

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
SPECIAL PROVISION FOR  
**SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS FOR CATEGORY M PROJECTS**

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**Section 103.06(e) Progress Schedule** of the Specifications is deleted and replaced by this provision.

**Section 108.03 Progress Schedule** of the Specifications is deleted and replaced by this provision.

**General Requirements** – The Contractor shall plan and schedule the work and shall submit his overall work plan in the form of a written Schedule of Operations as described herein, for the Engineer's review and acceptance. The accepted Schedule of Operations will be used by the Engineer for planning and coordination of the Department activities, resources, and expenditures.

When preparing the Schedule of Operations, the Contractor shall consider all known constraints and restrictions such as holidays, seasonal, weather, traffic, utility, railroad, right-of-way, environmental, permits, or other known or specified limitations to the work.

At the Pre-Construction Conference the Contractor shall be prepared to discuss his planned or contemplated operations relative to the contract requirements and this special provision.

Delays resulting from the Contractor's failure to provide the Schedule of Operations will not be considered just cause for extension of the contract time limit or for additional compensation.

**Schedule of Operations** – The Contractor shall submit to the Engineer three (3) copies of the written Schedule of Operations at least seven (7) calendar days prior to beginning work. The Schedule of Operations shall represent the Contractor's overall work plan to accomplish the entire scope of work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract. The Schedule of Operations shall include all work including, as applicable, the work to be performed by sub-contractors, the Department, or others. The Schedule of Operations submittal shall consist of a written Narrative to:

- (a) Describe the Contractor's proposed general sequence to accomplish the work;
- (b) Indicate the general schedule of work to be completed each month in terms of the major operations, routes, or segments of work as delineated in the contract documents or in the absence of such delineations, as agreed to by the Contractor and the Engineer. A bar-chart schedule may be substituted at the Contractor's option.

**Two Week Look-ahead (TWLA) Schedule of Operations** – At least seven (7) calendar days prior to beginning work, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer, an initial written TWLA Schedule of Operations for any work planned for the first two weeks. Every week thereafter, on a day agreed to by the Contractor and the Engineer, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer, a written TWLA Schedule of Operations for the following two-week period. The TWLA schedule shall provide a detailed list of operations to indicate the type of operation, location(s) of the work, proposed working days and hours, and the start and finish dates for any work planned, started, in progress, or scheduled for completion during the two-week period. The TWLA Schedule of Operations shall also indicate any critical stage(s) of work requiring VDOT oversight or inspection. The Contractor shall submit three (3) copies of the TWLA Schedule of Operations to the Engineer in any legible format.

The Contractor may revise his TWLA Schedule of Operations at his discretion. However, the Contractor shall notify the Engineer at least forty-eight (48) working hours in advance of any changes in the Contractor's planned operations or critical stage work requiring Department oversight or inspection. In the event of extenuating circumstances deemed by the Engineer to be beyond the Contractor's control, the

Engineer may grant verbal concurrence of changes in the Contractor's planned operations with less advance notice, as the need arises.

**Revised Schedule of Operations** – The Contractor may revise his overall plan of operations at any time, however, the Contractor shall submit a Revised Schedule of Operations to reflect any changes in his overall sequence of operations or general schedule. The Contractor may be required, as determined by the Engineer to submit a Revised Schedule of Operations. Circumstances that may prompt the Engineer's decision to request a Revised Schedule of Operations may include deviations from the overall sequence of operations or if the actual progress of work varies by one month or more from the currently accepted Schedule of Operations.

When required by the Engineer, the Revised Schedule of Operations shall be submitted within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Engineer's written request. The Revised Schedule of Operations shall be submitted in the form of the Schedule of Operations as defined herein, to reflect the changes in the Contractor's overall work plan. The accepted Revised Schedule of Operations will replace any previously accepted Schedule of Operations for the remainder of the work.

**Review and Acceptance** – The Engineer will review the Initial or subsequent Revised Schedule of Operations submittals for acceptance within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Contractor's complete submittal. Review and acceptance by the Engineer will be based on conformance with the requirements of this provision and the Contract.

Review and acceptance by the Engineer will not constitute a waiver of any contract requirements and will in no way assign responsibilities of the work plan, scheduling assumptions, and validity of the work plan or schedule to the Department. Failure of the Contractor to include in the Schedule of Operations any element of work required by the Contract for timely completion of the Contract shall not excuse the Contractor from his contractual obligations.

**Measurement and Payment** – Category M Schedule of Operations including the Initial and any subsequent Revised Schedule of Operations requested by the Engineer or originated by the Contractor, will not be measured or paid for separately. All associated costs to prepare, update, revise, and/or furnish the Schedule of Operations for Category M projects in accordance with the requirements herein shall be considered incidental to the work.