

# Work Zone Field Manual

for Maintenance Operations

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## INTRODUCTION

While this Field Manual provides interpretive guidance, it does not change the intent of Part 6 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). This manual is a supplement to the MUTCD and applies to temporary traffic control operations of 3 days or less for maintenance. Always follow any TTC plans, specifications, and special provisions written for a specific project.

The typical layouts contained in this manual do not cover all situations encountered. Because all situations differ, engineering judgment should be used to insure proper traffic control.

We emphasize that these are guidelines and not absolute standards. The information provided in this manual is intended to provide consistent statewide guidance in how to address common work operations and does not address all possible work zone operations. Modifications to the layouts to fit specific work operations and locations are encouraged. If these requirements cannot be physically implemented, then MUTCD standards shall apply as the minimum. The traffic control plans in this manual are to be used with sound judgment. Aspects of the roadway environment such as weather, time of day, traffic volumes, traffic speed, roadway geometry, roadside conditions, and your inventory of traffic control devices should all be considered when implementing the guidelines of this manual.

This Field Manual is intended for TDOT use only.

## DEFINITIONS

**Activity Area** - that part of a TTC zone activity area where the work actually takes place. It consists of the work space, traffic space and one or more buffer spaces.

**Advance Warning Area** - section of the highway used to inform the motorist what to expect ahead. This area may contain anywhere from a single sign or a rotating/strobe light on a vehicle to a series of signs and the use of a portable changeable message sign (PCMS).

**Advance Warning Sign Spacing** - the distance between signs or between a sign and some other location or device with the TTC zone. It is determined by the posted speed limit. This will ensure that the motorist has sufficient time to read the signs and react accordingly. Typical Advance Warning Sign Spacings (**A**) are included in the TTC Distance Charts.

**Advisory Speed** - the recommended speed for all vehicles operating on a section of highway and based on the highway design, operating characteristics, and conditions. (See Layout 6K-77).

**Approach Sight Distance** - the distance which a motorist can visually identify a work space. The work space may be the flagger station, a lane closure, a slow moving or stopped vehicle, or any other situation which requires adjustments by the motorist.

**Attended Work Space** - a work space is considered to be attended when the TTC devices are reviewed for knock-downs or other needed adjustments on an hourly basis.

**Average Daily Traffic (ADT)** - the average 24-hour volume, being the total volume during a stated period divided by the number of days in that period.

**Buffer Space** - the space which provides a margin of safety for both the driver and the workers. It is important that the buffer space be free of equipment, workers, material and vehicles.

**Crashworthy** - is a characteristic of roadside devices that have been successfully crash tested in accordance with the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 350, "Recommended Procedures for the Safety Performance Evaluation of Highway Features" or the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) "Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH)."

**Decision Sight Distance** - the total distance traveled during the length of time required for a driver to:

- detect an unexpected or otherwise difficult-to-perceive information source or hazard in a roadway environment that may be visually cluttered,
- recognize the hazard or its potential threat,
- select an appropriate speed and path, and
- initiate and complete the required maneuver safely and efficiently.

The decision sight distance is used to determine the minimum advance warning distance to the furthest and/or single sign. When determining minimum sight distance to flaggers and mobile operations, these distances also apply. The required Decision Sight Distances (**D**) are included in the TTC Distance Charts.

**Divided Road** - a highway or two roadways where opposing traffic is separated by a median (ditch, barrier, curbing, etc.), and the median is generally wide enough to place TTC devices. Temporary traffic control for divided multi-lane roads may be also used for one-way roadways.

**Downstream Taper** - the taper at the end of the activity area which guides traffic back into its original lane. When used, this taper has a minimum of 50 feet and a maximum of 100 feet with a 10-20 foot spacing between channelizing devices.

**Duration** - the length of time any work operation occupies a specific location or causes a traffic obstruction without changing the location. This time is measured from the first disruption to traffic until the total clearing of the area. The following durations are defined in overlapping intervals since TTC layouts for longer durations may always be used for shorter durations, especially when roadway attributes such as traffic volume and speed, and the work space location may warrant higher levels of traffic control.

- **Mobile** - when an operation is continuously moving or stopped in one location for periods of 15 minutes or less. The traffic control devices are typically vehicle-mounted. The work area should change by at least the decision sight distance for it to be considered a change in location.
- **Short Duration** - when an operation stays in one location during daylight conditions from 15 minutes to one hour, such that minimal TTC devices are deployed.
- **Short Term** - when an operation stays in one location during daylight conditions from 1 hour to twelve hours, such that advance signing and channelizing devices are required.
- **Intermediate Term/Night** - when an operation stays in one location during daylight conditions from 1 hour to no more than 3 days, or stays in one location during hours of darkness. Advance signing and larger channelizing devices (Type B) are required.
- **Long Term** - when an operation stays in one location for more than 3 days. A project specific Traffic Control Plan is typically required.

**Engineering Judgment** - the evaluation of available pertinent information, and the application of appropriate principles, standards, guidance, and practices as contained in this Manual and other sources, for the purpose of deciding upon the applicability, design, operation, or installation of a traffic control device. Engineering judgment shall be exercised by an engineer, or by an individual working under the supervision of an engineer, through the application of procedures and criteria established by the engineer. Documentation of engineering judgment recommended but not required.

**Expressway** - any multi-lane, divided highway for through traffic with partial control of access and generally with at-grade intersections.

**Following Distance** - the distance in a mobile operation between the shadow vehicle and the work vehicle. It is used to provide advance warning to traffic that some type of work is being done within the traffic lane. Traffic will have to change lanes, slow down and wait for a safe time to pass, or adjust their position within the lane to allow for a narrower traffic lane. The shadow vehicle shall be equipped with appropriate advance warning signing. Typical Following Distances (**F**) are included in the TTC Distance Charts. This distance is a range with a minimum of the recommended distance between advance warning signs (**A**), and a maximum of the decision sight distance. These distances are dependent upon the roadway and traffic conditions. Engineering judgment should be used when selecting distances for specific operations.

**Freeway** - any divided highway with full control of access (i.e. has ramps and no at-grade intersections).

**High Speed Road** - a roadway where the posted speed limit is 45 miles per hour or higher.

**Lane Closure** - a closure of one or more lanes of the roadway to traffic. Work operations that restrict adjacent lane width should consider various lane closure alternatives depending upon volume and speeds on the roadway.

**Lane Width** - for traffic control purposes, a minimum lane width of 10 feet shall be provided.

**Lateral Buffer Space** - the space that separates the traffic space from the work space. It is typically the extra space provided between traffic and workers, excavations, pavement edge drop-offs, or an opposing lane of traffic. Traffic lanes may be closed to provide for lateral buffer space. See the Longitudinal Drop-off Guidelines (pages 6K-xxi thru 6K-xxiii) of this manual for more information.

**Longitudinal Buffer Space** - the distance between the transition area and the work space. If a driver does not see the advance warning or fails to negotiate the transition area, a buffer space provides room to stop before the work space. Typical Longitudinal Buffer Spaces (**BS**) are included in the TTC Distance Charts.

**Low Speed Road** - a roadway where the posted speed limit is lower than 45 miles per hour.

**Merging Taper** - the taper used on a multi-lane road to close a lane and combine its traffic from that of the adjacent lane. Its length is dependent on the posted speed of the roadway. Higher speeds require a longer distance for traffic to merge lanes. Typical Merging Tapers (**L**) are included in the TTC Distance Charts.

**Mobile Buffer Space** - the distance in a mobile operation between the shadow vehicle and the work vehicle. This distance is dependent on whether the shadow vehicle is being used as an advance warning device or as a blocking/protection device for the work vehicle.

**Motorist** - an operator of a motorized vehicle intended to be used on a roadway.

**Multi-Lane Road** - a roadway where two or more lanes of traffic travel in the same direction. A multi-lane roadway may be classified as either undivided or divided.

**Occupied Work Space** - a work space is considered to be occupied when workers are present within the work space. TTC devices should continuously be reviewed by workers and adjustments made as needed.

**Off Shoulder** - a work space located primarily off of the shoulder, or which causes little or no restrictions on the use of the shoulder. This work space should have little or no interference with traffic such that traffic speeds generally are not reduced.

**Portable Changeable Message Sign (PCMS)** - a sign either trailer-mounted or vehicle-mounted that is capable of displaying more than one message, changeable by remote or automatic control.

**Posted Speed Limit** - the speed limit determined by law and shown on Speed Limit signs. It is used in the charts to determine the spacings of TTC devices and the lengths of various tapers on the TTC Layouts. Typical Posted Speed Limits (**S**) are included in the TTC Distance Charts.

**Protection Vehicle** - the vehicle that is placed in advance of the work space and equipment to block errant motorists from entering the work space.

**Road, Roadway** - That portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel and parking lanes, but exclusive of the sidewalk, berm, or shoulder even though such sidewalk, berm, or shoulder is used by persons riding bicycles or other human-powered vehicles.

**Roll Ahead Distance** - the recommended minimum distance between a protection vehicle and the work space. A protection vehicle may be used in a mobile operation to provide extra safety for the workers. Typical Roll Ahead Distances (**R**) are included in the TTC Distance Charts.

**Roundabout** - a circular intersection with yield at entry, which permits a vehicle on the circulatory roadway to proceed, and with deflection of the approaching vehicle counterclockwise around a circular island.

**Rural Highway** - a highway where traffic is normally characterized by lower volume, higher speed, fewer turning conflicts and fewer conflicts with pedestrians.

**Shadow Vehicle** - the vehicle placed behind the work space in a mobile operation to provide advance warning to motorists. Because mobile operations generally have all advance warning signing mounted on vehicles, the spacing between vehicles should be the Following Distance (**F**) as included in the TTC Distance Charts.

**Shifting Taper** - the taper used to move traffic from the traffic lane onto a bypass or shoulder. This traffic maneuver generally requires half the distance than a merging taper. See the TTC Distance Charts for the length of a shifting taper called **L/2**.

**Shoulder Closure** - a closure of the roadway shoulder for work operations. The shoulder then becomes unusable by traffic for vehicle maneuvers or break-downs. TTC layouts for work operations using or on a shoulder are dependent on the type of shoulder usage and duration.

**Shoulder Taper** - the taper used to close the shoulder off to traffic so that shoulder work can be done or equipment can be placed on the shoulder. Since this taper is used to guide errant traffic back to its normal lane path, it does not require a full merge distance. The taper length is reduced to one-third of a merging taper length. See the TTC Distance Charts for the length of a shoulder closure taper called **L/3**.

**Temporary Pedestrian Access Route (TPAR)** - a temporary, continuous and unobstructed walkway within a pedestrian circulation path that provides accessibility.

**Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) Plan** - a plan describing the traffic controls to be used for facilitating vehicle and pedestrian movements through a temporary traffic control zone.

**Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) Zone** - an area of a highway where road user conditions are changed because of a work zone or incident by the use of temporary traffic control devices, flaggers, uniformed law enforcement officers, or other authorized personnel. See Figures 6K-6 and 6K-7, Component Parts of a Temporary Traffic Control Zone.

**Termination Area** - that part of a TTC zone located beyond the work space which guides traffic back into its normal traffic path. A longitudinal buffer space may be used between the end of the work space and the beginning of the downstream taper.

**Traffic Control Device** - a sign, signal, marking, or other device used to regulate, warn, or guide traffic, placed on, over, or adjacent to a street, highway, pedestrian facility, or shared-use path by authority of a public agency having jurisdiction.



**Traffic Space** - that part of the roadway open to traffic that is next to the activity area. Traffic routing is provided with channelizing devices of various sizes and shapes. For a description of the various types of channelizing devices and their general uses, see the Temporary Traffic Control Devices Section (page 6K-xiii) of this manual.

**Transition Area** - that part of the TTC zone that moves the traffic from its normal path or lane into the traffic space. This movement of traffic is done through the use of channelizing devices and directional signing placed in various types of tapers.

**Turn Lane Closure** - the closure of a right or left turn lane for work operations. Signing in the TTC zone shall provide adequate warning to the motorists and provide an alternative turning maneuver. Layouts from the various roadway types should be reviewed for the best alternate depending upon roadway intersection design, traffic control (stop, yield, signals, etc.), speed limit and volume.

**Two-Lane, Two-Way Road** - a roadway consisting of two opposing lanes of undivided traffic.

**Two-Way Left Turn Lane** - that part of the roadway that has a continuous two-way left turn lane located between the opposing lanes of traffic. This design variation may be found on either two-lane, two-way roads or multi-lane roads.

**Two Way Taper** - the taper used on two-lane, two-way road to change the road into a single lane of two-way traffic. It is primarily used for flagging operations and other traffic control situations. It is typically 50 feet in length and contains five equally spaced channelizing devices.

**Undivided Road** - a roadway where opposing traffic lanes have no physical separation barriers except pavement markings (where required).

**Urban Street** - a type of street normally characterized by relatively low speed, wide ranges in traffic volume, narrower roadway lanes, frequent intersections, significant pedestrian traffic, and more roadside obstacles.

**Volume** - the number of vehicles passing a given point on the roadway or, the Average Daily Traffic (ADT).

**Work Space** - that part of the TTC zone closed to traffic and set aside for workers, equipment and materials. The space requirements for a specific TTC Zone will determine the type of TTC layout that is appropriate for the project. The layout will specify the appropriate sign locations, flagger stations and tapers depending on the type of work space.

**Work Zone Speed Limits** - a regulatory speed limit in a temporary traffic control zone. This speed limit requires proper documentation to approve and install. See *TDOT's Guidance for Setting Speed Limits* at the following website for details:

<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/traffic-operations-division/traffic-engineering-office/work-zone-resources.html>

## **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL**

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

#### **INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Before beginning work, you should familiarize yourself with this manual, the definitions, principles and the following General Responsibilities. Qualified individuals who have adequate training in temporary traffic control and have a basic understanding of the TN MUTCD should supervise the selection, placement and maintenance of traffic control devices in temporary traffic control zones.

#### **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Except where otherwise specified, any public or private agency performing work within the right-of-way of streets or highways open to public travel shall be responsible for:

- supplying, installing, and maintaining all necessary traffic control devices outlined in this manual and as stipulated by the governing road authority to protect the work space and safely direct traffic around the temporary traffic control zone.
- supplying their own flagger(s) when required.
- informing occupants of abutting properties, either orally or by written notice, of parking prohibitions or access limitations.
- notifying the governing road authority when existing traffic signs need to be removed or relocated or any regulatory sign must be installed for construction or maintenance work.
- replacing or reimbursing the governing road authority for any damage to or loss of existing traffic signs.
- keeping all traffic control devices clean and in proper position to ensure optimum effectiveness.
- removing traffic control equipment when it is no longer required or appropriate.
- keeping proper records of traffic control that contain starting and ending times, location, names of personnel, traffic controls used, etc. The method of record keeping may vary from a log entry to a complete Traffic Control Plan.

#### **PERMISSION TO WORK WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Prior to starting work, permission shall be obtained from the governing road authority. In addition, contact Tennessee 811, 1-800-351-1111 or 615-366-1987 before excavation begins.

The governing road authority may limit the hours of work. Peak traffic periods vary by hour or day of week and all work should be scheduled during non-peak hours.

When working in or near an intersection with a traffic control signal system, the road authority with jurisdiction over the signal should be contacted to ensure proper operation of the signal while the work is in progress.

## **SELECTING AN APPROPRIATE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL LAYOUT**

This Field Manual, which contains Temporary Traffic Control Zone Layouts, has been organized such that field personnel are able to determine the proper temporary traffic control layout(s) for the work zone they need. The layouts are divided primarily by the type of roadway and type of work space. The roadway designations are:

- Two-Lane, Two-Way Roads (with and without continuous left-turn lanes). These roads are further divided by traffic volume (low, intermediate, high),
- Multi-Lane Undivided Roads (with and without continuous left-turn lanes), and
- Multi-Lane Divided Roads

After determining the type of roadway upon which the work space will be located, the type of work space needs to be determined. The work space is the area within the right-of-way that will be closed from normal usage. It includes all the area needed by support equipment, materials, workers and vehicles. It may require the closing of a roadway lane(s), the shoulder of the road, or a turn lane within an intersection. The work space may even be completely off the roadway shoulder such as on side-slopes or along sidewalks. The layouts are listed by the typical work space areas.

Within some layouts, there are TTC options that may be omitted based upon several factors. These may include: duration of the operation, volume of the road, speed limit on the road, and departmental (or company) policy. TTC supervisors should be fully aware of the variations in the layouts due to the various factors, and when and how the layouts may be modified. See the Checklist for Establishing a TTC Zone on page 6K-xii.

All distances shown on the layouts and charts are approximate. In general, all chart distances vary based upon the posted speed limit. Adjustments in these distances should be made based on traffic entry points and decision sight distance. As stated previously, not all situations could be addressed and engineering judgment should be exercised. Features from several layouts may need to be combined together for one project. For example, work in or near an intersection may require a layout for a lane closure, a layout for work in the intersection and a layout for a crosswalk closure.

In some situations, a TTC layout usually required for a longer duration may be needed due to the nature of the work or the traffic. For example, patching a pothole on a high-volume, high-speed freeway may require less than 15 minutes of time (mobile operation) but a stationary lane closure may be needed because of the high volumes of traffic.

Additional layouts have been placed in the manual for unique operations and special signing conditions. These layouts may have special restrictions and guidelines contained within their notes.

## ENHANCEMENT OF THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL LAYOUTS

To improve safety, typical layouts contained in this manual may need to be modified to fit more complex roadway conditions or operations. When conditions are more complex, modifications may incorporate devices and practices from the following list:

1. Additional Devices:
  - a. more signs or enhanced signs (using LEDs, flags, beacons, etc.)
  - b. “flashing” arrow board
  - c. more channelizing devices at close spacing
  - d. temporary raised pavement markers
  - e. high-level warning devices
  - f. portable changeable message signs
  - g. portable traffic signals
  - h. portable barriers
  - i. impact attenuator crash cushions
  - j. glare screens
  - k. temporary rumble strips
  - l. more delineation
2. Upgrading of Devices
  - a. a complete set of standard pavement markings in high hazard areas
  - b. brighter and/or wider pavement markings
  - c. larger and/or brighter signs
  - d. more visible channelizing devices with greater conspicuity
  - e. temporary traffic barriers in place of channelizing devices
3. Improved Geometrics at Diversions or Crossovers
4. Increased Distances
  - a. longer advance warning area
  - b. longer tapers
5. Lighting
  - a. temporary roadway lighting
  - b. steady burn lights used with channelizing devices
  - c. flashing lights for isolated hazards
  - d. illuminated signs
  - e. work space lighting
6. Work zone speed limits  
See *TDOT's Guidance for Setting Speed Limits* at the following website for details:  
<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/traffic-operations-division/traffic-engineering-office/work-zone-resources.html>

## **INSTALLING THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE**

Traffic control devices shall be installed in the order that drivers will see them, starting with the sign or device that is furthest from the work space. If traffic in both directions will be affected, such as work in the center lanes, the devices may be placed in both directions at the same time. When one direction of traffic will be directed into the opposing lanes of traffic, all traffic controls for the opposing traffic should be installed first.

