

SDDOT CONSTRUCTION MANUAL  
PROJECT MANAGEMENT SECTION  
**CHAPTER 16 – ROUTE RESTRICTIONS**

**RESTRICTIONS ON CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**

The SDDOT *Highway Construction and Maintenance Restrictions Notification and Signing* Policy stipulates that the Area Offices are to notify the Operations Support Office two or more days before placement of any restrictions on construction or maintenance projects. This includes any closure, width, height, length, and weight restrictions. Also, if a detour is in place provide the parameters of the detour route. Oversize and overweight vehicles will not be permitted to travel on local roads if the detour route is on the state highway system.

**Width and Height:** anytime the restriction is less than what was available for the highway before the restriction existed.

**Length:** anytime the restriction does not allow for the turning movements available before the restriction existed.

Sign all highway restrictions that reduce the horizontal clearance to less than 16 feet. Special consideration should be given to sign for height and length restrictions on a project by project basis.

The information to be sent should include the following:

- Highway Number:**
- Beginning and Ending MRMs:**
- Location:**
- Restriction:**
- Type of Project:**
- Start Date of the Restriction:**
- Estimated Duration of the Restriction:**
- Traffic Flow Changes:**
- Detour Description (if applicable):**

The Operations Support Office should also be notified when an existing restriction is removed or modified from the original notice. When a scheduled completion date is entered into the permitting system the restriction does not automatically expire on that date and will remain active until removed. Every effort should be made to notify the Operations Support Office when the roadway is returned to normal traffic so the restriction can be removed.

The Engineering Supervisor or the Project Engineer typically provide the restriction information. Each Area Office should designate the personnel they want to submit restrictions. Construction project restrictions should also be entered into IRIS to update the 511 traveler system and the Safetravelusa website. Entering restrictions into IRIS does not automatically enter them into the permitting system so the Operations Support Office also needs to be notified.

The restrictions are entered in Restriction Manager which is a component of the Automated Permitting System. The permit system is used by Highway Patrol Motor Carrier personnel to issue permits and route oversized and overweight loads through the state on the appropriate route. The trucking industry can also purchase and obtain permits via the [sdtruckinfo.com](http://sdtruckinfo.com) website.

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Any Department personnel that want to receive updates on restrictions by E-mail can contact the Operations Support Office to be added to the list.