



Highway Division Maintenance and Operations Operational Notice

NUMBER	SUPERSEDES	EFFECTIVE DATE	CANCELLATION DATE
MG 8-02		5/1/2010	
SUBJECT	ISSUING BODY		
Reporting Lanes Impacted for Highway Incidents	Maintenance and Operations Engineer 		

PURPOSE: Define the process for reporting lanes impacted when responding to an incident.

BACKGROUND: ODOT has adopted a legislatively reported key performance measure related to the time required to get at least one lane open or to get an official detour operational for crashes resulting in a full highway closure. This measure will place increased focus on the time to re-establish at least some traffic flow for major highway incidents. The measure is focused on motor vehicle crashes and excludes highway closures that are weather or landslide related.

In addition, the ODOT-OSP Mutual Assistance Agreement includes a 90 minute roadway clearance target. ODOT will begin reporting roadway clearance time (time to get all lanes open) for all non-closure, lane-impacting crashes for internal use in measuring progress toward meeting the 90 minute target.

To be successful, both of these measures require that accurate and timely lane impact data is provided to the Transportation Operations Center from incident responders in the field.

PROCESS:

When responding to a highway incident:

1. Follow the incident response procedures outlined in the ODOT First Responder Guide to Highway Incident Response.
2. As soon as practical after arriving on scene and ensuring safety for responders and the public, report to the Transportation Operations Center (TOC) incident details including lanes impacted per Section C under "What to do for any highway incident" in the ODOT First Responder Guide.
3. As on-scene conditions change, report any changes to lanes impacted to the TOC as soon as practical.
4. For incidents resulting in full road closure, report to the TOC when any traffic flow is restored even if this is using the median or shoulder as a temporary traffic lane or whether this is using an officially established detour. If an official detour is established, report when the detour is operational. Full road closure is defined as closure of all lanes on a non-divided highway or all lanes in one direction for a divided highway.
5. As soon as practical, report to the TOC when traffic flow has been restored in all lanes even though additional incident clean up activities may be occurring outside of the travel lanes.