The devices should be removed as soon as the work is completed and are no longer needed. Devices should be removed in the opposite order from which they were installed. Devices which the driver sees last should be removed first.

After the temporary traffic control zone is in place, it should be inspected by driving through the zone. Motorists' actions and reactions should be noted and if any problems are encountered, they should be quickly corrected. Any modifications to the Traffic Control Plan or standard layouts and the reasons for the modifications should be documented.

During the life of a temporary traffic control zone, maintenance of devices is frequently needed. On short term operations, vehicles may knock over cones which then need to be placed upright. If problems are encountered, they should be corrected immediately and documented.

## CHECKLIST FOR ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE

COMPLETED	ITEM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Obtain permit from governing road authority.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine the type of roadway
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine the type of work space
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine the duration of work.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Select hours of work to avoid peak periods.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Select the appropriate layout(s) using type of roadway, type of work, duration, traffic volume, speed and impact on pedestrian and bicycle travel. (See the appropriate <b>Index Chart</b> at the start of each section)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine any modifications to typical layout(s). (See the <b>Enhancement of the TTC Layouts</b> on page 6K-x)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check decision sight distance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advance signing distance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If possible, maintain access to intersections, parking areas, and driveways (public and private).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow for buffer space free of obstructions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact the proper road authority if the work zone interferes with normal signal operation in the area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check the condition of devices. (See the <b>Quality Standards</b> on pages 6K-91 thru 6K-106)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Install devices beginning with the first device the driver will see.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conduct a drive thru to check for problems. (See the <b>Enhancement of the TTC Layouts</b> on page 6K-x)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Document temporary traffic control zone, problems and major modifications to the layouts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic should be observed to see if the taper is working correctly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove the devices as soon as work is completed, beginning with the last device seen by the motorist.

Figure 6K-1  
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## TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

### Channelizing Devices

The function of channelizing devices is to delineate a desired vehicle path, mark specific hazards on or near the roadway, separate opposing traffic flows and partially or totally close the roadway. See the "Longitudinal Drop-off Guidelines" on pages 6K-xxi thru 6K-xxiii for the use of channelizing devices adjacent to shoulder edge drop-offs or uneven lanes.

Channelizing devices include cones, drums, barricades, temporary raised islands and various kinds of markers. The devices are broken into two type classifications based upon the nighttime visibility of the device. Their visibility is determined upon the total amount of reflective area of the device. Devices with less than 270 square inches are classified as Type A Channelizing devices and devices with more than 270 square inches of reflective area are Type B devices. Type A channelizing devices may be used in attended TTC zones and Type B channelizing devices shall be used if the TTC zone will be left unattended overnight or be in place longer than 12 hours. Where a Type B channelizing device, such as a drum, causes an isolated sight restriction, or is too wide for a space, a 42-inch tall weighted channelizer may be substituted. This substitution may be used in unattended overnight conditions at sight or space restricted locations as approved by the road authority. When used, the spacing of the devices should be reduced by up to 50 percent. Figure 6K-11 shows a breakdown of devices by Channelizer Type (drawn to approximate scale). See the TN MUTCD, Part 6F for additional details on application restrictions.

### Flashing Warning Lights

Flashing warning lights may be used to supplement road, ramp and sidewalk closure signing, and other warning signs and/or barricades to attract the road user's attention.

### Vehicle Warning Lights

All vehicles shall have appropriate operating vehicle warning lights when decelerating to enter a TTC zone and again when a vehicle leaves the TTC zone and enters the traveled traffic lane. All vehicles within a mobile TTC operation; or working within 15 feet of an open traffic lane should have approved vehicle warning lights.

### High Visibility Clothing

All workers who are exposed to traffic, work vehicles or construction equipment within the TTC zone shall wear high-visibility safety apparel that meets the Performance Class 3 requirements of the ANSI/ISEA 107-2015 publication entitled "American National Standard for High-Visibility Safety Apparel and Headwear" (see Section 1A.11), or equivalent revisions, and labeled as meeting the ANSI 107-2015 standard performance for Class 3 risk exposure.

## Work Zone Signing

As a general rule, signs should be located on the right-hand side of a two-way roadway and on both the right and left sides of a multi-lane divided roadway. See the "TTC Distance Charts" for the advance warning sign spacing distance called **A**. When special emphasis is needed, signs may be placed on both the left and right sides of a two-way roadway. Signs, although ordinarily mounted on posts for long term operations, may be mounted on or above barricades or on temporary supports.

Signs mounted on temporary supports should not be placed in the open traveled lane where they pose a hazard to traffic nor where pedestrians are expected to travel. Generally these signs are placed on the shoulder or in the parking lane of the street or highway. The signs should not be blocked from view by parked vehicles, trees or other sight obstructions on or near the roadway.

Signs shall not be mounted on existing traffic signs, posts or other utility structures without permission from the proper authority. All signs shall be mounted so that the sign face is perpendicular to the roadway and vertically plumb in accordance with the Quality Standards starting on page 6K- 91. The bottom of signs mounted on barricades or temporary supports shall be no less than one foot above the traveled way. All regulatory signs on portable supports shall be mounted with a minimum mounting height of 4 feet measured from the ground to the center of the sign face.

Some activity areas move slowly down a roadway and away from the operation's advance signing. The distance from the last advance warning sign to the activity area should not allow the motorist to forget the existence of the temporary traffic control zone. For high-speed streets and rural highways, the maximum distance from the last sign to a point where the driver detects the activity area shall not exceed one mile. In urban areas, the number of intersections shall be considered and this distance reduced accordingly.

All advance warning signs shall be at least 48 x 48 inch in size when used on high speed roadways. Warning signs used on low speed roadways shall be at least 36 x 36 inch in size. **Smaller signs may be used as approved by the governing road authority** where larger signs become an additional hazard to motorists and pedestrians.

Advance warning should be installed for drivers entering the TTC zone from cross streets. ROAD WORK AHEAD signs on intersecting roadways shall be installed if the motorist will not encounter another advance warning sign prior to reaching the activity area except for mobile operations.

All signs used at night shall be retroreflective with a material that has a smooth sealed outer surface that shows the same shape and color both day and night. Non-retroreflective mesh signs shall not be used at any time. Retroreflectorized roll-up signs may be used for daytime, and for nighttime only when workers are present to monitor the signs.



On multi-lane divided roadways, where the median shoulder is narrow (less than 6 feet), the 48 x 48 inch advance warning signs, as shown on the TTC layouts, may not fit on the left side of the roadway. Where this situation occurs, one of the following options may be used:

- A.) Reduce the left side signs sizes, or
- B.) Eliminate the left side signing, use an additional RIGHT LANE CLOSED (or LEFT as appropriate) sign on the right side, and require the use of an arrow board on the shoulder at the beginning of the lane closure taper.

### **Optional Signs**

Several signs are shown on the TTC layouts as optional or have factors that may make them optional. Some advance warning signs may be omitted for low speed roads and/or if the duration will be less than an hour. Read the associated notes on each layout for options. The BE PREPARED TO STOP sign is shown as optional on most TTC layouts. This sign is usually added to the complement of signs when restricted sight distances warrant additional warning to the motorist or the advance warning area becomes extremely long due to sight distances or a move of the operation.

**Do not display advanced warning signs more than 48 hours before physical construction begins.**

### **Crashworthy Testing Compliance**

All temporary traffic control devices, including Type A and Type B channelizing devices, Type III barricades, ballast systems and sign support structures, used on any roadway open to public travel shall be crashworthy when installed facing traffic or turned away from traffic.

FHWA policy requires that all roadside appurtenances, including temporary traffic control devices, have been successfully crash tested in accordance with the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 350, "Recommended Procedures for the Safety Performance Evaluation of Highway Features" or the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) "Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH)."

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF PORTABLE CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS (PCMS)**

The primary purpose of Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMS) is to advise the driver of unexpected traffic and routing situations.

Important items when using a Portable Changeable Message Sign are:

### **General**

- A PCMS should be used to supplement conventional signs, pavement marking and lighting.
- If a PCMS is used as an arrow board, it shall meet all of the requirements of an arrow panel, and shall be used solely as an arrow board.
- Performance specifications can be found in the current version of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Part 6, Section 6F.60
- A PCMS installed on the shoulder of a road shall be accompanied with Type B channelizing devices (see Layout 4).

### **Messages**

- Each display should contain a single thought.
- The entire display should be readable twice at the posted speed limit prior to work starting.
- An accurate description of the work location or the incident location is critical.
- The PCMS shall have readable up-to-date information. Any delay message should accurately reflect the traffic delay time.
- The PCMS message shall use days of the week not calendar dates.
- The use of abbreviations is discouraged. The entire word should be spelled out whenever space permits.
- If abbreviations are used, they should be easily understood (see the list of standard abbreviations on Pages 6K-xxviii and xix).
- Displays shall not scroll horizontally or vertically across the face of the sign.

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## Abbreviations That Shall be Used Only on Portable Changeable Message Signs

Word Message	Standard Abbreviation	Prompt Word That Should Precede the Abbreviation	Prompt Word That Should Follow the Abbreviation
Access	ACCS	---	Road
Ahead	AHD	Fog	---
Blocked	BLKD	Lane	---
Bridge	BR*	(Name)	---
Cannot	CANT	---	---
Center	CNTR	---	Lane
Chemical	CHEM	---	Spill
Condition	COND	Traffic	---
Congested	CONG	Traffic	---
Construction	CONST	---	Ahead
Crossing	XING	---	---
Do Not	DONT	---	---
Downtown	DWNTN	---	Traffic
Eastbound	E-BND	---	---
Emergency	EMER	---	---
Entrance, Enter	ENT	---	---
Exit	EX	Next	---
Express	EXP	---	Lane
Frontage	FRNTG	---	Road
Hazardous	HAZ	---	Driving
Highway-Rail Grade Crossing	RR XING	---	---
Interstate	I-*	---	(Number)
It is	ITS	---	---
Lane	LN	(Roadway Name)*, Right, Left, Center	---
Left	LFT	---	---
Local	LOC	---	Traffic
Lower	LWR	---	Level
Maintenance	MAINT	---	---
Major	MAJ	---	Accident
Minor	MNR	---	Accident
Normal	NORM	---	---
Northbound	N-BND	---	---
Oversized	OVRSZ	---	Load
Parking	PKING	---	---
Pavement	PVMT	Wet	---
Prepare	PREP	---	To Stop
Quality	QLTY	Air	---
Right	RT	Keep, Next	---
Right	RT	---	Lane
Roadwork	RDWK	---	Ahead, (Distance)

\* This abbreviation, when accompanied by the prompt word, may be used on traffic control other than portable changeable message signs.

\*\* A space and no dash shall be placed between the abbreviation and the number of the route.

Table 6F-3 (sheet 1 of 2)

## Abbreviations That Shall be Used Only on Portable Changeable Message Signs

Word Message	Standard Abbreviation	Prompt Word That Should Precede the Abbreviation	Prompt Word That Should Follow the Abbreviation
Route	RT,RTE	Best	---
Service	SERV	---	---
Shoulder	SHLDR	---	---
Slippery	SLIP	---	---
Southbound	S-BND	---	---
Speed	SPD	---	---
State, county, or other non-US or non-Interstate numbered route	(Route Abbreviation determined by highway agency)**	---	Number
Tires with Lugs	LUGS	---	---
Traffic	TRAF	---	---
Travelers	TRVLRS	---	---
Two-Wheeled Vehicles	CYCLES	---	---
Upper	UPR	---	Level
Vehicle(s)	VEH, VEHS	---	---
Warning	WARN	---	---
Westbound	W-BND	---	---
Will Not	WONT	---	---

\* This abbreviation, when accompanied by the prompt word, may be used on traffic control other than portable changeable message signs.

\*\* A space and no dash shall be placed between the abbreviation and the number of the route.

Table 6F-3 (sheet 2 of 2)

## Unacceptable Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Intended Word	Common Misinterpretation
ACC	Accident	Access (Road)
CLRS	Clears	Colors
DLY	Delay	Daily
FDR	Feeder	Federal
L	Left	Lane (Merge)
LT	Light (Traffic)	Left
PARK	Parking	Park
POLL	Pollution (Index)	Poll
RED	Reduce	Red
STAD	Stadium	Standard
TH	Trunk Highway	misunderstood
WRNG	Warning	Wrong

Table 6F-4

Operating Mode	Panel Display *
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1. At least one of the following two modes shall be provided:

( Right arrow is shown, left arrow is similar )

**Flashing Arrow**



**Move/Merge Right**

**Sequential Arrow\***



**Move/Merge Right**

**Sequential Chevron\***



**Move/Merge Right**

2. The following mode shall be provided:

**Flashing Double Arrow**



**Move/Merge Right or Left**

3. At least one of the following three modes shall be provided:

**Flashing Four Corners**



**Flashing Bar\***



**Alternating Flashing Diamonds\***



**Caution**

\* Element layout for Type C panel shown

Panel Type	Minimum Size (inches)	Minimum Legibility Distance (miles)	Minimum Number of Elements	Recommended Usage
A	48 x 24	0.5	12	Low speed streets
B	60 x 30	0.75	13	Anything not covered in A or C
C	96 x 48	1	15	Freeways and Expressways

**Arrow Stick\* or  
Light Bar**



Arrow Sticks may supplement other TTC devices, but shall not be used in place of arrow boards

\*Currently not allowed by TDOT

## Advance Warning Arrow Board Specifications

Figure 6K-2

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DROP OFF	UNEVEN LANES
0.75 - 1.5 inches	<p>0.75 - 1.75 inches</p>
2 - 6 inches	<p>1.75 - 6 inches</p>
6 - 18 inches	<p>4:1 Slope</p> <p>6 - 18 inches</p>
Greater than 18 inches	<p>Use portable barrier rail</p> <p>&gt; 18 inches</p>

These guidelines are intended to increase traffic safety using traffic control devices, safety related appurtenances, and construction techniques for uneven lanes, milled edges, and edge drop-offs that occur in highway work zones. The best way to increase traffic safety is to make every attempt to minimize exposure to uneven lanes, milled edges, and edge drop-offs. Only when uneven lanes, milled edges, and edge drop-offs are deemed necessary, shall the appropriate portion(s) of these guideline be applied to enhance traffic safety.

No traffic control treatments are needed if edgelines are installed and shoulder widths and cross section roadway slopes are the same as existing adjacent roadway sections.

Drop-offs of 0 to .75 inches, do not require any traffic control treatments.

For 1.75 to 6 inch drop off of uneven lanes, if eliminated to 2" or less by end of workday cones may be used during daylight hours if proper signage is used.

Also if the uneven lanes are a lane and a shoulder and the drop off is less than 3.0 inches warning signs or drums/barricades may be used.

Weather permitting, milling and paving operations shall be required to complete the full width of the section under construction at the end of each work period. At no time shall there be more than one uneven lane condition between the traffic carrying lanes which include auxiliary lanes, turn lanes, and ramp access or egress areas.

Tapered slopes shall be adequately compacted to provide a firm driving surface.

Appropriate uneven lane warning signs or shoulder warning signs shall be repeated after each intersection.

Where space is limited or there is a sight restriction, weighted channelizers may be used in place of drums to delineate longitudinal drop-offs.

Maximum spacing of traffic control devices shall be determined based on the posted speed limit and using the following table.

Traffic Control Device	Maximum Spacing of Devices
Sign	2000' Max Spacing 2 signs min per area
Drums Barricades	>50 mph = 100' spacing minimum <50 mph = 2x the posted speed limit when in Tangent.

## Longitudinal Drop-off Guidelines

Figure 6K-3

EDGE DROP OFF	DISTANCE FROM THE TRAFFIC LANE	
	0 - 8 feet	8 - 30 feet
0.75 - 2 inches	<p>Edge of Traffic Lane ← 0 - 8 feet →</p> <p>0.75 - 2 inches</p>	
2 - 6 inches	<p>Edge of Traffic Lane ← 0 - 8 feet →</p> <p>&gt;2 - 6 inches</p>	
Greater than 6 inches	<p>Edge of Traffic Lane ← 3 - 8 feet →</p> <p>4:1 Slope</p> <p>&gt;6 inches</p>	
Greater than .75 inches		<p>Edge of Traffic Lane ← 8 - 30 feet →</p> <p>&gt;.75 inches</p>

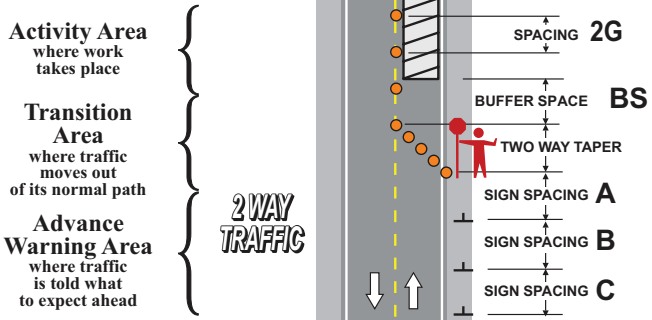
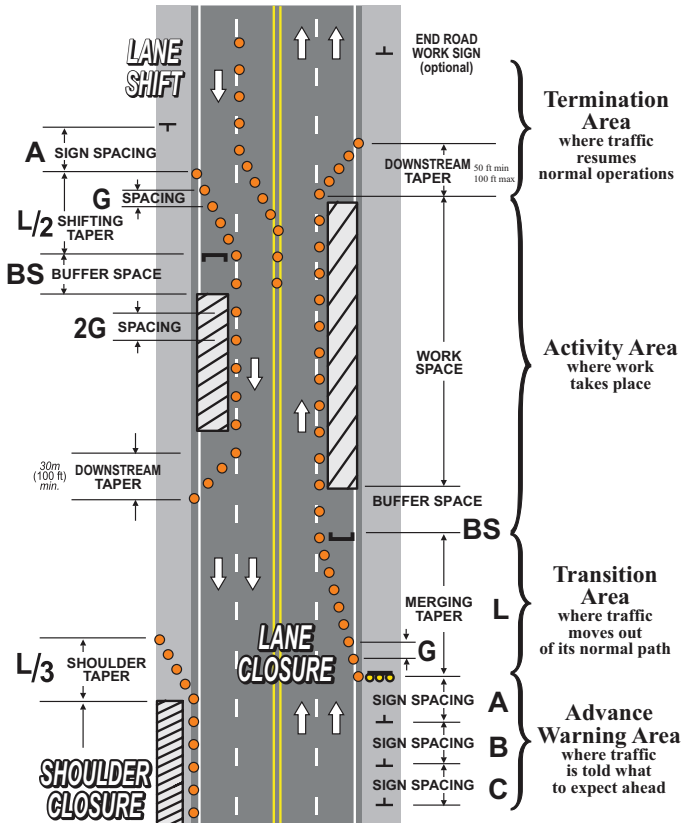
## Longitudinal Drop-off Guidelines

