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DATE: January 1, 2010
TO: Richard Gabel, Director of Staff Services
FROM: Gabriela Vidal, Safety and Traffic Engineering Branch Manager
RE: Utilization of Law Enforcement in Work Zones
Policy Memo 30

This memo sets the policy for the use of law enforcement services in CDOT work zones.

It is CDOT's policy to take appropriate measures to reduce the likelihood of injuries and fatalities to workers and road users in CDOT work zones. CDOT will acquire the services of uniformed law enforcement officers to provide dynamic traffic control, presence, enforcement, and emergency assistance for select projects on which a need for enforcement has been established.

Factors to be considered when determining the need for active law enforcement include:

- Nighttime operations that create traffic safety risks for workers and road users;
- Operations requiring a slow down or brief stoppage of traffic in one or both directions;
- High-speed roadways where sudden traffic queuing is anticipated;
- Traffic control setups or removals that present significant potential risks to workers and road users;
- Frequent worker presence adjacent to high-speed traffic without positive protection devices;
- Other work site conditions where traffic presents a high risk for workers and road users (including but not limited to: work in signalized intersections, ramp closures and auxiliary lane closures), such that the risk may be reduced by improving road user behavior and awareness.

An Interagency Agreement between CDOT and the Department of Public Safety must be approved in advance of the start of law enforcement involvement for reimbursable work zone activities by Colorado State Patrol (CSP). Compensations for CSP services will be via direct interagency payment using task orders written against the contract.

For local law enforcement services, payment will be included in a construction contract via the special provision titled *Uniformed Traffic Control*. See the worksheet for this special provision at:

<http://www.dot.state.co.us/DesignSupport/Construction/2005SpecsBook/Work%20Sheets/2005ws.htm>.

Training Requirements

In accordance with CDOT Policy Memo 29, uniformed law enforcement officers working on CDOT projects shall have successfully completed FHWA's course on *The Safe and Effective Use of Law Enforcement Personnel in Work Zones*. Proof of successful course completion shall be supplied upon request.

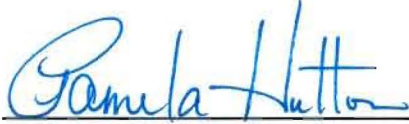
Specification Requirements

The revised special provision titled *Uniformed Traffic Control* will be posted on the following web site prior to January 1, 2010:

http://www.dot.state.co.us/DesignSupport/Construction/2005SpecsBook/2005SSP/2005_SSP_Index.htm

If there are questions regarding the specification, please contact K.C. Matthews at 303-757-9543 or k.c.matthews@dot.state.co.us.

Since this specification may undergo change through use, it is suggested that the link above be used at the time Plans are finalized.

I Concur  12-18-09
Chief Engineer Date