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Guidance on Using Wing-Plows

To optimize efficiency and effectiveness while keeping the traveling public's safety a top priority, snow plows with a wing-plow attachment may occupy two lanes of thru traffic on non-freeway routes as well as freeway ramps, if the following conditions are met:

1. A lighted wing stick must be installed on the wing-plow
2. The operator is responsible for ensuring that lights, conspicuity tape and other safety features are in proper working order and cleared of ice and snow; and the traffic, visibility and other conditions are appropriate for the use of the wing-plow in an active lane of traffic.
3. The operators pre-trip inspection of the truck will include inspection of the lighting system.

If at any time the wing-plow in an active lane of travel is creating a safety hazard or the equipment is not being maintained appropriately, the maintaining agency will immediately discontinue use of the wing-plow in an active lane of travel, until conditions improve or issues have been corrected.