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The portion of Section 1-07.16(1) that prohibits the merging of construction vehicles with public traffic from an access gained through adjacent properties is rescinded, provided the Contractor's submittal is approved as required below.

Access for Construction

The Contractor may enter and leave the traveled way, auxiliary lanes or shoulders at approved locations other than established legal movements. To obtain approval of such an access location, the Contractor shall submit a request to the Engineer. The Contractor's request shall be submitted to the Engineer at least 30 calendar days prior to the time the use of the access will be required. This submittal shall include a vicinity map indicating the interstate stationing at the centerline of the access, distances from the end of ramp tapers of existing interchanges and a traffic control plan conforming with the requirements specified in Section 1-10.2(2). The access shall meet the following requirements:

- Access to and from the worksite adjacent to a multi-lane facility will only be allowed to and from a closed lane.
- The merging point of construction vehicles and public traffic shall provide a Decision Sight Distance for the traveling public of 1,640 ft in urban areas and 1,360 ft in rural areas.
- In urban areas the access shall not be located within 3,280 ft of the end of a ramp taper, or the centerline of a road approach. In rural areas the access shall not be located within 2,720 ft of the end of a ramp taper or the centerline of a road approach.
- Median crossings within 1.5 miles of the access point shall not be used in conjunction with the access.
- No new median crossings shall be created for use in conjunction within 1.5 miles of the access point.
- Short-duration shoulder stops in the construction zone, utilizing light vehicles properly equipped with warning flashers, will be allowed without a lane closure.
- When in use the access location shall have traffic control in place as per Section 1-10. Unauthorized use of the access from adjacent property is to be prohibited by the use of signing and/or flaggers as conditions warrant.
- The continuity of the existing drainage system shall be maintained through the access site.
- Air borne particulates created as a result of using the access shall be effectively controlled.

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- The access location shall not adversely affect wetlands or other sensitive areas.

At the completion of the project, the Contractor shall restore the area of the access site to its original, pre-contract, condition. Any damage to the traveled way, shoulders, auxiliary lanes, side slopes or other items caused by the access shall be repaired. All work to comply with this provision or to build, maintain, provide erosion control, control airborne particulates, ensure that drainage continues through the access site, provide traffic control when necessary, remove the temporary access and restore the surrounding area when no longer required for use are the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall include all related costs in the bid prices of the contract.