



Notice of Enforcement Discretion

Temporary Closures on the National Network for Security and Safety

Presidential Inauguration 2021

U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration

Effective January 13, 2021, through January 22, 2021

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations at 23 CFR part 658 establishes and identifies a National Network of highways available to vehicles authorized by provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (STAA), Pub. L. 97-424, as amended. In general, the National Network includes the Interstate System and other routes that are identified in 23 CFR part 658. The closure or restriction of these routes generally involves following the processes that are prescribed in applicable regulations in part 658 and clarified in guidance (see <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/sw/faqs/qasearch.cfm?q=special+event&btnG=Go>).

In preparation for the 2021 Presidential Inauguration, some segments of routes on the National Network may be closed or restricted for security and safety purposes. These routes are located in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, as well as routes in the vicinity of State capitol buildings nationwide. The National Network routes subject to temporary closure or restriction for security and safety purposes related to the 2021 Presidential Inauguration are evolving as preparations and plans for these events are being made and, as a result, following the prescribed processes in time for these events is not feasible.

Accordingly, in order to facilitate Federal and State efforts to implement appropriate and necessary temporary security and safety measures for the 2021 Presidential Inauguration, the FHWA will not penalize or otherwise take any remedial action against States that impose closures or restrictions on routes on the National Network for these purposes from January 13, 2021, through January 22, 2021. Any State that desires to impose such closures or restrictions beyond January 22 should work with the FHWA to follow the applicable processes under 23 CFR part 658. This notice is effective through February 1, 2021. Any State that fails to come back into compliance after February 1 will be subject to potential remedial measures.