

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)

Provide the following minimum advance notification for incorporation into the LCS:

Closure type with height, weight, or width restrictions (available width, all lanes in one direction <16')	MINIMUM NOTIFICATION
Lane and shoulder closures	7 calendar days
Full roadway closures	7 calendar days
Ramp closures	7 calendar days
Detours	7 calendar days
Closure type without height, weight, or width restrictions (available width, all lanes in one direction ≥16')	MINIMUM NOTIFICATION
Lane and shoulder closures	3 business days
Ramp closures	3 business days
Modifying all closure types	3 business days

For unexpected closures within the recommended advance notification or closure extensions required due to weather, equipment malfunction, or other emergency situation, contact the appropriate regional work zone engineer for additional guidance.

If OSOW loads can be accommodated through work zones with lane closures incurred by moving or flagging operations, such lane closures can be entered in as a lane closure with restrictions and enter a comment in the INTERNAL COMMENT section explaining that there is a moving operation causing the lane closure or restriction.

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, enter a specific date and time period. Identify the location using the anticipated start and end point of the segment where the closure is taking place.
- Enter full roadway closures 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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