Figure 6K-4

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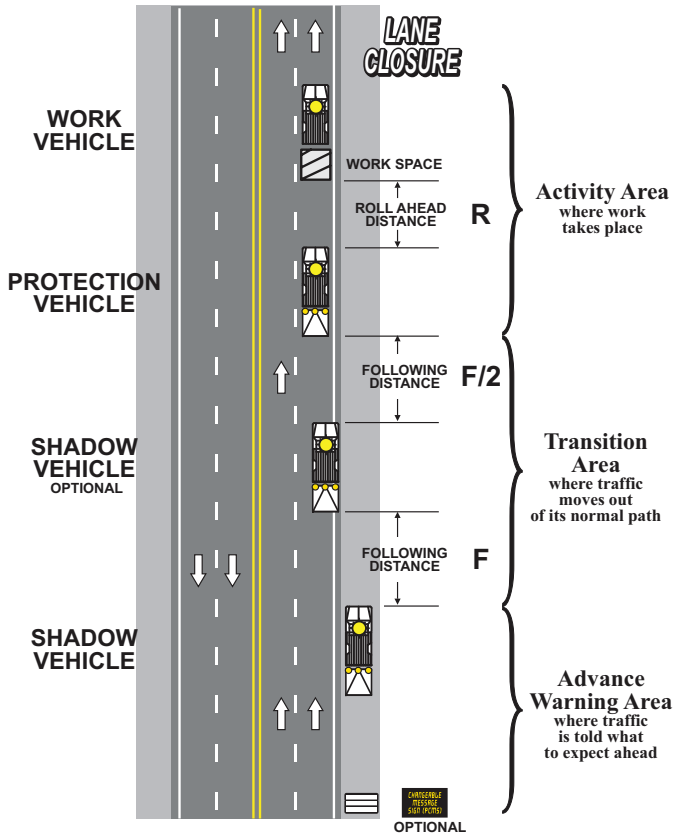


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## Components of a Stationary Temporary Traffic Control Zone

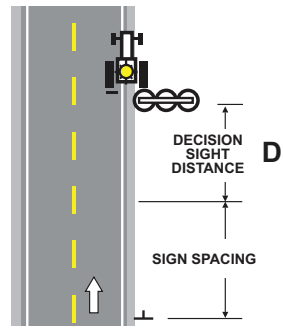
Figure 6K-6  
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Activity Area  
where work  
takes place






































Transition  
Area  
where traffic  
moves out  
of its normal path

Advance  
Warning Area  
where traffic  
is told what  
to expect ahead



### Components of a Mobile Temporary Traffic Control Zone

































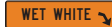


Figure 6K-7  
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	R1-1		R11-3a		W8-1
	R1-2		R11-4		
	R1-X3		W1-4R		W8-8
	R3-1		W1-4L		W8-9
	R3-2		W1-6		W8-11
	R4-7c		W3-1		W8-15P
	R10-6R		W3-2		W8-23
	R10-6L		W3-3		W9-3
	R9-9		W3-4		W13-1P
	R9-10		W4-2L		W9-1
	R9-11R		W4-2R		W20-1
	R9-11L				W20-4
	R11-2		W7-3aP		W20-7

## SIGN CODES QUICK REFERENCE

For additional signs and information on typical sizes and usage, see the Current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices <https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/>

Figure 6K-8  
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	W16-3P		W20-5R		W22-2
	E5-2A Use when Appropriate		W21-5a		W22-3
	W20-X12		W21-5L		G20-4
	W20-5aR		W21-1		G20-X1
	W20-5aL		Flagger Paddle W20-8		E5-1
	W20-X16				
	W20-X18		W8-17		G20-X9
	W21-1		W21-X10		G20-X10
	W21-X4aR		W21-X11		G20-X11
	W21-X4aR		W21-X12		G20-X12
	W21-X4aRA				
	W21-X4aRS				
			W22-1		G20-X14

## SIGN CODES QUICK REFERENCE

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Figure 6K-9  
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**SAMPLE  
PROJECT INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

**PROJECT - \_\_\_\_\_**

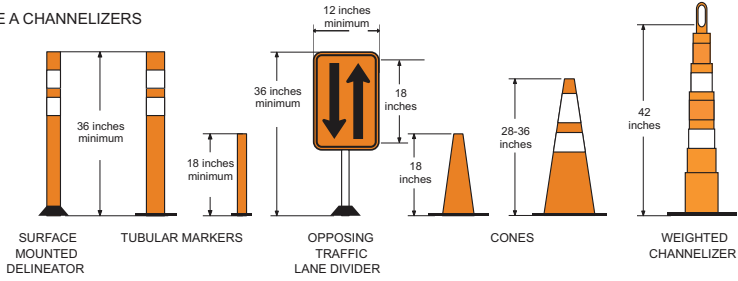
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1. Are any devices missing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Do any devices need repair?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Were all replaced or repaired?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Are any lights (flashers, etc.) not functioning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Were they all replaced or repaired?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Are any devices improperly placed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Were all positions corrected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Do any devices need cleaning?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Were all devices cleaned?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

The above check was completed by \_\_\_\_\_  
(name / title)

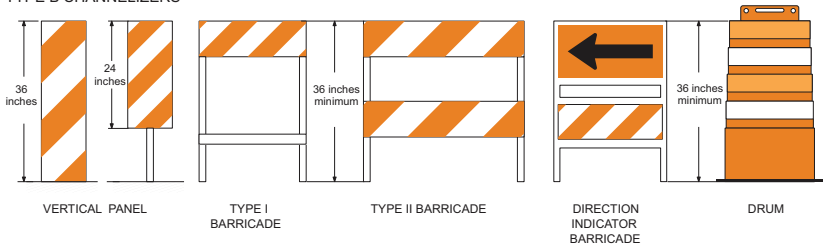
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(date) (time)

**Figure 6K-10  
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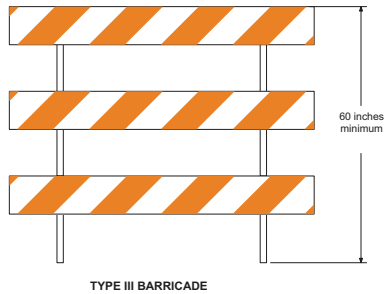
**TYPE A CHANNELIZERS**



**TYPE B CHANNELIZERS**

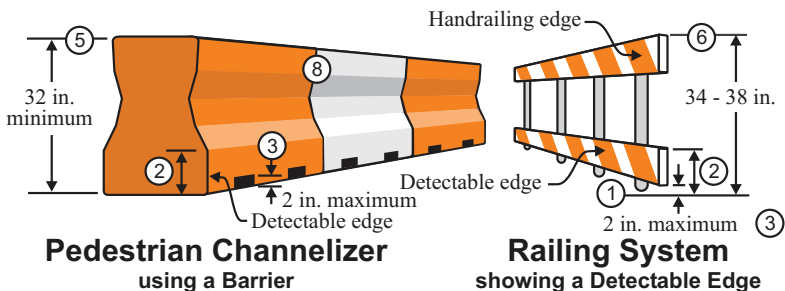


**TYPE C CHANNELIZER**



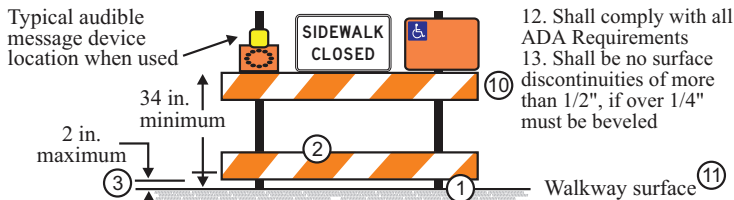
**Channelizing Devices**

Figure 6K-11  
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**NOTES:**

1. To prevent any tripping hazard to pedestrians, ballast shall be located behind or internal to the device. Any support on the front of the device shall not extend into the 48 in. minimum walkway clear space and shall have 0.5 in. maximum height above the walkway surface with approved beveling (see note #9 on page 6K-xxxi for beveling details).
2. Detectable edges for long canes shall be continuous and 6 in. min high above the walkway surface and have color or markings contrasting with the walkway surface.
3. Devices shall not block water drainage from the walkway. A gap height or opening from the walkway surface up to 2 in. maximum height is allowed for drainage purposes.
4. Railings or other objects that are located 27 in. minimum above the walkway surface may protrude to a maximum of 4 in. into the walkway clear space
5. Longitudinal channelizing devices for pedestrians shall be 32 in. high or greater.
6. When hand guidance is required, the top rail or top surface shall:
  - be in a vertical plane perpendicular to the walkway above the detectable edge,
  - be continuous at a height of 34 to 38 in. above the walkway surface, and
  - be supported with minimal interference to the pedestrian's hands or fingers.
7. All devices shall be free of sharp or rough edges, and fasteners (bolts) shall be rounded to prevent harm to hands, arms or clothing of pedestrians.
8. All devices used to channelize pedestrian flow should interlock such that gaps do not allow pedestrians to stray from the channelized path.
9. Any pedestrian devices used to provide positive protection (traffic or hazard) for pedestrians or workers shall meet crashworthy requirements appropriate for the barriers' application and shall not be used for parking or staging without providing a walkway.
10. Barricades shall be used to close the entire width of the walkway surface.
11. A walkway surface shall be firm, stable, and slip resistant. No packed stone or soil.



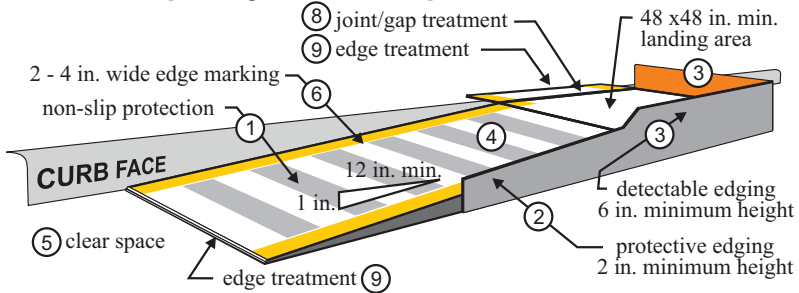
**Sidewalk Barricade  
Typical Pedestrian Devices**

Refer to the the Current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (chapter 6D) <https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/>. For additional standards, guidance, and options for designing temporary pedestrian access routes use <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/traffic-operations-division/traffic-engineering-office/work-zone-resources.html>

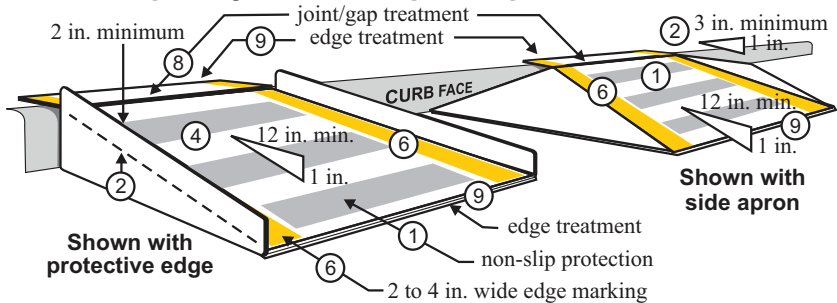
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## Temporary Curb Ramp - Parallel to Curb



## Temporary Curb Ramp - Perpendicular to Curb













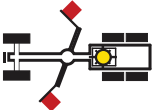
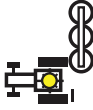








### NOTES:

1. Curb ramps shall be 48 in. minimum width with a firm, stable and non-slip surface.
2. Protective edging with a 2 in. minimum height shall be installed when the curb ramp or landing platform has a vertical drop of 6 in. or greater or has a side apron slope steeper than 1:3 (33%). Protective edging should be considered when curb ramps or landing platforms have a vertical drop of 3 in. or more.
3. Detectable edging with 6 in. minimum height and contrasting color shall be installed on all curb ramp landings where the walkway changes direction (turns).
4. Curb ramps and landings should have a 1:50 (2%) max cross-slope.
5. Clear space of 48 x 48 in. minimum shall be provided above and below the curb ramp.
6. The curb ramp walkway edge shall be marked with a contrasting color 2 to 4 in. wide marking. The marking is optional where color contrasting edging is used.
7. Water flow in the gutter system shall have minimal restriction.
8. Lateral joints or gaps between surfaces shall be less than 0.5 in. width.
9. Changes between surface heights should not exceed 0.5 in. Lateral edges should be vertical up to 0.25 in. high, and beveled at 1:2 between 0.25 in. and 0.5 in. height.

## Typical Pedestrian Devices

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Figure 6K-13

<b>Symbols</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
	Flagger or Operator of Automated Flagging Assistance Device
 <b>AFAD</b>	Automated Flagging Assistance Device (AFAD)
	Flashing Arrow Board (FAB)
 	Portable Changeable Message Sign (PCMS)
	Portable Equipment - includes testing devices, detection, surveying, etc.
	Portable Traffic Signal
	360-Degree Yellow Flashing Vehicle Light(s)
	Work Vehicle
	Work Vehicle with Crash Attenuator (Truck or Trailer Mounted)
	Motor Grader
	Mower
	Type III Barricade
	Traffic Control Sign
	Type A Flashing Warning Light
	Channelizing Device.
	A combination of Type A and B channelizing devices
	Direction of Traffic
	See Note; i.e. See Note 6
	Work Space

## Symbols Used in Typical Layouts

Figure 6K-14

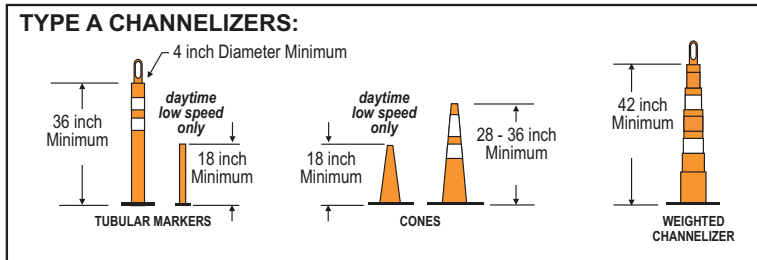
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## Temporary Traffic Control Distance Charts

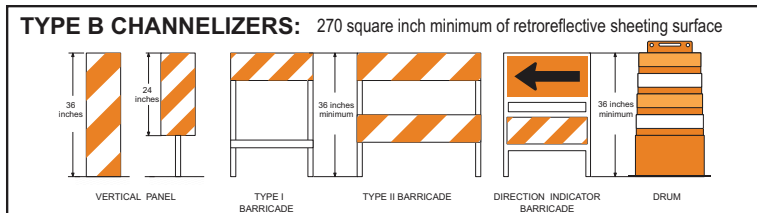
Posted Speed Limit Prior to Work Starting (mph)		Advance Warning Sign Spacing (A, B, C) feet					Taper Length (12 ft lane) (L) feet	Shifting Taper (L/2) feet	Typical Shoulder Taper (L/3) feet
		Conventional Hwy (A,B,C)		Freeway/ Expressway					
		Urban	Rural	A	B	C			
0 - 30	<b>G = 25 ft</b>	100	500	1000	1500	2640	200	100	75
35 - 40		100	500	1000	1500	2640	325	175	125
45 - 50	<b>G = 50 ft</b>	350	500	1000	1500	2640	600	300	200
55		350	500	1000	1500	2640	700	350	250
60 - 65		350	500	1000	1500	2640	800	400	275
70 - 75		350	500	1000	1500	2640	900	450	300

Posted Speed Limit Prior to Work Starting (mph)		Buffer Space (BS) feet	Decision Sight Distance (D) feet	Shadow Vehicle Following Distance (F) feet	Protection Vehicle Roll-Ahead Buffer Distance (with or without TMA)	
					Moving (15 mph max) (R)	
					Moving (15 mph max) feet	Stopped feet
0 - 30	<b>G = 25 ft</b>	200	550	250 - 550	100	100
35 - 40		305	700	325 - 700	100	100
45 - 50	<b>G = 50 ft</b>	425	900	600 - 900	175	125
55		500	1200	750 - 1200	175	125
60 - 65		650	1400	1000 - 1400	225	175
70 - 75		820	1600	1200 - 1600	225	175

**Type A channelizing devices are typically used in attended temporary traffic control zones.\***



**Type B channelizing devices shall be used if the temporary traffic control zone will be installed for more than 12 hours or if it is left unattended. \***



\* See the MUTCD, Part 6F for more details on application restrictions.

**Figure 6K-15**  
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# Two - Lane Two - Way

A road consisting of two opposing lanes  
of undivided traffic.

Choose type of operation being performed and duration of work to find appropriate layout number to turn to.

## TWO LANE - TWO WAY ROADS

**Local Routes Only  
Non Residential  
Low Volume Less  
than 400 ADT**

	MOBILE	SHORT DURATION	SHORT TERM	INTERMEDIATE TERM
	15 Minutes or Less	One Hour or Less	12 Hours or Less	3 Days or Less
Lane Closure	6			
2 Flagger Control	13 *			
Portable Signal Control	19			
Work in Center of Road	22			
Work in Intersection	28 (low speed only)			

**Local Routes Only  
Non Residential  
Intermediate Volume  
Up to 1500 ADT**

	MOBILE	SHORT DURATION	SHORT TERM	INTERMEDIATE TERM
	15 Minutes or Less	One Hour or Less	12 Hours or Less	3 Days or Less
Lane Closure	6			
2 Flagger Control	13 *			
AFAD	12 *			
Work in Center of Road	21 *			

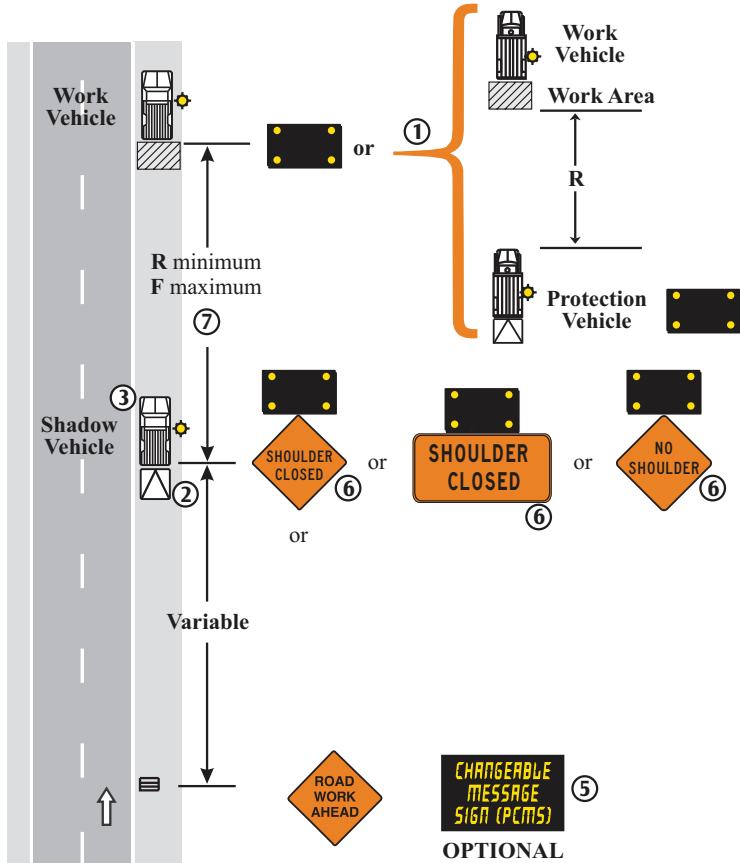
**All ADTs**

	MOBILE	SHORT DURATION	SHORT TERM	INTERMEDIATE TERM
	15 Minutes or Less	One Hour or Less	12 Hours or Less	3 Days or Less
Work on Shoulder		1	2, 4	
Work off Shoulder	2			
Parking Lane Closure	3			
Lane Closure	6, 7 *			
2 Flagger Control	13 *			
Moving Work Spaces	14 *			
Near Intersection	15, 16 *			
Pilot Car Operation	17 *			
Near Railroad Xing	18 *			
Portable Signal Control	19			
STOP Sign Control	20			
Work in Center of Road	22 *			
Lane Shift	24			
Two-Way Left Turn Lanes				
Lane Shift	25			
Center Lane Closure	26			
Turn Lane Closures	42			
Work in Intersection	29 (low speed only)			
Road Closure	81 *	80		
Sidewalk Closure	84, 85			

\* This layout may be used for night time operations only if the flagging stations are occupied and illuminated with portable lights.

