

Memorandum

DISTRICT DIRECTORS
DISTRICT DIVISION CHIEFS – OPERATIONS

Date: September 9, 1994

From: **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
Division of Traffic Operations

Subject: Policy – Traffic Management Teams

In accordance with Director's Policy No. 8, Freeway System Management, the Division of Traffic Operations is responsible for developing policies, guidelines and standards for traffic management services. The following defines the policy on Traffic Management Teams.

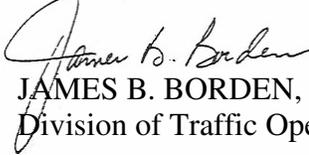
The California Highway Patrol (CHP), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Maintenance and Traffic Management Teams (TMT) share responsibility for providing traffic management and control on State highways (as defined in Annex A of the Caltrans/CHP Joint Operational Policy Statements). The CHP is responsible for scene command and "directing traffic" when the situation is temporary or short term. Caltrans Maintenance is responsible for providing long term traffic control, removal of debris, repair and restoration of the facility to normal operating conditions.

Traffic Management Teams are responsible for the establishment of positive control measures and orderly flow of traffic impacted by unusual or unexpected traffic conditions caused by an incident or event. TMTs coordinate closely with Transportation Management Centers, the CHP and Maintenance. Trained traffic management personnel assess and monitor the situation and implement traffic management strategies in an effort to prevent secondary accidents and reduce delay. Through the use of changeable message signs, highway advisory radios, and other traffic information services, TMTs furnish real-time traffic information to motorists approaching the scene of an incident or event. TMTs also provide queue management, traffic advisory, and detour signing for both Maintenance and Construction initiated planned lane closures.

Each district shall establish TMTs as needed to assist with the coordination of Traffic, Maintenance and CHP responders to assure public and employee safety; restore the system to normal or, at the minimum, restricted operation as quickly as possible; and mitigate the impact of congestion and delay. Each district has prepared an "Action Plan" which defines and formalizes TMT response activities and includes their specific callout procedures, response priorities, field responsibilities, planning activities, and critique methods (see attached Traffic Management Team Action Plan Guidelines). The Action Plans shall be updated biennially.

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If you have any questions concerning Traffic Management Teams, please call Mr. Randy Ronning, Chief, Freeway Operations Branch, at Calnet 464-7312.


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Attachment