An incident is an emergency traffic occurrence, a disaster, or a special event. The intent of incident management for construction projects is to establish a plan which may be put into effect in a moment’s notice so that traffic is kept moving past the incident area. This usually means signing alternate routes and obtaining approval from appropriate jurisdictions well in advance of construction start-up.

The responsibility for developing an incident management plan rests with the appropriate District Office in accordance with Maintenance I.M. 1.255. Little information is necessary in the contract plans except for Standard Notation 254-1, which shall be included on all projects that use TLTWO traffic control and on other projects when directed by the Design Engineer.