**NOTES:**

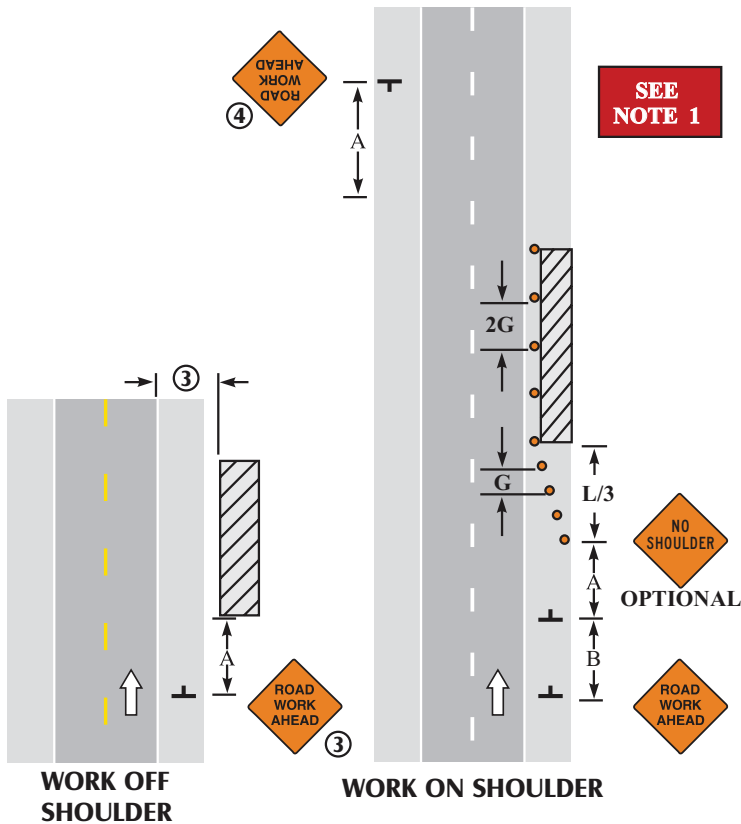
1. A work vehicle without a flashing arrow board shall be followed by a protection vehicle at a distance of **R**. The protection vehicle shall be equipped with a flashing arrow panel and should have a truck mounted attenuator.
2. Any shadow vehicle or protection vehicle operating totally or partially in a traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
3. The shadow vehicle or protection vehicle may encroach into the traffic lane when the shoulder is too narrow to drive on.
4. Any vehicle not displaying a flashing arrow board shall display high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights.
5. The PCMS shall be used for nighttime operations.
6. When the PCMS is used, the SHOULDER CLOSED or NO SHOULDER sign becomes optional.
7. The distance between the work area and the shadow vehicle should be adjusted between **R** and **F** based on traffic volume and sight distance.



**SHOULDER CLOSURE  
MOBILE AND SHORT DURATION**

NOTES:

1. All signs, barricades and channelizing devices may be omitted when the work occupies an isolated shoulder location for less than one hour and it has little or no interference with traffic.
2. An operation which moves between work spaces that are less than the decision sight distance along the shoulder should use a stationary or mobile shoulder closure.
3. The ROAD WORK AHEAD sign may be omitted for short term daylight operations if:
  - a. the distance from curb face to the work space is at least 2 feet, or
  - b. the distance from the edge of the roadway to the work space is at least 15 feet
 and a vehicle displaying a 360-degree flashing beacon is operating.
4. This ROAD WORK AHEAD sign shall be installed on 2-lane, 2-way roads if traffic control devices are installed for a work space in the opposite shoulder.

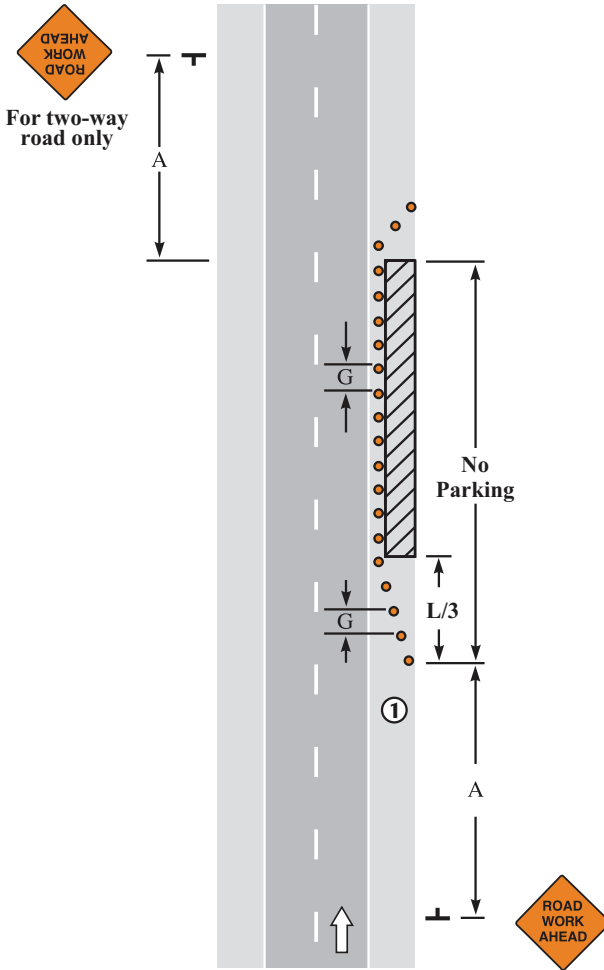


**SHOULDER CLOSURE  
WORK ON OR NEAR SHOULDER**



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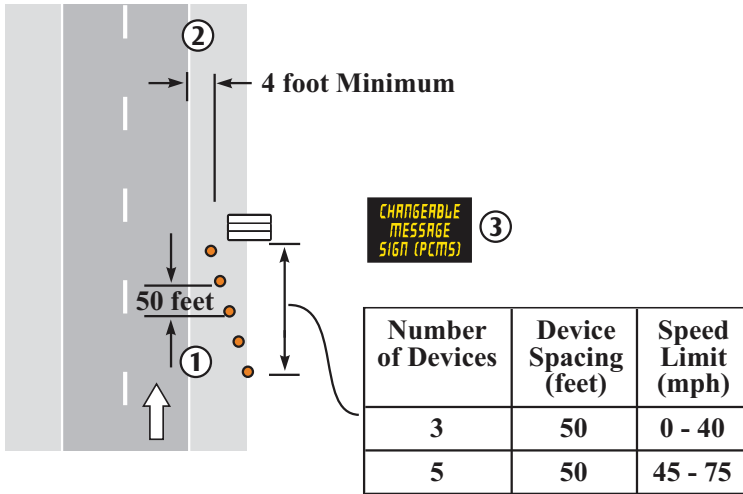
1. This layout is intended for use where a parking lane is closed. If this parking lane is normally open to vehicle travel during the time of day this closure will be in effect, the lane shall be considered a traveled lane and not a parking lane. The appropriate layout shall then be used to provide traffic control for the lane closure.



**PARKING LANE CLOSURE**

NOTES:

1. Type B channelizing devices shall be used in the shoulder taper regardless of the location on the shoulder or the width of the shoulder.
2. Trailer mounted traffic control devices shall be placed at least 4 feet from the edge of the traveled lane. If the 4 feet clearance can not be met, then a full shoulder closure shall be provided.
3. Typical trailer mounted traffic control devices may include flashing arrow boards, automated flagging assistance devices (AFADs), portable signals, portable changeable message signs, portable dynamic speed display signs, communications equipment, or other data collection devices.

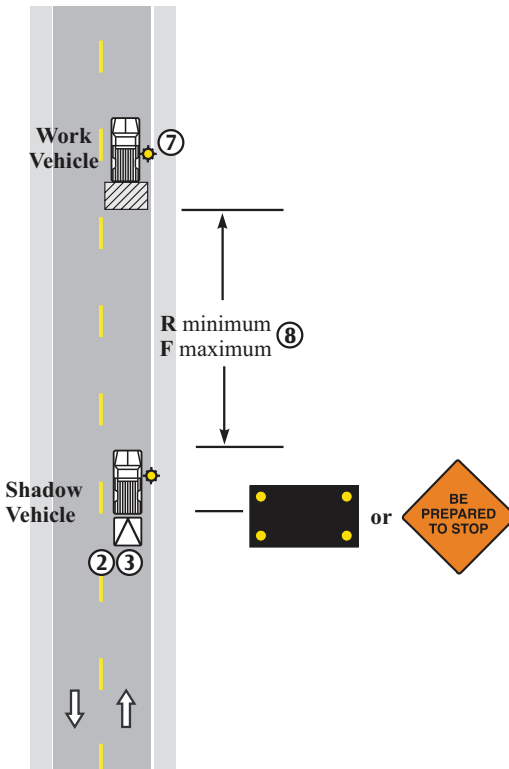


**PARTIAL SHOULDER CLOSURE  
TRAILER MOUNTED TRAFFIC CONTROL  
DEVICES ON SHOULDER**

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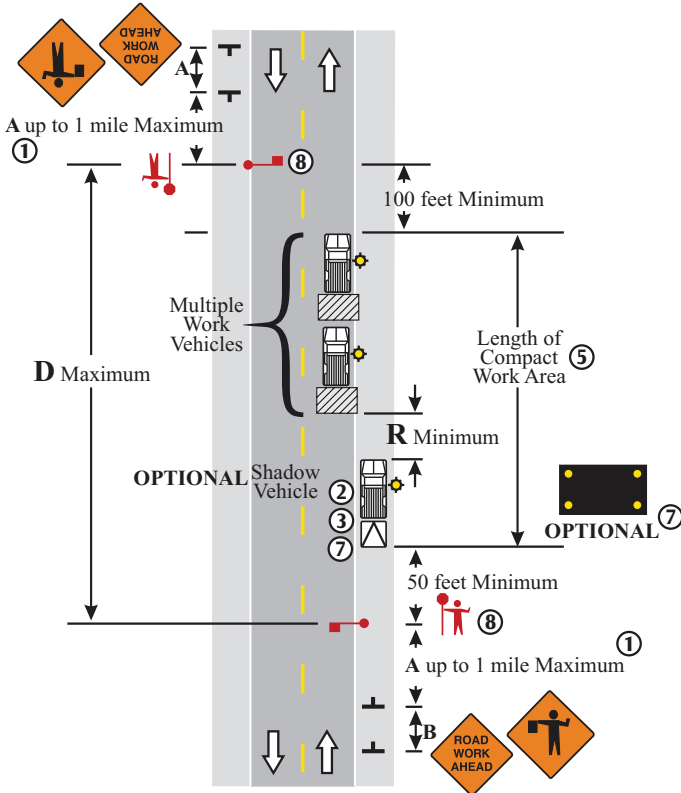
1. If the work space is not visible for at least the Decision Sight Distance, the motorists cannot see beyond the work space or traffic volumes do not allow passage, then Layout 7 shall be used.
2. Any shadow vehicle or protection vehicle operating totally or partially in a traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
3. The shadow vehicle or protection vehicle may encroach into the traffic lane when the shoulder is too narrow to drive on.
4. If the work space does not move at least the Decision Sight Distance every 15 minutes, the appropriate stationary layout should be used.
5. This layout may be used for nighttime operations only in locations where the posted speed limit is 40 mph or less.
6. For nighttime operations, the flashing arrow board shall be used.
7. The slow moving or stopped work vehicle and shadow vehicle should keep the traffic lane as wide as possible by using the shoulder space whenever practical.
8. The distance between the work area and the shadow vehicle should be adjusted between **R** and **F** based on traffic volume and sight distance.



**LANE CLOSURE  
WITH RANDOM WORK AREAS  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**

**NOTES:**

1. The advance warning signs should be moved or reset after each major road intersection or after each mile whichever comes first.
2. Any shadow vehicle or protection vehicle operating totally or partially in a traffic lane should be equipped with a truck/trailer mounted attenuator.
3. The shadow vehicle or protection vehicle may encroach into the traffic lane when the shoulder is too narrow to drive on.
4. If the work area does not move at least the Decision Sight Distance (**D**) every 15 minutes, the appropriate stationary layout should be used.
5. A compact work area should be maintained with minimum space allowed between work vehicles. When the work area extends beyond 500 feet in total length, other traffic control layouts should be considered.
6. This layout may be used for nighttime operations only in locations where the posted speed limit is 40 mph or less.
7. The Shadow Vehicle with flashing arrow board shall be used during nighttime operations.
8. Flaggers shall be used when the approach sight distance is restricted, the motorists can not see beyond the work area, or traffic volumes do not allow safe passage.



**LANE CLOSURE  
WITH A MOVING WORK AREA  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**



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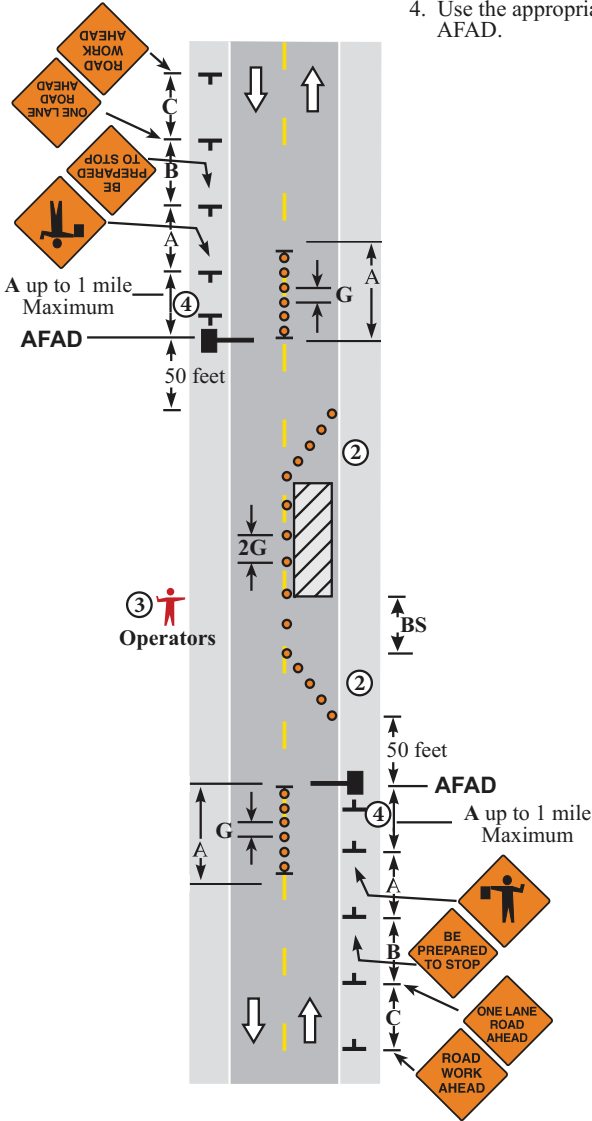


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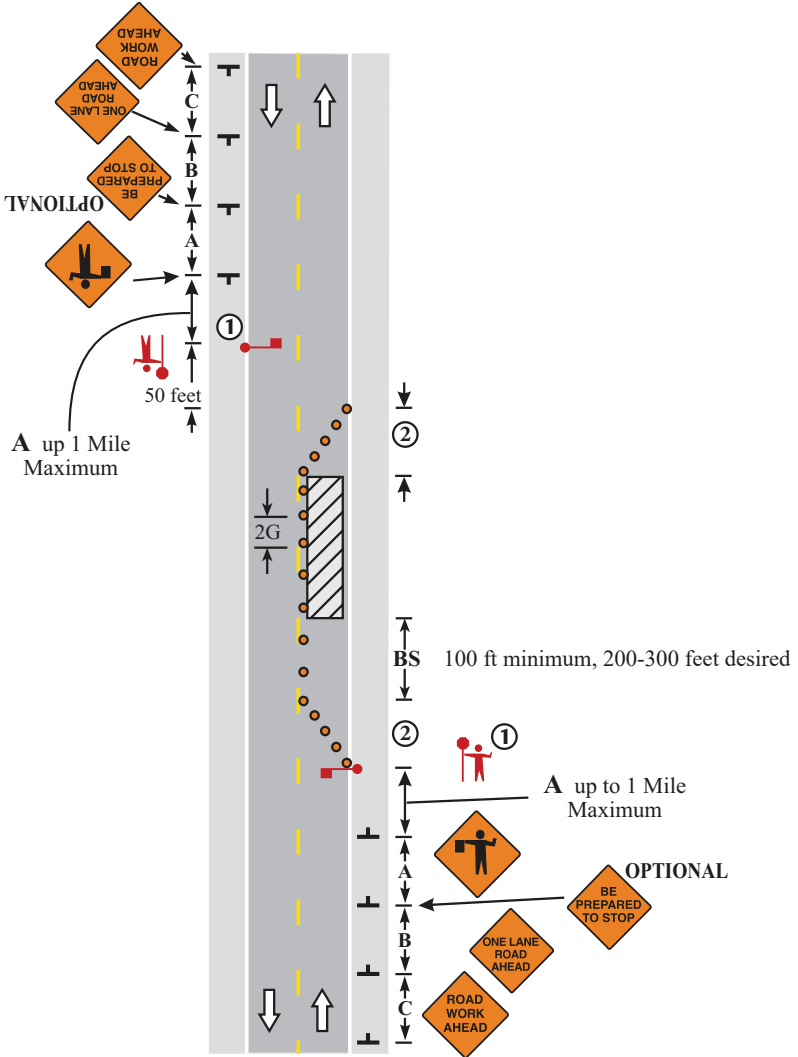
1. The approach sight distance to the Automated Flagging Assistance Device (AFAD) shall be at least the Decision Sight Distance (**D**).
2. The two-way taper should be 50 feet in length using 5 equally spaced channelizing devices.
3. When using a single operator, they shall be located so they can see traffic at both AFAD locations. If back of queue is not visible, consider two flaggers.
4. Use the appropriate sign on the AFAD.



