

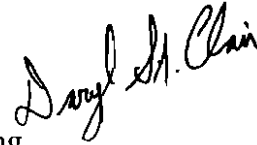
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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SUBJECT: Publication 213 Revisions  
Temporary Traffic Control Signals

TO: All District Executives  
All Consultants

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The purpose of this strike-off letter is to adopt new policies and procedures for the purposes of streamlining the temporary traffic control signal permitting process. This strike-off letter has been assessed as “cost-neutral” and “time-neutral.”

This policy change affects Traffic, Design, Highway Occupancy Permits (HOP), Construction, and Maintenance. Subsequently, the Districts shall apply this policy to all PS&E packages not already sent to Central Office for approval and to all new HOP approval applications.

Effective immediately, the existing PATA 26e figures (26e L, 26e PS, and 26e PL) and the entire Appendix A information in the February 2008 edition of Department Publication 213, “Temporary Traffic Control Guidelines,” are to be replaced by the attachments to this policy letter. These revisions will be part of the next release of Publication 213.

The attachment, entitled “Appendix A: Temporary Traffic Control Signal Documentation,” will become a new Appendix A in Department Publication 213. This information addresses additional requirements, timeframes, approval processes, and guidelines for temporary traffic control signals.

This strike-off letter provides additional design and operational guidance regarding temporary traffic control signals. It also more clearly outlines the process for obtaining approval to use these devices. In particular, some of the most significant revisions include: the development of new figures and guidance that govern long-term operations involving temporary traffic control signals on fixed supports and trailer-mounted portable traffic control signals; the development of multiple figures that govern the use of portable traffic control signals for manually-controlled applications, non-complex conditions, and complex conditions; the development of a new application, permit, and other forms; and the reduction from 15 days to three full working days prior to desired use that all required materials must be submitted to the Engineering District Office by an applicant who wants to use portable traffic control signals for a short-term operation involving non-complex conditions or a manual control mode.

If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Rowe, P.E., P.T.O.E., TEOD Chief, Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering at (717) 787-3620.

Attachments

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