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Ms. Mary Stringfellow  
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**Re: Work Zone Training (WZ) Review of the Urban System Program**

In reference to your letter dated September 8, 2006 concerning Work Zone Review of Urban System Projects, please be advised of the following:

The Department has requested continuing the education of the ATTSA Work Zone Traffic Control Technician, Supervisor, and Flagger Certification for Project Engineers, Traffic Engineers, and others as deemed necessary. This certification allows the Department's Project Engineers expertise in reviewing and making recommendations on Urban System projects. Consultant inspection personnel should also be required to take this mandatory training if working on said projects. To this end, the Department will require that any Consultant submitting proposals to perform Construction Engineering and Inspection (CE&I) on DOTD and Urban System projects require that at least two (2) inspectors have the Work Zone Traffic Control Technician and Flagger course and one (1) inspector or engineer has the Traffic Control Supervisor course completed. This requirement will be implemented beginning July 1, 2007 to allow Consultant's personnel to obtain training in these courses.

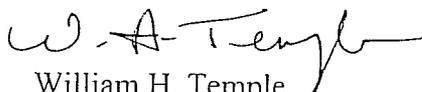
The Department recently updated the Construction Contract Administration Manual which provides detailed requirements for Project Engineers and Inspectors on DOTD policies and procedures. This manual is now on DOTD's website for Consultant Engineers to review. LTRC is in the process of developing a PowerPoint presentation and course which DOTD's Construction Personnel and Consultant Personnel will be required to take on Urban Systems projects. This course should be available on line by January 2007.

The Department is working with FHWA to update work zone safety guidelines. One of these is the adoption of the ATSSA "Quality Guidelines for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices." Consultants and local governmental authorities should also adopt the DOTD's Traffic Control Details (TCs) so that standardization across the state can be achieved.

The Department is committed to Work Zone safety. Mr. Barry Lacy and Mr. Brett Morgan of the Construction Section's duties include improving work zone safety and they will continue to work with FHWA to review projects and processes to improve the quality of work zones.

Should you require additional information please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. Temple". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

William H. Temple  
Chief Engineer