

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WORKZONE SAFETY AND MOBILITY MANUAL

CHAPTER 2 - TRAINING

Requirements of the Work Zone Safety and Mobility Rule

The WZSM program requires personnel involved in the development, design, implementation, operation, inspection, and enforcement of work zone-related transportation management and traffic control to be trained appropriately to the job decisions each individual is required to make. Periodic training updates that reflect changing industry practices and TDOT processes and procedures are also required for these personnel.

Guidance for Implementing Training Plan

Each division or project will potentially have different personnel do the significance determination and/or TMP. Any potential individual who would be involved with the significance determination, TMP, and/or design of TTC shall receive the appropriate training.

External personnel that need to be trained include those doing project development (design or engineering service consultants), those doing construction activities (engineering service consultants), and utility work. The Tennessee Department of Transportation shall require that external partners are trained appropriately to each individual's job responsibilities and to the job decisions that each individual needs to make. These requirements shall be included in all Consultant Agreements (limited to projects on the STIP) and utility's Notice to Proceed.

TDOT Training

The TDOT Traffic Operations Division will provide appropriate work zone-related transportation management and traffic control training to applicable TDOT staff. A course that covers the Work Zone Safety and Mobility Rule and TDOT's Work Zone Safety and Mobility Manual, strategies for proper work zone TTC design, and Work Zone TTC set up for field operations will be provided. TDOT staff directly involved with the design or field operations of a project should take the training.

Equipment operators and flaggers shall be required to obtain the appropriate training per TDOT specifications.

Training of contractors and utility workers for such activities as designing, implementing, setting up, or maintaining work zone traffic control is required. TDOT requires training for Traffic Control Supervisors and flaggers. Contractors and utility workers are responsible for acquiring the required training and certifications.