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**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIRECTIVE**

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**SUBJECT: TRAFFIC DIRECTOR: GUIDANCE FOR INCLUSION WITHIN  
TRAFFIC CONTROL PLANS**

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The purpose of this directive is to establish the criteria for use of a traffic director, particularly in work zones.

A traffic director shall be a uniformed off-duty law enforcement official with a properly identified police vehicle that displays blue flashing lights. The intent of a traffic director is to enforce the posted speed limit and to increase safety for motorists and workers.

A traffic director shall be included within a traffic control plan when one or more of the conditions noted below exist in a work zone:

1. Nighttime paving operations, nighttime resurfacing operations, or nighttime pavement repair:
  - a. On any Interstate or Expressway facility with an ADT greater than 25,000, or
  - b. On any non-Expressway facility with an ADT greater than 15,000.
2. Pouring and curing of concrete, day or night, during the overlay of a bridge deck:
  - a. On any Interstate or Expressway facility, or
  - b. On any non-Expressway facility while maintaining two-way traffic with an ADT greater than 3,000, or
  - c. On any one-way non-Expressway facility.
3. Removing or setting of bridge beams:
  - a. Over any Interstate or Expressway facility, or
  - b. Over any non-Expressway facility with an ADT greater than 10,000.
4. Installation or removal of full span or half span sign structures:
  - a. On any Interstate or Expressway facility, or
  - b. On any multilane Non-Expressway facility.

A Traffic Director may be used under other circumstances, as approved by the Traffic Engineering Division.

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