

EXCLUSIVE: State To Suspend All New Milwaukee Area Road Work For One Month Surrounding Democrat Convention
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I have learned the state Department of Transportation, an arm of Gov. Tony Evers' administration, is suspending all new Interstate highway work in the Milwaukee area for an entire month surrounding next year's Democratic National Convention. In addition, DOT is suspending all work on any type of highway for the ten days surrounding next July's convention.

The area covered includes all of the following counties: Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, Washington, Walworth, Racine and Kenosha. The order, which I am printing below verbatim, affects all new contracts starting with those being issued next month. It does not appear to affect existing projects, although that is not certain.

Here is the order prepared internally by DOT to be sent to all contractors:

Notice to Contractor – Work Restriction **WR-1**

From 5:30 AM Wednesday, June 24th, 2020 to 10:00 PM Sunday, July 19th, 2020:

Do not perform work; haul equipment; or haul materials; on, along, or across any portion of **Roadway Name**, including ramps. Remove all contractor equipment from the project right of way. Remove all traffic control devices including drums, cones, barricades, and signs from the right of way. Traffic control devices required to maintain long term closures of ramps and roadways during this work restriction will be left in place as approved by the engineer.

Roadway maintenance required by the contractor shall be in effect during this work restriction. A temporary suspension to perform necessary maintenance work will be as approved by the engineer.

All costs to mobilize, remove traffic control, remobilize, and reinstall traffic control, in accordance with this provision, shall be incidental to the contract.

Notice to Contractor – Work Restriction **WR-2**

From 5:30 AM Wednesday June 24th, 2020 to 10:00 PM Sunday, July 19th, 2020:

OR

From 5:30 AM Wednesday July 10th to 10:00 PM Sunday, July 19th, 2020:

Do not perform work; haul equipment; or haul materials, on, along, or across any portion of **Roadway Name**, including ramps. Any exceptions to this work restriction must be approved by the engineer in writing.

Roadway maintenance required by the contractor shall be in effect during this work restriction. A temporary suspension to perform necessary maintenance work will be as approved by the engineer.

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