**WISCONSIN LANE CLOSURE SYSTEM (LCS) - QUICK REFERENCE**

The Wisconsin Lane Closure System (LCS) is a Web-based system for tracking closures and restrictions on Wisconsin state highways.

**ENTERING CLOSURES INTO THE LCS**

The LCS is the single source of WisDOT roadway closure information. Closure and restriction information should be entered for:

* All let projects (information formerly entered into Traffic Impediment Module)
* Any planned closures or restrictions on Corridors 2030 roadways
* Major special events
* Emergency closures (i.e. closures that are the result of an unexpected incident, such as a bridge hit or flooding, that result in the roadway being closed for an extended period of time)

Closure information should be entered in accordance with the following advanced notification guidelines:

* 14 days - Project start, full roadway closure, or restriction of width, height, or weight (OSOW permits have 14 day lead time)
* 7 days - System ramp closure
* 3 days - Lane and service ramp closure

When entering closures, please remember:

* Specific closure information must be used when entering data into the LCS. It is not acceptable to select a two month period and indicate that the roadway may be closed occasionally during that time period.
* For rolling closures, a specific date and time period should be entered. The location should be identified using the anticipated start and end point of the segment where the closure is taking place.
* Full roadway closures must be entered directionally.

**ACCEPTANCE PROCESS**

* ***A WisDOT Regional Traffic Supervisor must accept all freeway and expressway closures.***
	+ If a Regional Traffic Supervisor is unavailable, Regional Operations Manager should make approval.
	+ Staff responsible for maintenance or project related closures on freeways and expressways should not be granted acceptance authorization.
* WisDOT PDS, Traffic, and Maintenance Supervisor should review closure information entered and accepted by staff with acceptance authorization on a weekly basis.
* It is important that closures be entered in accordance with the advanced notification guidelines outlined above to allow adequate time for approval.

**DATA ACCURACY**

* ***It is critical that all closure information entered in the LCS be accurate.***
* The closure information entered in the LCS is used to:
	+ Provide traveler information through WI’s newly established 511 system, where data accuracy will have a direct impact on the public’s perception of the value of the system.
	+ Issue OSOW permits, which has a direct impact on the movement of commerce through WI.

# COMPLETING CLOSURES

* Any closure entered for more than 14 days must be manually completed. This requires a user to enter the LCS and COMPLETE the closure. Closure information is reported until the closure is completed. Closures less than 14 days will automatically fall off the system.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

* Special event information can be viewed within the LCS. Event information should be checked when scheduling closures to identify potential conflicts.
* The regional traffic section is responsible to enter special events that may impact traffic and are of concern when scheduling closures.
	+ This activity should be coordinated with RCM’s.
	+ At a minimum, events should be entered into LCS by the 15th of every month. A report of all the events will be distributed to all PDS and Ops. Supervisors.

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