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Memorandum

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From:

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Director

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Subject:

Construction Traffic Control Engineer Position

To improve work zone safety the Department created the Construction Traffic Control Engineer position that specializes in Work Zone Traffic Control and Safety.

This position is responsible for a number of traffic control related responsibilities including but not limited to developing traffic control policy, specifications, traffic control training program, and evaluating traffic control on construction projects.

This position will make regular project reviews of work zone traffic control and offer recommendations to improve work zone safety as required. This position will also offer technical assistance on those work zone issues and changes that are discretionary (engineering judgment) as identified in the MUTCD.

Should this position identify issues with traffic control that are a safety hazard to the traveling public, construction workers, or MDT personnel, this position does have the authority to direct immediate changes to traffic control. This position also has the authority to shut down the project or a portion of the project, if deemed necessary, until the traffic control issues change to a safe condition. This authority is established through the Montana Department of Transportation's Director, Chief Engineer and Construction Engineer.

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