

**City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works
Traffic and Lighting Division Right of Way Section
Arterial and Collector Street Detour Policy
February 1st, 2011**

The City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works frequently must re-route vehicular traffic on city streets due to construction projects, emergency digs, utility replacement and numerous other circumstances. The Department of Public Works places a high value on neighborhood livability, and knows that neighborhood traffic conditions can have a significant impact. The goal of this policy is to keep vehicles utilizing high volume traffic roadways (Arterials or Collectors) from traveling through residential areas.

- All planned work (excavations or obstructions) on arterials/collectors that require detours or lane restriction must be approved by Public Works prior to work start.
- The Public Works Right of Way (ROW) Permit and Inspection Section (651-266-6151) must be contacted at least two weeks in advance of any proposed detour or lane restriction.
- A traffic control plan showing the proposed detour and all signage may be requested – in general, all detours from arterials or collectors must be re-routed to same, avoiding residential roadways if at all possible.
- Traffic control set ups must comply with the latest version of the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MN MUTCD). Advance notification (with work start and completion dates) must be placed prior to work start – verify specific requirements with a ROW Inspector.
- Traffic control signage must be monitored and remain as approved by the ROW section.
- A field meet must be scheduled with a ROW Inspector prior to work start.
- Work cannot proceed without a ROW permit as required by City Codes Chapters 116 and 135 Right of Way Ordinances. *Public Works reserves the right to restrict detours to weekends and non-rush hour times.*
- Permittees must notify affected businesses of the detour and provide access.

Exceptions to this policy will be made on a case by case basis. Buses and emergency digs are exempt from this policy and their rerouting will be dealt with on a case by case basis, depending upon the location and length of the closure/detour. Contact the ROW Service desk (651-266-6151) for further information.

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