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## *Baseline Document Change Announcement*

**ANNOUNCEMENT: BDC20S-03**

**DATE: July 17, 2020**

**SUBJECT: Occupancy Charges**  
- **Revision to the 2019 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Subsection 108.08**

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Subsection 108.08 of the 2019 Standard Specifications has been revised in order to allow for occupancy charges for the use and occupancy beyond the time periods shown in the schedule for shoulders and ramps in addition to lanes.

**The following revisions have been incorporated into the Standard Inputs (SI 2019):**

**108.08 LANE OCCUPANCY CHARGES**

SUBSECTION IS RENAMED AND CHANGED TO:

**108.08 OCCUPANCY CHARGES**

The closure schedule shown in the plans indicates the time periods for allowable closures as specified in the Contract. Allowable closures are permitted for, but not limited to; roadways, lanes, shoulders and ramps. If the Contractor's closures exceed these time periods, the Department will deduct from the monthly estimate an occupancy charge for the use and occupancy beyond the time periods shown in the closure schedule until such time that the closure is reopened to traffic or until such time that the closure is allowed to take place again under the closure schedule. The Department will recover the cost of occupancy charges as specified in 107.16.

The RE will keep record of each occurrence as well as the cumulative amount of time that a closure exceeds the time periods shown in the closure schedule and provide the record to the Contractor. The Department will calculate an occupancy charge by multiplying the length of time of each delayed opening, in minutes, by the rate of \$10 per minute, unless otherwise specified in the Special Provisions. The total amount per day for occupancy charges that the Department will collect will not exceed \$10,000.00.

The Department will waive an occupancy charge where a closure is not reopened to traffic as specified in the closure schedule directly and solely by reason of extraordinary, exigent circumstances not under the control of or reasonably foreseeable by the Contractor. Equipment breakdowns, supplier deliveries, and weather related hindrances are not extraordinary, exigent circumstances. However, the Department has the right to assess an occupancy charge for any period of time that a closure remains closed beyond the reasonable period of time needed by the Contractor to reopen a closure due to an extraordinary, exigent circumstance.

**Implementation Code R (ROUTINE)**

Changes must be implemented in all applicable Department projects scheduled for Final Design Submission at least one month after the date of the BDC announcement. This will allow designers to make necessary plan, specifications, and estimate/proposal changes without requiring the need for an addenda or postponement of advertisement or receipt of bids.

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