**LANE CLOSURE, AUTOMATED FLAGGERS  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

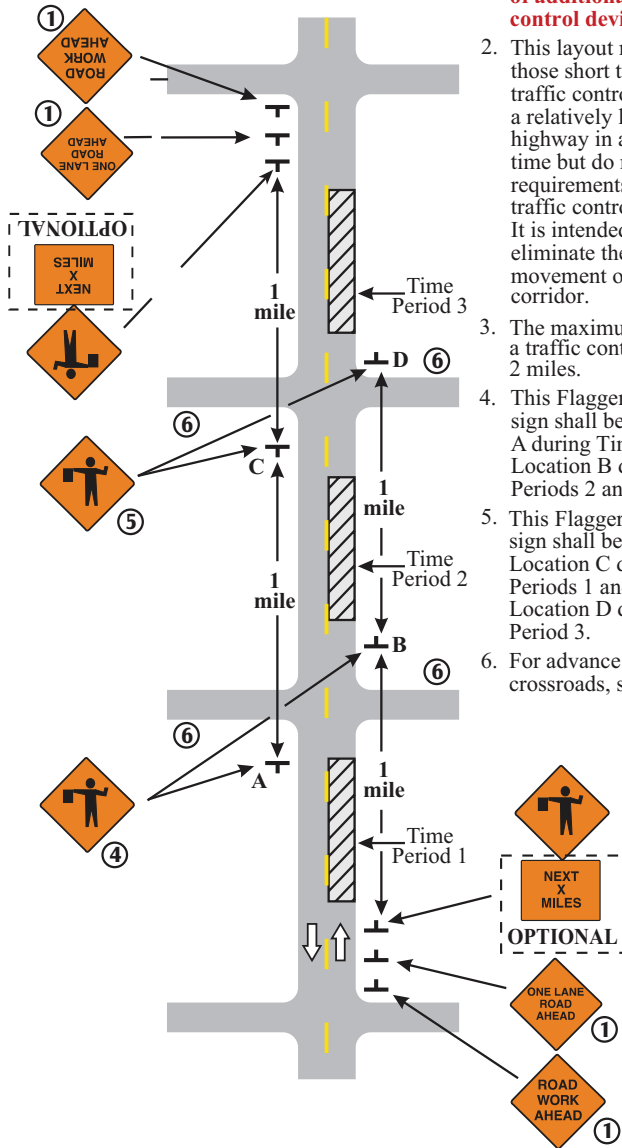
1. The approach sight distance to the flagger shall be at least the Decision Sight Distance (**D**)
2. The two-way taper should be 50-100 feet and using five equally spaced channelizing devices.



**LANE CLOSURE, TWO FLAGGERS  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

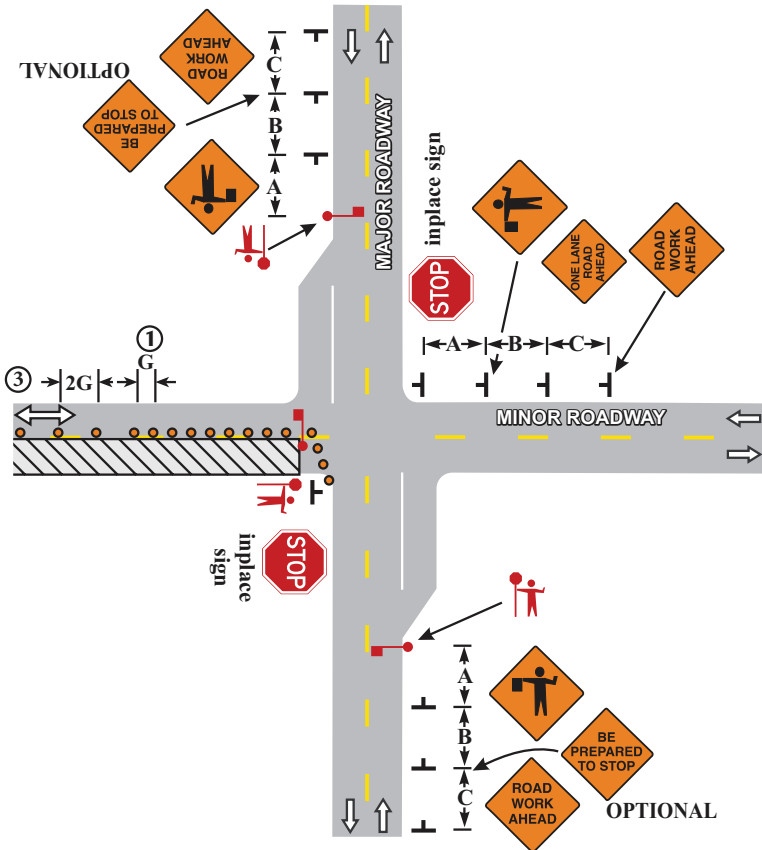
1. **This layout shall be used with the appropriate flagger layout to select the location of additional required traffic control devices.**
2. This layout may be used for those short term stationary traffic control zones that cover a relatively long segment of highway in a short period of time but do not meet the requirements for a mobile traffic control zone. It is intended to be used to eliminate the multiple movement of signs along a corridor.
3. The maximum distance for a traffic control zone is 2 miles.
4. This Flagger Ahead symbol sign shall be used at Location A during Time Period 1 and at Location B during Time Periods 2 and 3.
5. This Flagger Ahead symbol sign shall be used at Location C during Time Periods 1 and 2 and at Location D during Time Period 3.
6. For advance warning signs on crossroads, see Layout 76.



**MOVING WORK SPACES  
TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE**

NOTES:

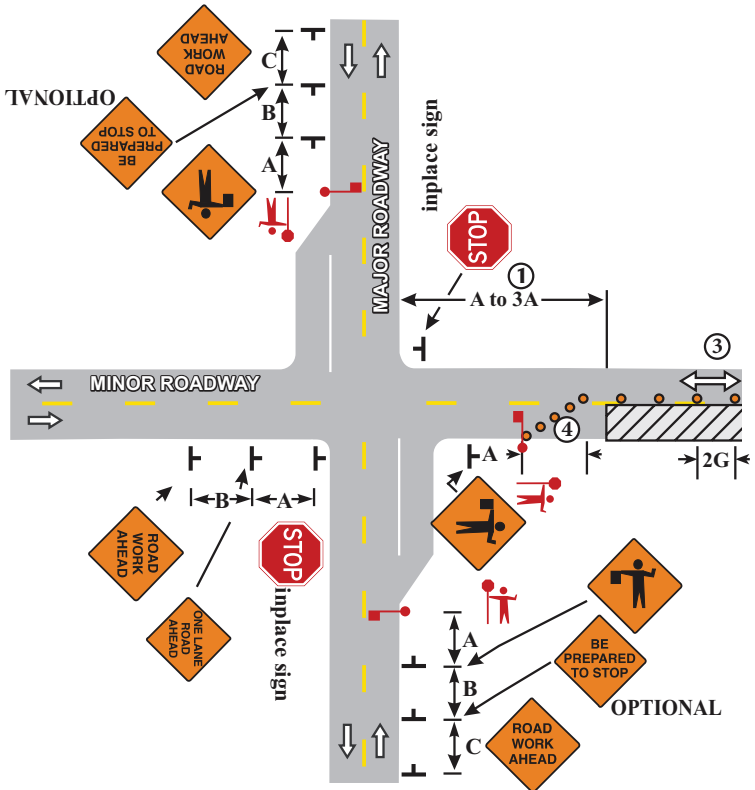
1. The spacing between devices should be reduced to **G** or less when the work space is within 300 feet of the intersection. This will help keep motorists from entering into the work space near the intersection.
2. When the traffic volume of the minor road exceeds 1500 ADT or turning movements cause unsafe operations, the following steps should be considered:
  - a. Control the traffic at the intersection with a law enforcement officer;
  - b. Restrict vehicle turns from the major roadway with flagging, signing, and/or closing the turn lanes; or
  - c. Completely close a leg of the minor roadway until the work space has left the area near the intersection. (Local traffic only)
3. For other temporary traffic control devices in advance of the work space, see Layouts 10, 11, or 13.



**LANE CLOSURE ON MINOR ROAD  
BEFORE INTERSECTION OF MAJOR ROAD  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

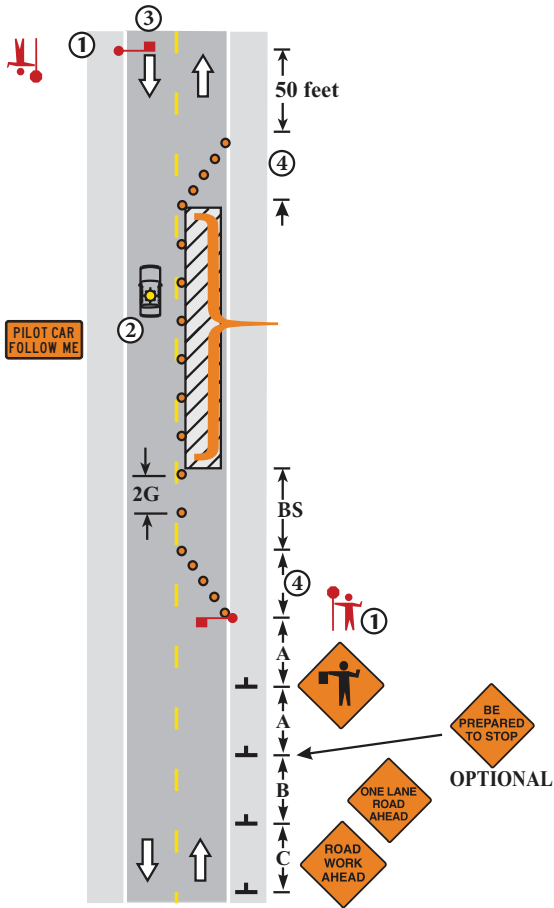
1. When the work space is located between **A** and **3A** beyond a controlled intersection, the normal sign and buffer spacing in the approach area may be reduced during daylight operations. The Flagger sign should be centered between the flagger station and the intersection.
2. When the traffic volume of the minor road exceeds 1500 ADT or turning movements cause unsafe operations, the following steps should be considered:
  - a. Control the traffic at the intersection with a law enforcement officer;
  - b. Restrict vehicle turns from the major roadway with flagging, signing, and/or closing the turn lanes;
  - c. Completely close a leg of the minor roadway until the work space has left the area near the intersection. (Local traffic only)
3. For other temporary traffic control devices in advance of the work space, see Layouts 10, 11, or 13.
4. The two-way taper should be 50 feet in length using five equally spaced channelizing devices.



**LANE CLOSURE ON MINOR ROAD  
BEYOND INTERSECTION OF MAJOR ROAD  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

1. The approach sight distance to the flagger shall be at least the Decision Sight Distance (**D**).
2. Pilot cars should lead traffic through the work zone at a safe speed. See the *Flagger Handbook* for additional guidance.
3. Advance warning signs are the same for both directions approaching the work area.
4. The two-way taper should be 50 feet in length using five equally spaced channelizing devices.

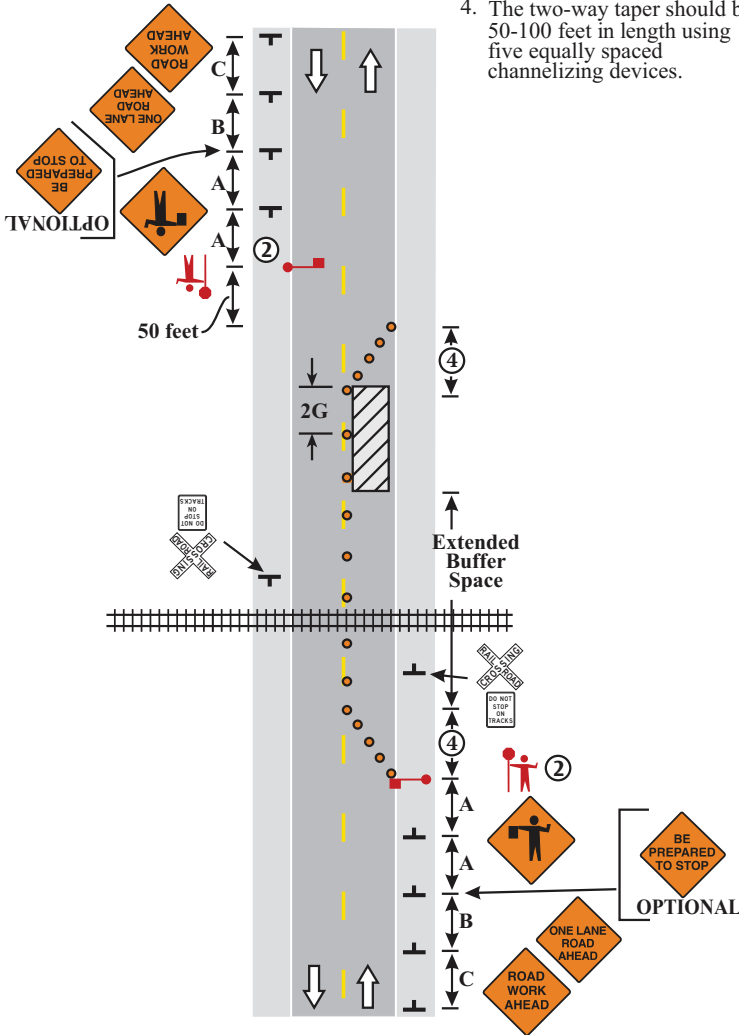


**LANE CLOSURE, PILOT CAR METHOD  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

1. If the backup of vehicles across active railroad tracks cannot be avoided, a law enforcement officer or a flagger shall be provided at the crossing to prevent vehicles from stopping within the railroad crossing even if automatic warning devices are in place.
2. The approach sight distance to the flagger shall be at least the Decision Sight Distance (**D**).
3. The activity area should be extended beyond the railroad crossing so that the backup of traffic created by the flagging operation will not extend across the railroad crossing.

4. The two-way taper should be 50-100 feet in length using five equally spaced channelizing devices.

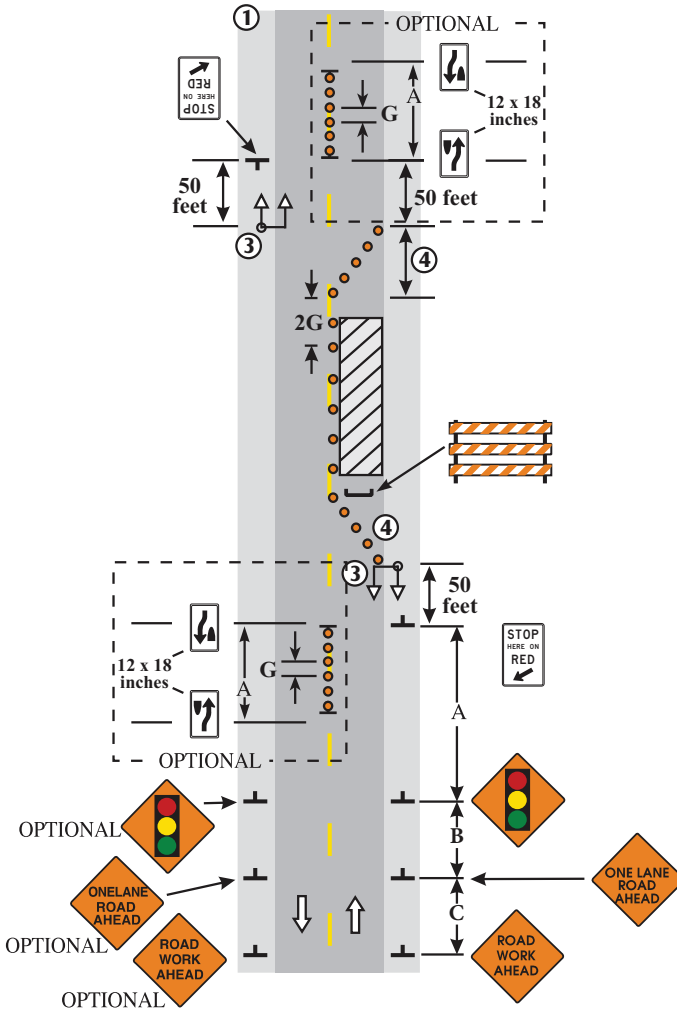


**LANE CLOSURE NEAR GRADE CROSSING  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**



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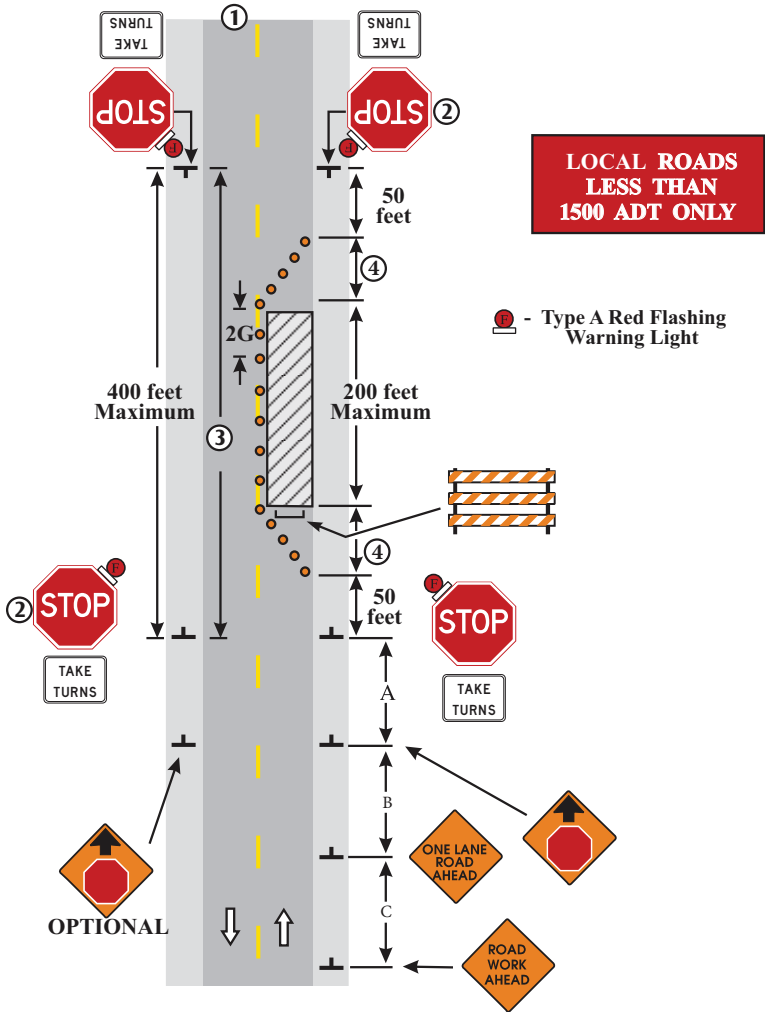
1. Approach signs are the same in both directions.
2. Signal timing and signal head locations shall be established by qualified personnel and approved by the local road authority.
3. Two signal heads shall be installed per approach. The first shall be installed on the right shoulder. The second signal head may be installed on either the left shoulder or mounted over head on the same structure as the first signal head.
4. The two-way taper should be 50 feet in length using five equally spaced channelizing devices.



