Purpose
To control the location and number of freeway median turnarounds by the Utah Department of Transportation (Department).

Policy
Freeway median turnarounds may be allowed according to the following criteria:

1. Maintenance turnarounds at interchanges where removal of snow and ice would be significantly facilitated.

2. Official or emergency turnarounds.
   a. Near midpoint where interchanges are three to six miles apart.
   b. At approximately three-mile intervals where interchange spacing is greater than six miles.

3. Double turnarounds (overlapping) at maintenance station or region boundaries.

The Engineer for Traffic and Safety will maintain a list of authorized median turnaround locations.

Background
The Department constructs and maintains freeway median turnarounds to facilitate highway maintenance operations. Use of these crossovers by unauthorized vehicles creates a potential safety hazard. The Department will control the number of freeway median turnarounds in order to minimize this hazard.

Definitions
Turnaround
A crossing in the median between opposite directions of a freeway. This will include a flat surface in the median with the required signs, a gap in the barrier, and crash cushions if needed.
Procedures
Change in Authorized Freeway Median Turnarounds UDOT 06C-04.1

Responsibility: Region Director/Region Traffic Operations Engineer

Actions

1. Submit a request, including justification, for a change in the number or location of freeway median turnarounds to the Engineer for Traffic and Safety.

2. Review the request and develop recommendations relative to the request.

Responsibility: Engineer for Traffic and Safety

3. Approve or disapprove request.

4. Ask the Region Director to take the necessary action to complete the work if the request is approved.

5. Write the Traffic Engineering Order for each turnaround.

Responsibility: Region Director

6. Take the necessary actions to complete the approved work.