

## Route Closure Notifications

- 1 - Planned activities include construction and special events
- 2 - WADIV Official Mailbox: Washington.FHWA@dot.gov
- 3 - If a situation isn't clearly described below, please contact FHWA Area Engineer for guidance.

WORK ACTIVITY	WSDOT ACTION	FHWA ACTION
<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES <sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>INTERSTATE SYSTEM ACTIONS <sup>3</sup></b>		
Potential Full Closure or Use Restriction for 7 consecutive days or more to any portion of the Interstate System. This includes system to system ramp closures, mainline closures and closures due to special events. Closures of an emergency nature are addressed in the Unplanned Activities section below.	Send notification 60 calendar days in advance of potential closure to WADIV Official Mailbox. Continue to send notification as the specific details are updated. <sup>2</sup>	WADIV send recommendation of approval to FHWA HQ. FHWA HQ will publish in Federal Register and if approved will be posted as a Final Rule. WADIV places in project database.
Potential Full Closure or Use Restriction of Interstate system. This includes system to system ramp closures and closures due to special events (Sea Fair, Fireworks, etc.) lasting between 48 continuous hours and 7 consecutive days.	Send notification within 14 calendar days in advance of potential closure to WADIV Official Mailbox. Continue to send notification as the specific details are updated.	WADIV concurs and places in project database.
Potential Full Closure or Use Restriction of Interstate system. This includes system to system ramp closures and closures due to special events lasting between 12 to 48 hours.	Send notification within 7 calendar days in advance of potential closure to WADIV Official Mailbox. Continue to send notification as the specific details are updated	WADIV places in project database.
<b>FEDERAL-AID PRIMARY SYSTEM ACTIONS</b>		
Potential Full Closure or Use Restriction on Federal-aid primary system for 7 consecutive days or more.	Send notification within 14 calendar days to WADIV Official Mailbox. Continue to send notification as the specific details are updated.	WADIV places in project database.

<b>UNPLANNED ACTIVITIES</b>		
Emergency Interstate or NHS closures that last more than 8 hours	WSDOT EOC will notify FHWA ESF-1	FHWA ESF-1 will notify FHWA HQ Emergency Response Team
Any highway incidents (NHS or non-NHS roads) regardless of the reason or duration of the disruption or receiving statewide media attention: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Involving 6 or more fatalities;</li> <li>(2) Involving 10 or more vehicles;</li> <li>(3) Commercial Vehicle crashes resulting in 2 or more fatalities;</li> <li>(4) Highway fatalities directly related to a natural disaster;</li> <li>(5) School bus crashes resulting in serious injuries, fatalities;</li> <li>(6) Passenger bus crashes (including transit buses and private motorcoach operations) resulting in 2 or more fatalities, 5 or more serious injuries (requiring transport); or</li> <li>(7) Crashes or other incidents involving significant damage to highway infrastructure.</li> </ol>		

**A. Route Closure Notifications**

In order to assure compliance with 23 CFR 658.11, Truck Size and Weight, Route Designations – Length, Width and Weight Limitations, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Washington Division (WADIV) will need to work together to ensure proper notification when closing certain routes. WADIV approves deletions and use restrictions on the Interstate Highway System and Federal-aid primary routes as outlined in this chapter.

This also correlates with FHWA Order 5181.1B Emergency Reporting Procedures.

**Definitions**

**Full Closure** – When all mainline travel lanes in one direction of travel or both directions travel of a highway facility are closed to traffic due to construction activities, emergency closures or for special events. Detours on-site or otherwise are included in this designation.

**Deletion** – When a highway facility or segment is permanently changed or closed to traffic so that it no longer meets the function of that facility. This could include resigning the route or changing the functional classification of that route.

**Use Restrictions** – When a highway facility has certain restrictions in place that limit the vehicle type, load, or function of the facility. Most commonly, this would be closing a route to all commercial vehicles.

**Interstate System** – Highway facilities included in this system are I-5, I-82, I-90, I-182, I-205, I-405 and I-705.

**Federal-aid Primary System** – WADIV / WSDOT identified significant routes included in this system are US routes 2, 12, 97, 101, 395, State Routes 16, 18, 99, 167, 520, 522 and any other routes deemed appropriate.