**LANE CLOSURE WITH PORTABLE SIGNALS  
TWO-LANE, TWO-WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

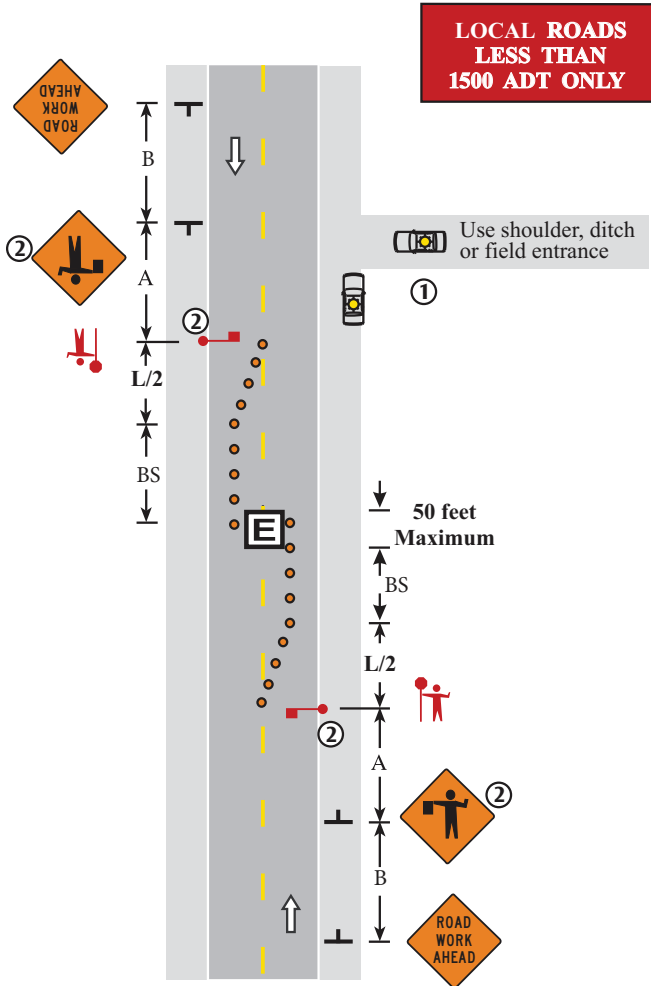
1. Approach signs are the same in both directions.
2. STOP signs shall be 48 x 48 inch. The left-side STOP sign may be 30 x 30 inch.
3. If adequate sight distance is not available to recognize a stopped vehicle or traffic volume restricts vehicles from taking turns through the open lane, use Layout 13 or 19.
4. The two-way taper should be 50 feet in length using five equally spaced channelizing devices.



**LANE CLOSURE WITH STOP SIGNS  
TWO-LANE, TWO-WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

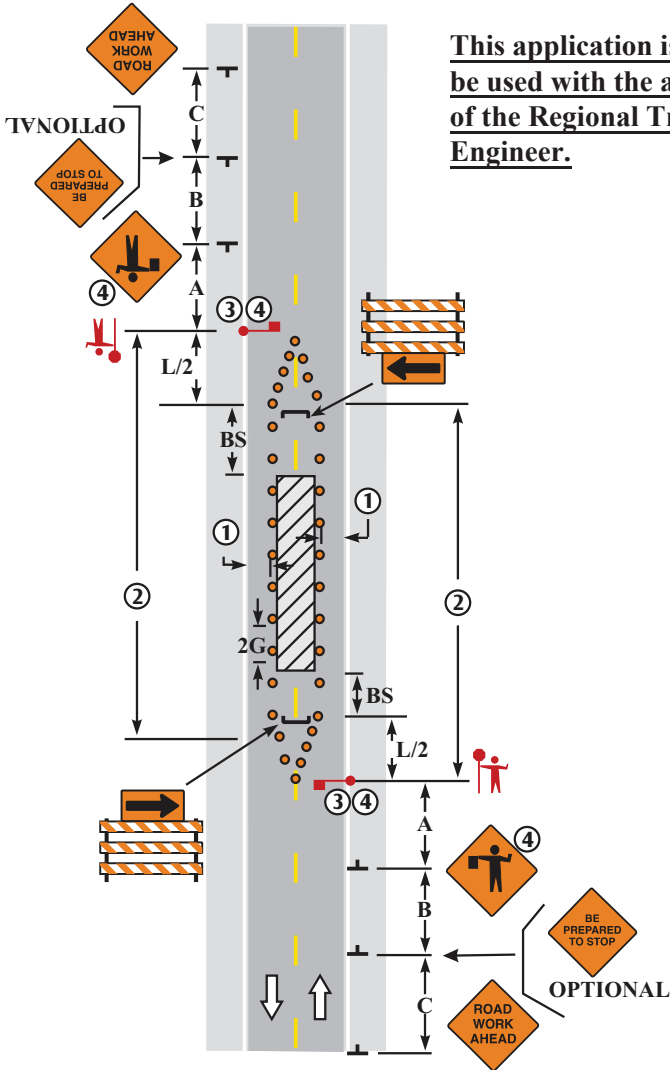
1. The work vehicle shall be parked off of the roadway.  
Do not obstruct the shoulder in the coned areas.
2. The flagger may be omitted if there is at least 10 feet of roadway and shoulder available to safely pass the work equipment on the centerline of the roadway.



**EQUIPMENT ON CENTERLINE  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

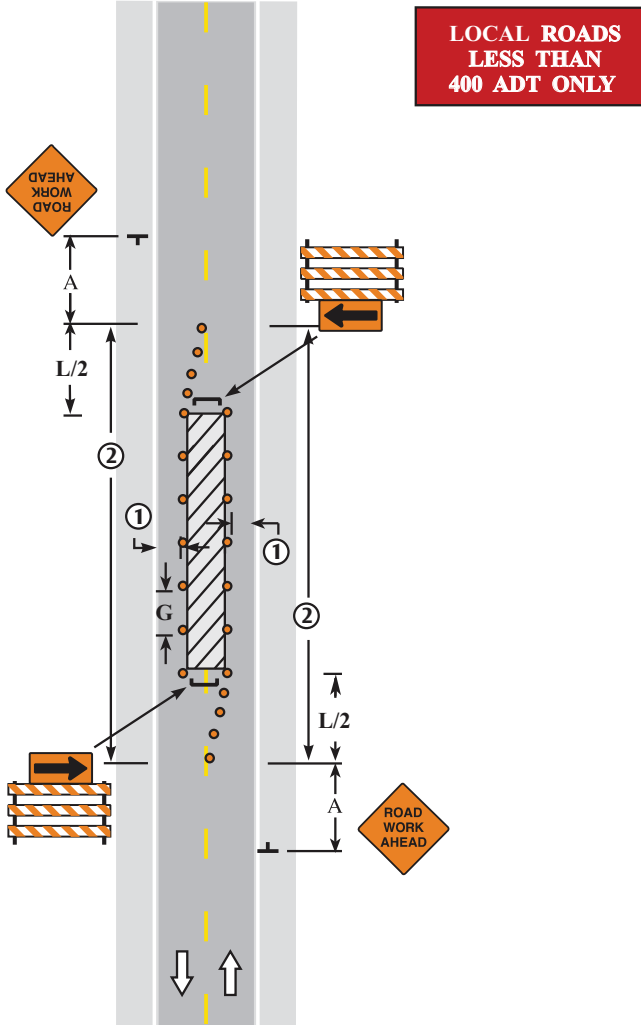
1. Minimum paved lane width from the channelizing devices to the edge of pavement or outside edge of the shoulder shall be 10 feet.
2. Parking and stopping may be prohibited along the work area and tapers.
3. The flagger shall be visible for at least the Decision Sight Distance (**D**).
4. The flaggers and Flagger Ahead signs may be omitted if the posted speed limits is 40 mph or less.



**WORK SPACE IN CENTER OF ROAD  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

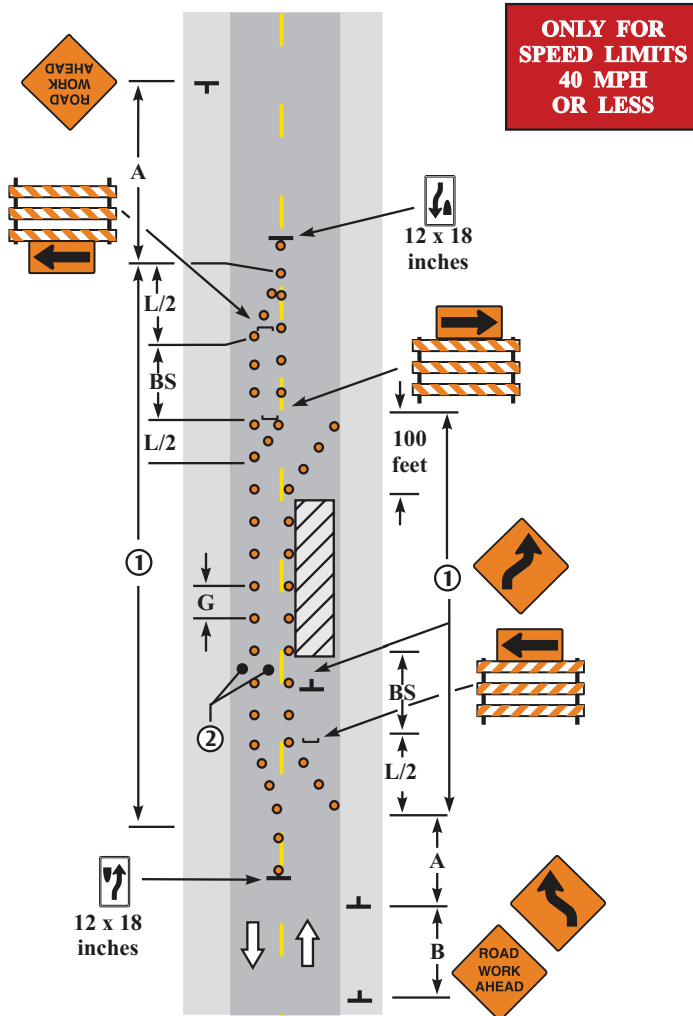
1. Minimum paved lane width from the channelizing devices to the edge of pavement or outside edge of the shoulder shall be 10 feet.
2. Parking and stopping may be prohibited along the work area and tapers.



**WORK SPACE IN CENTER OF ROAD  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**

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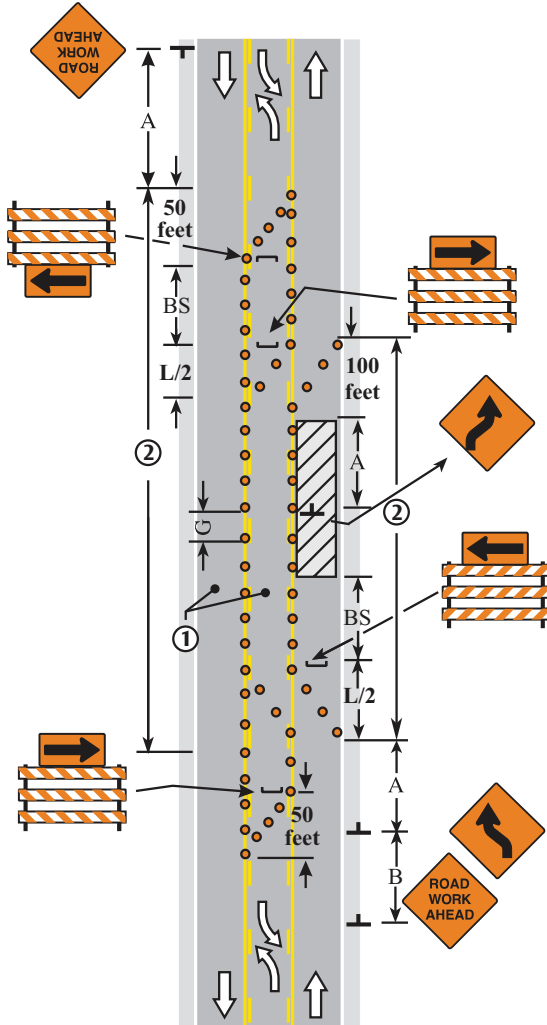
1. Parking and stopping may be prohibited along the work space and taper.
2. The minimum paved lane width from the channelizing devices to the edge of pavement or outside edge of the shoulder shall be 10 feet.



**WORK SPACE OCCUPIES ONE HALF OF ROAD  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

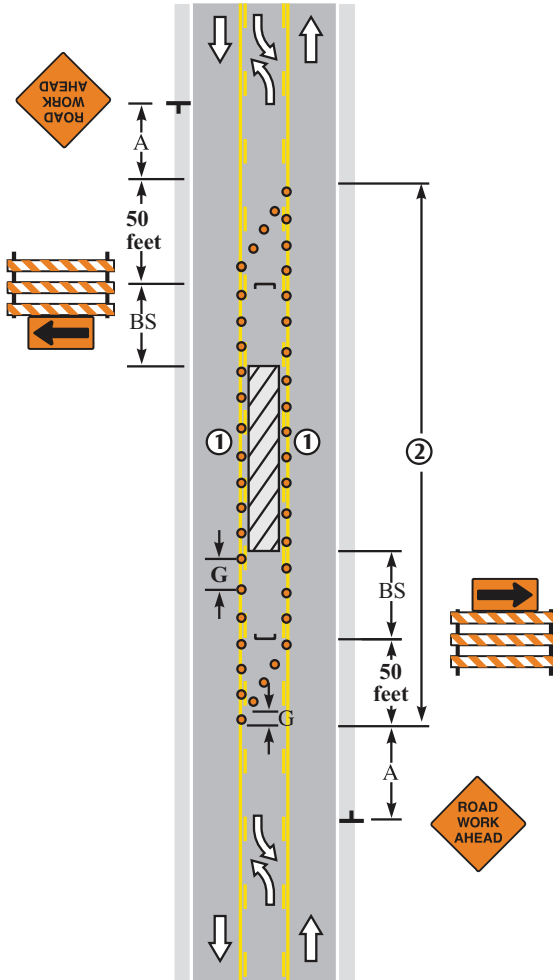
1. The minimum paved lane width from channelizing devices to edge of pavement or outside edge of paved shoulder or face of curb shall be 10 feet.
2. Parking, stopping, and left turning movements may be prohibited along the work space and taper.



**LANE CLOSURE  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD  
WITH TWO WAY LEFT TURN LANE**

NOTES:

1. The minimum paved lane width from channelizing devices to edge of pavement or outside edge of paved shoulder or face of curb shall be 10 feet.
2. Parking, stopping, and left turning movements may be prohibited along the work space and taper.

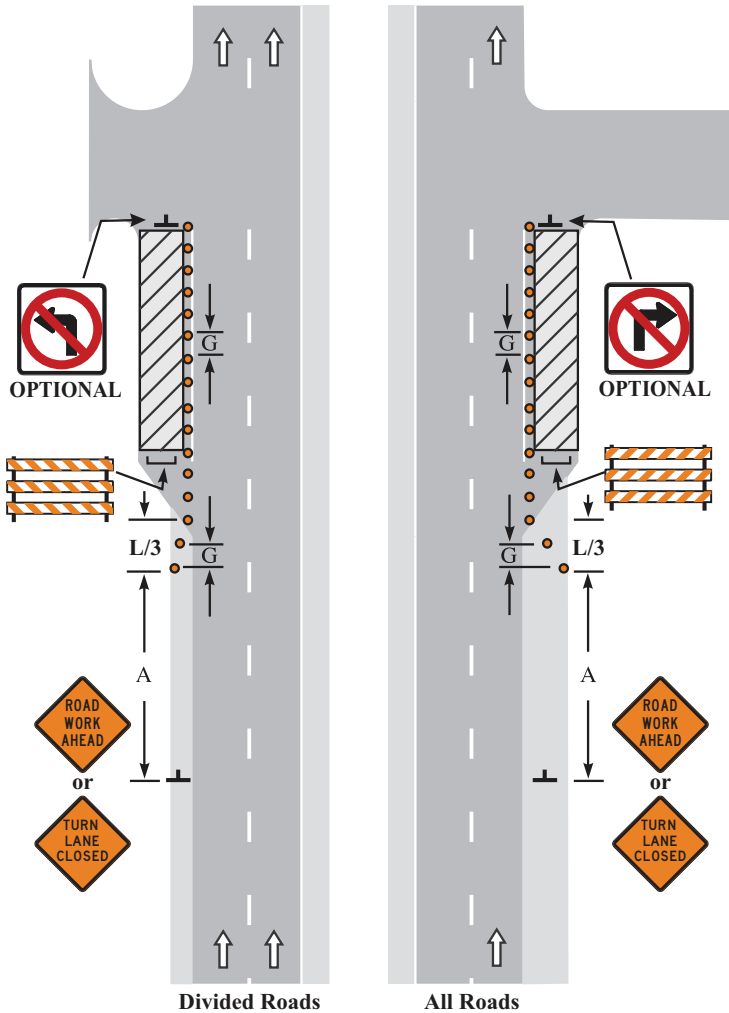


**TURN LANE CLOSURE  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD  
WITH TWO WAY LEFT TURN LANE**



NOTES:

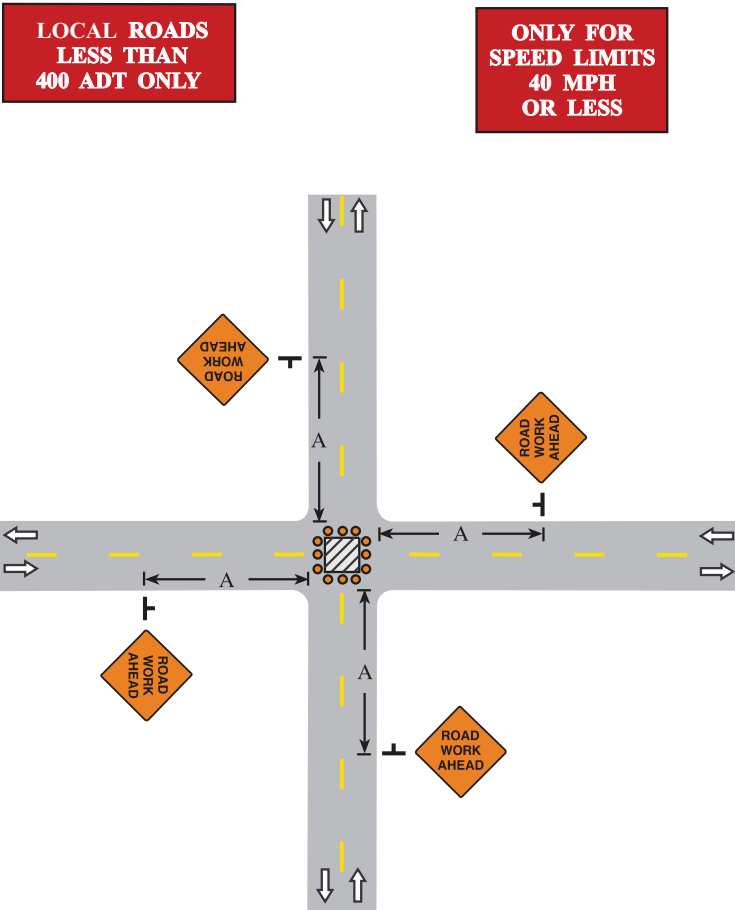
1. Contact the appropriate road authority for signal timing modifications before beginning work at any signalized intersection.



