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November 18, 2014

Mr. Andrew H. Hughes  
Federal Highway Administration  
100 W Capitol St, Jackson, MS 39269

SUBJECT: Policy for Temporary Lane Closures on Interstate Highways

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Attached is MDOT's Policy for Temporary Lane Closures on Interstate Highways. The policy is an update from January 9, 2004.

Sincerely,

Mark C. McConnell, P.E.  
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Attachment

c: John Reese, Roadway Design Engineer



## **POLICY FOR TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS**

Mississippi Department of Transportation

November 18, 2014

### **Definitions:**

- Lane closure – A through lane, and not an auxiliary lane.
- Short-term lane closure – Does not extend through a peak-hour period.
- Long-term lane closure – Extends through a peak-hour period.

### **Short-term Lane Closures –**

Short-term lane closures do not require FHWA's concurrence; however, FHWA will be notified of a short-term lane closure as soon as possible via an email message to FHWA's Design & Operations Engineer and FHWA's Transportation Engineer for that district. A copy of the email should also be sent to MDOT's Asst. Chief Engineer-Preconstruction.

### **Long-term Lane Closures –**

Long-term closures require approval by the FHWA Division Administrator. Approval will be requested by letter from the Chief Engineer to the Division Administrator. The letter will include the following information:

- Project Number
- Location
- Estimated duration of closure
- Capacity analysis using peak-hour volume
- Congestion mitigation if capacity is exceeded

Examples of possible congestion mitigation include incentives for shortened construction times, changeable message boards, detours, and public notification of upcoming lane closures or detours.