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Dear Sir/Mdm

Release of Code of Practice for Works on Public Streets

I am pleased to share with you the outcomes of our review on Code of Practice (COP) for Road-Opening Works. We started this review in mid-2007 as part of our continual improvement to enhance safety of road users and workers on the streets, as well as to minimise traffic congestion during the road works.

This has resulted in the release of the **Code of Practice for Works on Public Streets** on 31 March 2008 which supersedes the COP for Road-Opening Works.

The salient changes to the COP are as follows:

1. Extended work windows to include Saturdays for majority of roads, for which you will have additional window to carry out works. Shorter work windows will apply to some roads with heavier traffic.

2. Allow supervisors with recognised diploma in civil engineering with at least 5 years of road works experience and new groups of contractors to carry out works on public streets.

3. Changes to requirements/ conditions for reinstatement works, for use of steel decking and for lane occupation.

4. Improved layout and design of the COP to make reading and understanding much easier.

The Code of Practice for Works on Public Streets is available on the LTA website (www.lta.gov.sg) under "Regulations – Other Guidelines, Standards & Circulars".
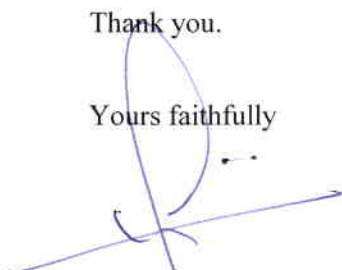
Throughout the review we have consulted the industry and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have contributed their time, efforts, and ideas to the review.

Moving forward, I would like to seek your continual support in carrying out road works safely and efficiently with minimal disruption to all road users.

For clarification and feedback, please email to lta.prompt@lta.gov.sg.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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