**TURN LANE CLOSURES**

NOTES:

1. The minimum paved lane width from channelizing devices to the edge of the pavement or to the outside edge of the shoulder shall be 10 feet.



**CLOSURE IN CENTER OF INTERSECTION**

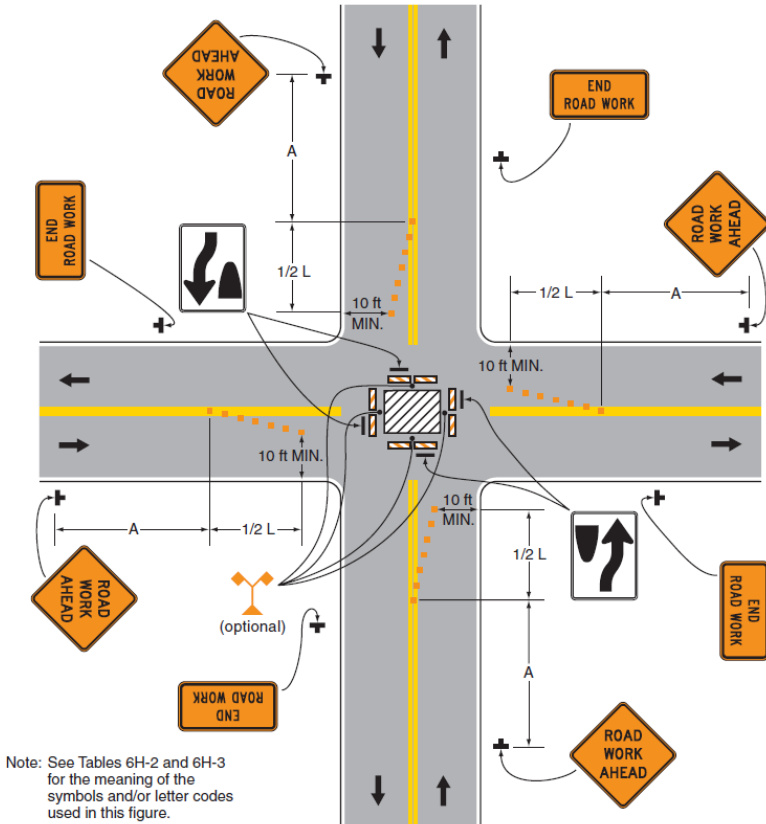
3 DAYS or LESS

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LAYOUT 28

NOTES:

- Below is from the 2009 MUTCD TA-26



## CLOSURE IN CENTER OF INTERSECTION

3 DAYS or LESS

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LAYOUT 29



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# Multi - Lane Undivided

A roadway having two or more lanes of traffic traveling in the same direction with no physical barriers separating the opposing traffic lanes.

Choose type of operation being performed and duration of work to find appropriate layout number to turn to.

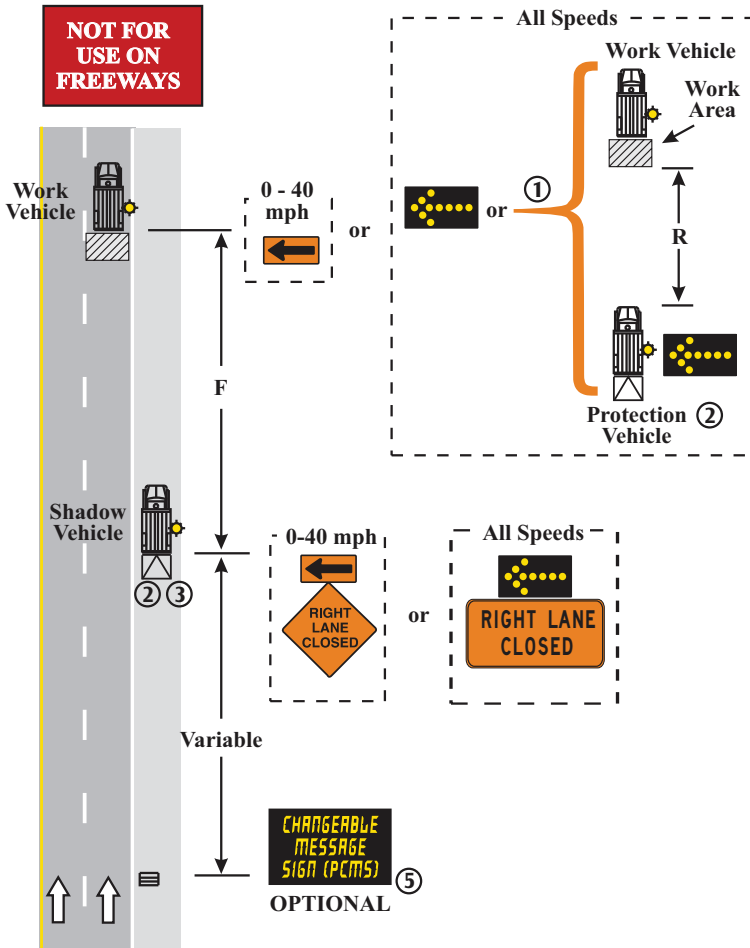
## MULTI-LANE UNDIVIDED ROADS

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	15 Minutes or Less	One Hour or Less	12 Hours or Less	3 Days or Less
Work on Shoulder	1		2, 4	
Work off Shoulder	2			
Parking Lane Closure	3			
Lane Closures				
Mobile	31			
Near Intersection	32	26, 36, 40, 42 43		
Left Lane	34, 35, 36			
Right Lane	33*		39, 40	
Turn Lane	26, 43			
Double Lane	41, 42			
Two Way Left Turn Lanes				
Left Lane Closure	37, 38			
Road Closure	82			
Sidewalk Closure	84, 85			

\* **NOTE:** Low Speed, Intermediate Volume Local Roads Non Residential Only.

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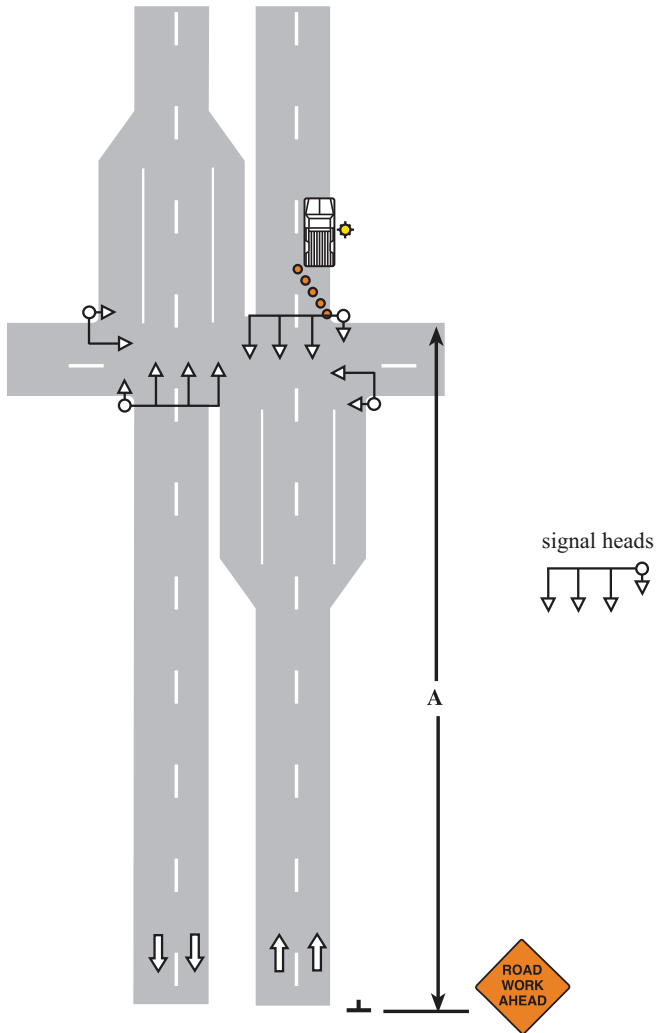
1. A work vehicle without a flashing arrow board shall be followed by a protection vehicle at a distance of (R). The protecting vehicle shall be equipped with a flashing arrow board and should have a truck mounted attenuator.
2. Any shadow vehicle operating totally or partially in a traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
3. The Shadow Vehicle may encroach into the traffic lane.
4. If the operation does not move at least the Decision Sight Distance (D) every 15 minutes, the appropriate stationary layout should be used.
5. If this layout is used for nighttime operations, the PCMS shall be used.



**MOBILE LANE CLOSURE  
MULTI-LANE ROAD**

**NOTES:**

1. The operation shall not remain in one location for more than 15 minutes.
2. There should be little or no encroachment into the cross-street traffic path
3. The traffic control signal should be put in an ALL-RED flash mode to facilitate traffic control at the work site. If the intersection flashes YEL-RED, the appropriate stationary layout shall be used.
4. If the work space is not visible for at least the Decision Sight Distance (**D**), the appropriate stationary layout shall be used.

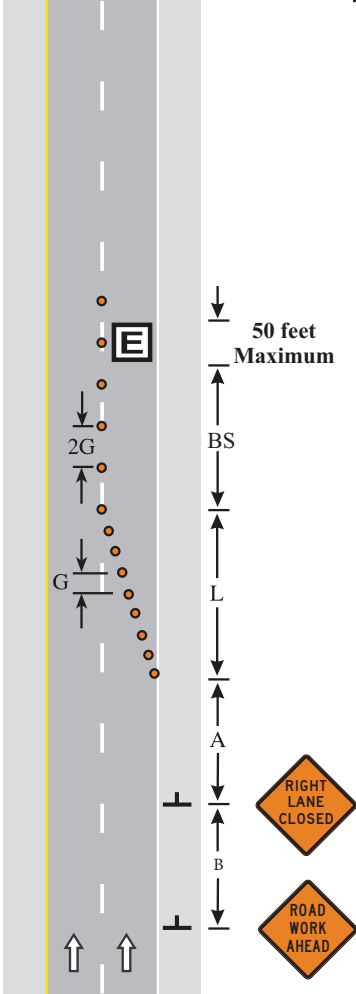


**LANE CLOSURE  
FAR SIDE OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION**



**LOCAL ROADS  
LESS THAN  
1500 ADT ONLY**

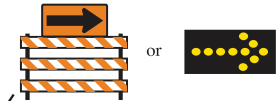
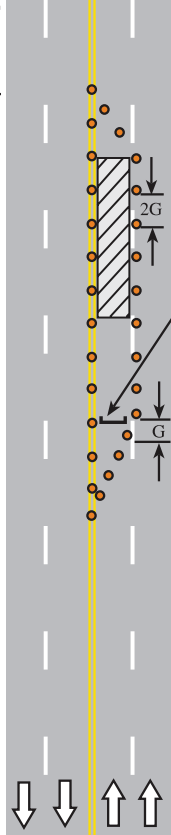
**ONLY FOR  
SPEED LIMITS  
40 MPH  
OR LESS**



**EQUIPMENT IN TRAFFIC LANE  
MULTI-LANE ROAD**



ONLY FOR  
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40 MPH  
OR LESS



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### LEFT LANE CLOSURE MULTI-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD

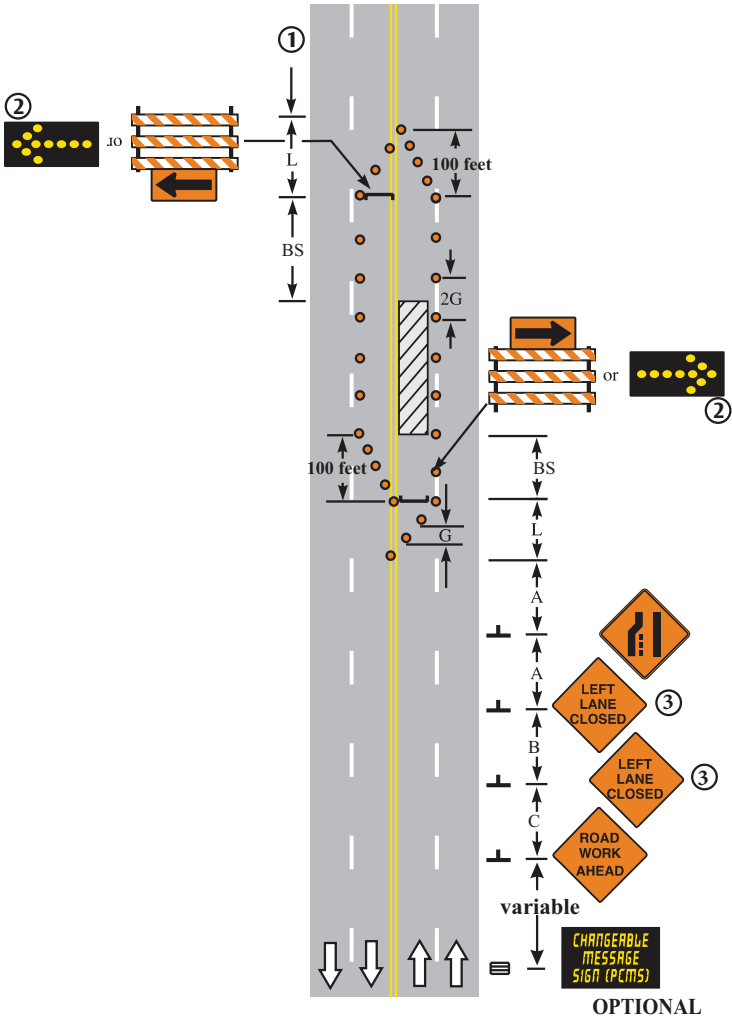
3 DAYS or LESS

6K-34

LAYOUT 34

NOTES:

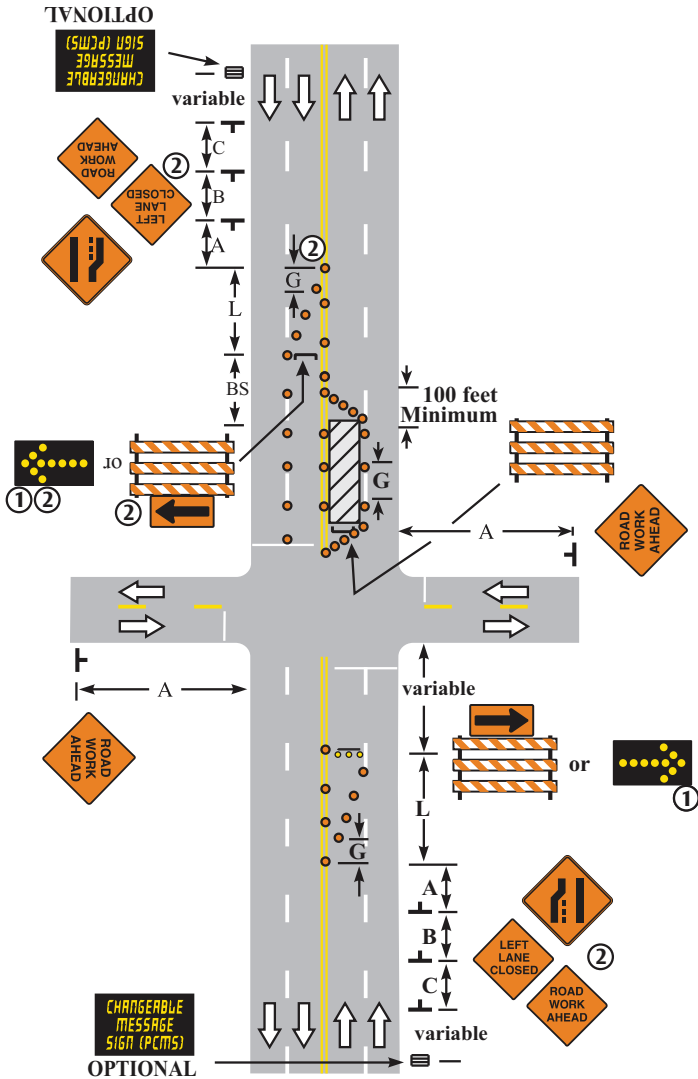
1. The advance warning sign sequence is shown for one way direction only. Signing from the other direction shall be identical.
2. The flashing arrow panel shall be used where the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.
3. Add distance to advanced lane closed signs based on speed of roadway



**LEFT LANE CLOSURE  
MULTI-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD**

NOTES:

