

Night-time Construction Report to Congress

Program Purpose

The SAFETEA-LU Conference Committee report directs FHWA to conduct and compile research on many aspects of night-time road construction, and report to Congress two years after passage of this legislation on the results of its research.

Statutory References:

SAFETEA-LU Conference Report, Section 1938, pages 907-908

Program Features:

Research aspects include:

- Comparisons between work zone-related crash rates day-time and night-time construction operations;
- Rates and frequencies of incidents caused by drivers under the influence of alcohol, drugs and/or other substances causing driver impairment;
- Rates and frequencies of incidents caused by drivers and workers who are tired or sleep deprived;
- Impacts on worker health and welfare;
- Impacts on adjacent communities;
- Impacts on construction quality and work schedules; and
- General impact on roadway construction worker safety.

Funding:

No separate funding is provided.

Implementation:

The Office of Safety will lead this effort, working with other offices as appropriate. No research is anticipated; rather, FHWA will compile existing research, study results and best practices on night-time construction and provide a summary of findings. The report will be submitted to Congress by August 2007.

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