

Baltimore County Department of Public Works (DPW) Traffic Control Reimbursement Policy

Scope:

This Traffic Control Reimbursement Policy shall apply to all road closures on County roads where a third party damages non-County equipment requiring a road closure. A “**Road Closure**” is defined as when a traffic accident occurs on a County road and damages private utility poles, lines, wires, and/or other private equipment. A Road Closure requires DPW forces, the Baltimore County Police Department (BCPD), and the applicable private entity (Owner) who owns the utility equipment to coordinate to (a) repair any damages to that equipment and (b) provide the necessary work zone traffic control during such repairs.

Policy:

Upon the occurrence of an incident that requires a Road Closure, DPW forces and/or the BCPD shall provide the necessary work zone traffic control for the initial four (4) consecutive hours, free of charge, to clear the accident and to allow the Owner to make repairs to its damaged utility equipment. These four (4) consecutive hours shall begin as soon as either DPW forces or the BCPD begin any traffic control related to the Road Closure.

After the initial four (4) consecutive hours are over, or sooner if possible, the Owner shall replace DPW forces and/or the BCPD. The Owner shall provide any work zone traffic control necessary for the completion of all repairs to its utility equipment. In the event that the Owner fails to set up the necessary work zone traffic control upon the expiration of that 4-hour time frame, DPW shall provide the necessary work zone traffic control with its own forces and shall charge the Owner **both a one-time mobilization fee and an hourly traffic control fee** until the Owner fully takes over the work zone traffic control and/or completes all necessary repairs to its utility equipment. DPW shall determine the one-time mobilization fee and the hourly traffic control fee based on actual costs to the County, including any contractor’s cost and overhead, and **such fees are subject to change**. This Traffic Control Reimbursement Policy does not apply to acts of god, or to regional or state emergencies.