffic Engineering Services wants to change the approved traffic control plan after it has been implemented in the field, the proposed changes must be submitted to the City Engineer and/or the design project manager for review and approval.

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