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**INSTRUCTIONAL BULLETIN NO. 13-17**

**Regarding Use of Uniformed Police Officers**

**PURPOSE:** This Instructional Bulletin eliminates item number 712-08.06 (Uniformed Police Officer, per hour) from the Roadway Item List at the request of the Construction Division. Designers shall no longer use the item and remove it from any project that has not already been let.

**Effective immediately,** Section 4-712.01 is added to the Roadway Design Guidelines and Section 4-712.25 is revised as attached.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Stonecipher".

**Carolyn Stonecipher, PE**  
Civil Engineering Director  
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Attachment

#### **4-712.01 USE OF UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICERS**

The designer shall not include any item for uniformed police officers in the estimated quantities for the project. The use of police officers for traffic control will be determined by the Construction Division after the project has been let on a case by case basis.

#### **4-712.25 USE OF LANE CLOSURE WITH LEFT HAND MERGE**

Controlled access projects which utilize lane closure details shall be reviewed for the inclusion of Merge Left. Interstate construction or maintenance projects where traffic is reduced to one lane of traffic through the work zone are the primary candidates.

The following criteria will be used for determining Merge Left use:

- Projects on rural interstates should include Merge Left
- Projects on urban interstates will be reviewed for Merge Left considering factors such as number of lanes, interchange spacing, and proximity to major splits
- Other controlled access facilities will be considered on a case-by-case basis

The Assistant Director, Roadway Design Division, shall be notified in writing for any interstate or controlled access facility with lane closures not utilizing Merge Left prior to finalizing the traffic control. The memorandum shall contain the reasons left merge would be inappropriate.

Standard Drawing T-WZ-21 details Merge Left. The layout and signage may require modification depending on site and field conditions.

~~The designer will provide quantities for a uniformed police officer which will be paid for under Item No. 712-08.06 Uniformed Police Officer per hour. The Region Construction Supervisor is to be contacted in order to establish the number of hours to be shown in the plans on a case to case basis by the Design Manager.~~