



Traffic Control

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This information bulletin explains how to obtain a Traffic Control permit.

I. WHEN IS A PERMIT REQUIRED?

A Public Right-of-Way Permit for Traffic Control is required for all public improvement projects, construction projects, and other work which encroaches into the public right-of-way including the sidewalk area (Municipal Code Section 129.0702).

II. PERMIT APPLICATION

Complete a Public Right-of-Way Permit for Traffic Control form and submit a traffic control plan. This sheet is available at the Traffic Control Permits counter or on the City web site. See "Components of a Typical Traffic Control Plan," below.

III. TRAFFIC CONTROL PLANS

Traffic control plans shall conform to the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; and Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, including Regional Supplemental Amendments and City of San Diego Supplemental Amendments. Information needed prior to permit issuance is listed below:

- A.** Work start/end dates (a minimum of two [2] working days notice required prior to beginning of work).
- B.** Name of street where work is being done.
- C.** Cross streets.
- D.** Thomas Brothers map coordinates.
- E.** Work hours (standard 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.).
- F.** Contractor name/address/phone number/FAX number.
- G.** Posted speed limits.

Documents referenced in this Information Bulletin

- San Diego Municipal Code, ([SDMC](#))
- [California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#)
- Traffic Control Plan/Permit, [DS-269](#)

H. A plan view drawing of the project which includes the following:

1. The street segment/intersection containing the location of the project work area.
2. Dimension to the nearest cross streets on either side of the work area if the project is located in a mid-block street segment (use break lines if necessary).
3. A north arrow.
4. Location of parking (note: if metered parking provides the meter number which is stenciled on the pole or meter head).
5. The location and dimensions for special curb zones, such as red, yellow, white, green, and blue. Also, show and dimension any Bus Stop zones and driveway openings. Indicate what the driveway is serving (single family, apartment, commercial).
6. Existing dimensions for the following:
 - a. Street widths.
 - b. Lane widths including bike lanes and parking lanes.
 - c. Sidewalk width.
7. For construction project provide the following:
 - a. Type of work
 - b. The size of the work area (width and length).

- c. Construction signs (type and spacing).
- d. Flashing arrow boards (as required).
- e. Delineator patterns for transition area, buffer space, work area, and termination area.
- f. Advance warning sign spacing and length of transition area.
- g. Detour plan (if required).

8. Handling of pedestrians (including disabled) and bicycle routes/paths.

Additional items may be required depending on the scope of the project. Call Traffic Control at (619) 446-5150 for more information.

IV. PERMIT FEES

The Public Right-of-Way Permit for Traffic Control fee is charged to recover City costs for office and field review of construction traffic control plans. The fees for each project are charged based on the following guidelines:

A. Traffic Control Plan Check

- First block/intersection (less than 3 weeks)\$74
- Each add'l block/intersection (per week).....\$74

*A "block" is the space between street intersections. Blocks over 600 feet count as more than one block.

B. Parking Meters

Fees are required for parking meters that cannot be used due to the location of the project.

- Meter head and post removed.....\$137 ea + \$6 a day per meter
- Meter deactivated (per day) \$6

C. Dumpster Permits

A dumpster permit is required to place a dumpster in the Public Right-of-Way.

- Each Location\$74

D. Work without a Permit

Any work requiring a traffic control plan which is undertaken without an approved permit or with an expired permit will be charged double the normal fee amount.

V. AGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

When applicable, the contractor shall notify all the following agencies five (5) working days prior to starting work: Police Department Dispatch, Fire Department Dispatch, Waste Management - Refuse Collection, San Diego Transit, Communications and Electrical - Traffic Signals and Underground Service Alert. In addition, the contractor shall notify property owners and/or tenants prior to closure of driveways.

VI. POSTING NO PARKING

The contractor shall post Tow-Away/No Parking signs twenty-four (24) hours in advance of commencing work and shall deactivate parking meters (where applicable).

VII. EXTENSION TO PERMIT

Under certain circumstances a permit may be extended. This extension, with approval by the City Engineer, may be subject to additional permit fees. Extensions must be submitted two (2) working days in advance of permit expiration. Call Traffic Control at (619) 446-5150 for more information.

VIII. INSPECTIONS

All work sites are subject to inspection by City personnel without prior notification. The City Engineer reserves the right to observe the traffic control plans in operation and to make any changes as field conditions warrant. Any changes shall supersede the previous approved plans.

Components of a Typical Traffic Control Plan

