

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**CONSTRUCTION DIRECTIVE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

<b>GENERAL SUBJECT:</b>	<u>VERTICAL CLEARANCES</u>	<b>NUMBER:</b>	<u>CD-2008-06</u>
		<b>DATE:</b>	<u>MARCH 13, 2008</u>
<b>SPECIFIC SUBJECT:</b>	<u>TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN VERTICAL CLEARANCES</u>	<b>SUPERSEDES:</b>	<u>CD-99-8</u>
<b>DATE EFFECTIVE:</b>	<u>IMMEDIATELY</u>	<b>SUNSET/ EXPIRES:</b>	<u>MARCH 13, 2013</u>

Original with signature on file in the office of the  
Scheduling & Contract Division

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**STATE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER**

**DIRECTED TO - DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS**

The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Hauling Permit Manual requires that owners of vehicles having a height in excess of 13 feet 6 inches obtain a permit from the DMV. The Manual further allows the issuance of blanket permits for vehicle heights up to and including 14 feet. Additionally, the DMV issues over-height permits that are route specific based on the latest vertical clearances at overpasses recorded in VDOT's electronic databases. Holders of these permits are seriously affected when the vertical clearance of a structure is temporarily or permanently reduced. In some instances such reductions may put the safety of the traveling public and our bridge assets at risk. Obviously, problems arise in attempting to notify all permit holders of such a reduction, therefore, we need to carefully evaluate each situation.

The Contractor's proposed construction methods on projects should be reviewed carefully to ensure that the vertical clearance of grade separation structures is not reduced during construction, unless such reduction is unavoidable. When the overhead clearance of any roadway has been altered permanently or is temporarily altered by reason of construction, widening, repairing or reconstruction,, the Resident Administrator or the Area Construction Engineer shall notify immediately the District Structure and Bridge Engineer by telephone, followed by an email, providing the following information:

1. Route, County, Mile Post and VA Structure Number
2. Name of Railroad or Route Overpass
3. Minimum overhead clearance prior to change
4. Minimum overhead clearance after change
5. Date of change
6. Temporary or permanent

The District Structure and Bridge Engineer will be responsible for informing other individuals within the District, Central Office, and the DMV of the information.

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District Materials Engineers  
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District Location and Design Engineers  
District Bridge Engineers  
District Civil Rights Managers  
District Contract Administrators  
Regional Operations Directors  
Residency Administrators  
Area Construction Engineers  
Construction Managers  
Project Inspectors  
Federal Highway Administration  
Office of the Attorney General  
Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise  
Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance  
Old Dominion Highway Contractors Association  
Virginia Asphalt Association  
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