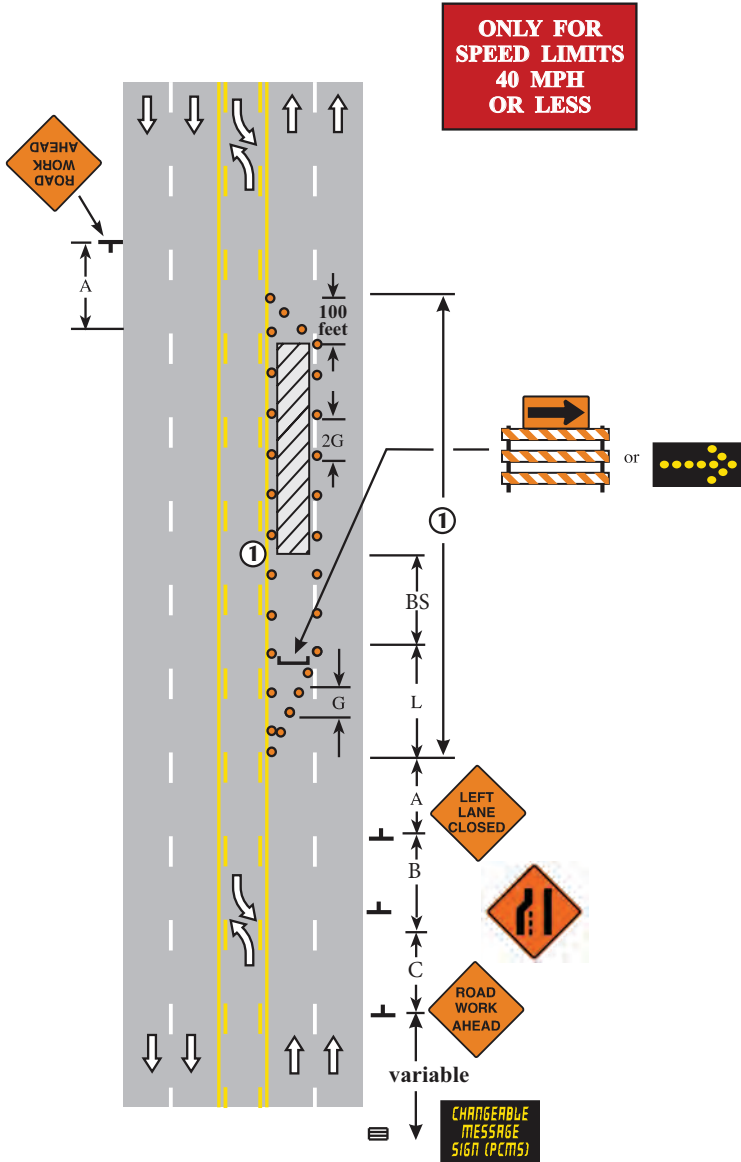
1. The flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.
2. Add distance to advanced lane closed signs based on speed of roadway



**LEFT LANE CLOSURE  
WORK SPACE AT INTERSECTION  
MULTI-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD**

NOTES:

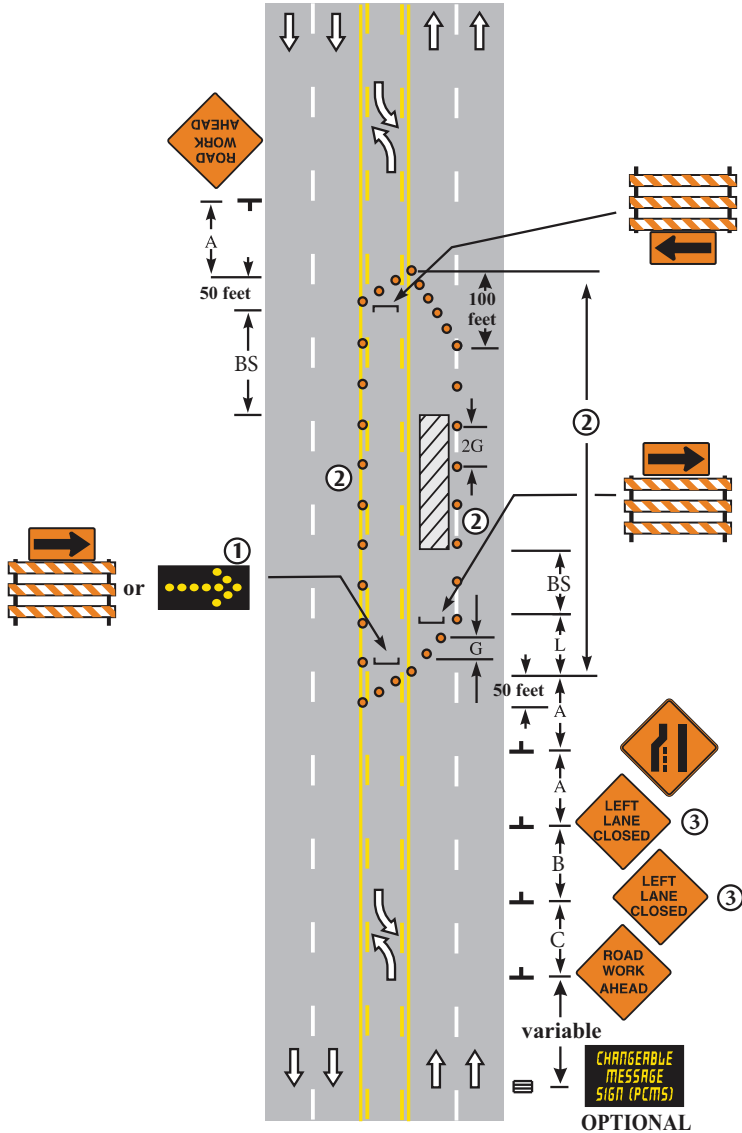
1. Parking, stopping and left turning vehicles may be prohibited along the work space and taper.



**LEFT LANE CLOSURE  
MULTI-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD  
WITH TWO-LANE TWO-WAY LEFT TURN LANE**

NOTES:

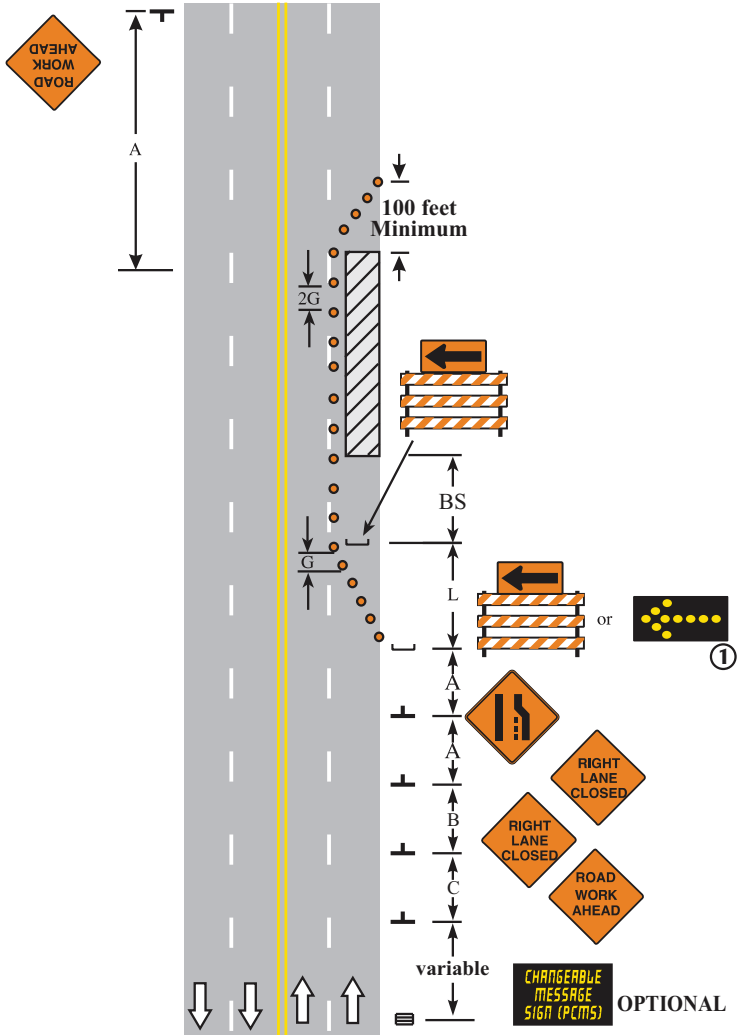
1. The flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.
2. Parking, stopping and left turning vehicles may be prohibited along the work space and taper.
3. Add distance to advanced lane closed signs based on speed limit of roadway



**LEFT LANE CLOSURE  
MULTI-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD  
WITH TWO-LANE TWO-WAY LEFT TURN LANE**

NOTES:

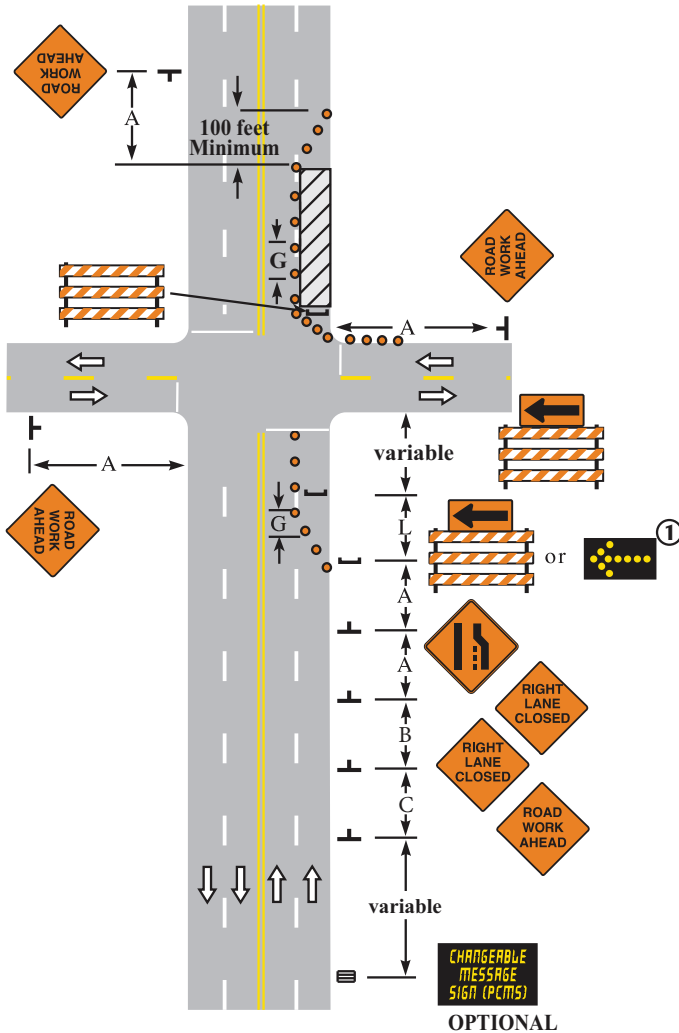
1. The flashing arrow board shall be used where the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.



**RIGHT LANE CLOSURE  
MULTI-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD**

NOTES:

1. The flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 45mph or greater and is preferred at all speed limits.

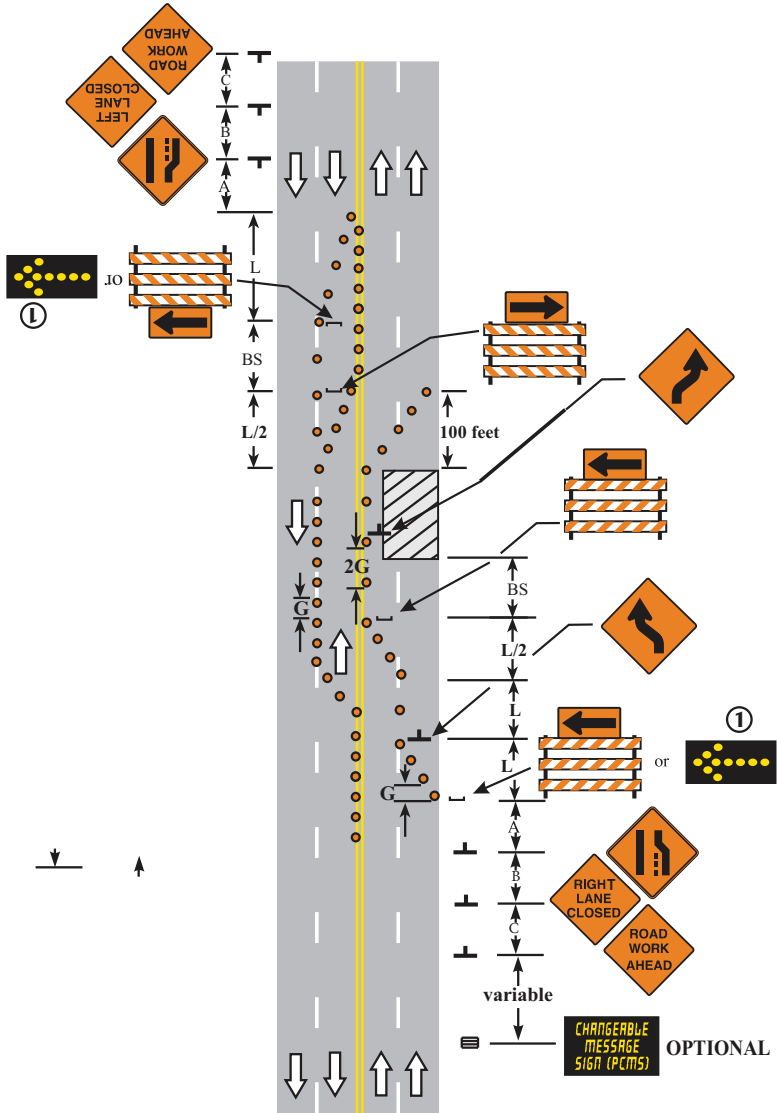


**RIGHT LANE CLOSURE  
WORK SPACE AT INTERSECTION  
MULTI-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD**



NOTES:

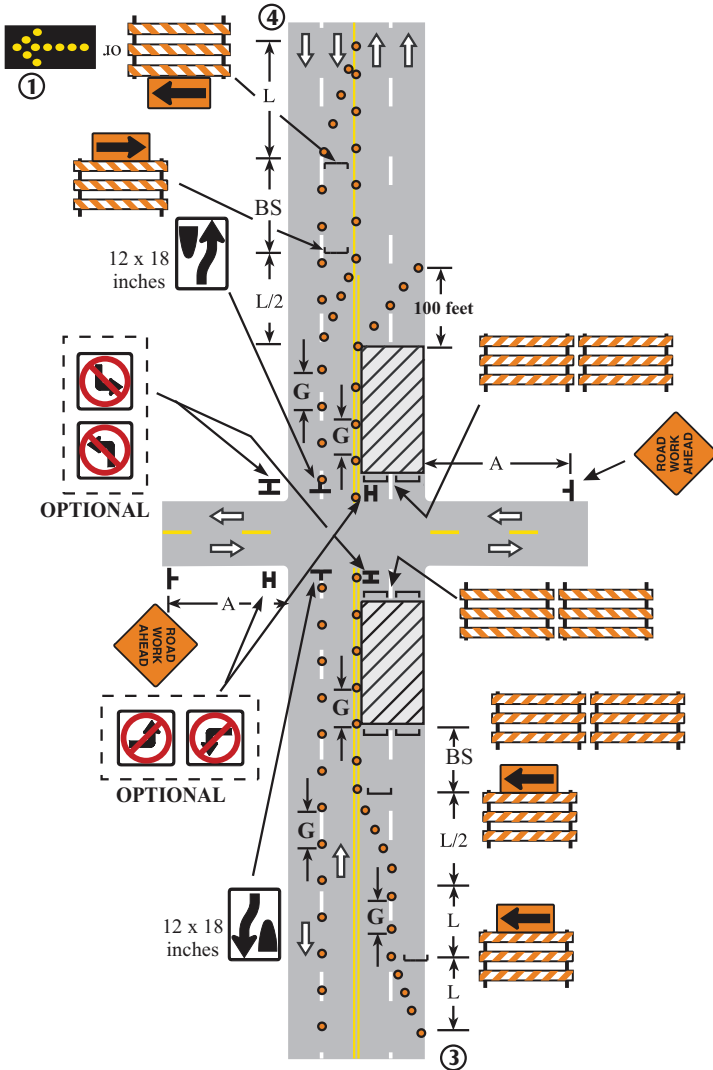
1. The flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.



**DOUBLE LANE CLOSURE  
MULTI-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD**

NOTES:

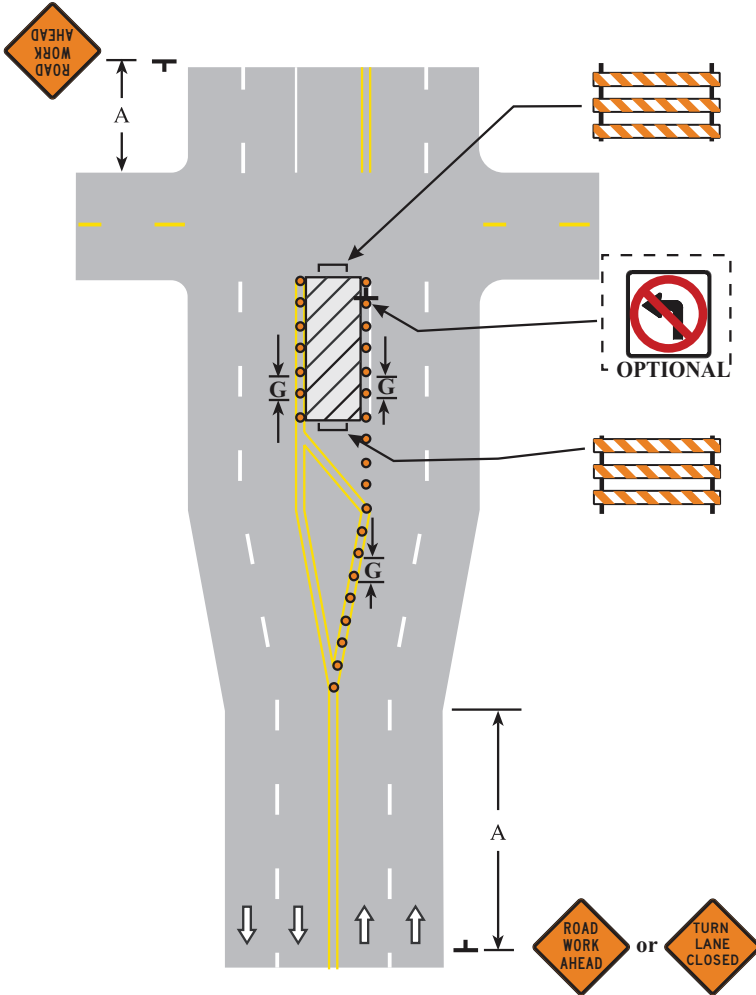
1. The flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.
2. Contact the appropriate road authority for the placement of temporary STOP signs or signal timing modifications before beginning work at any signalized intersection.
3. For the placement of advance warning signs, see Layout 41.
4. For the placement of advance warning signs, see Layout 34 or 35.



**DOUBLE LANE CLOSURE AT INTERSECTION  
MULTI-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD**

NOTES:

1. Contact the appropriate road authority for signal timing modifications before beginning work at any signalized intersection.



**LEFT TURN LANE CLOSURE**



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# Multi - Lane Divided

Two separate roadways where opposing traffic is separated by a median.

Choose type of operation being performed and duration of work to find appropriate layout number to turn to.

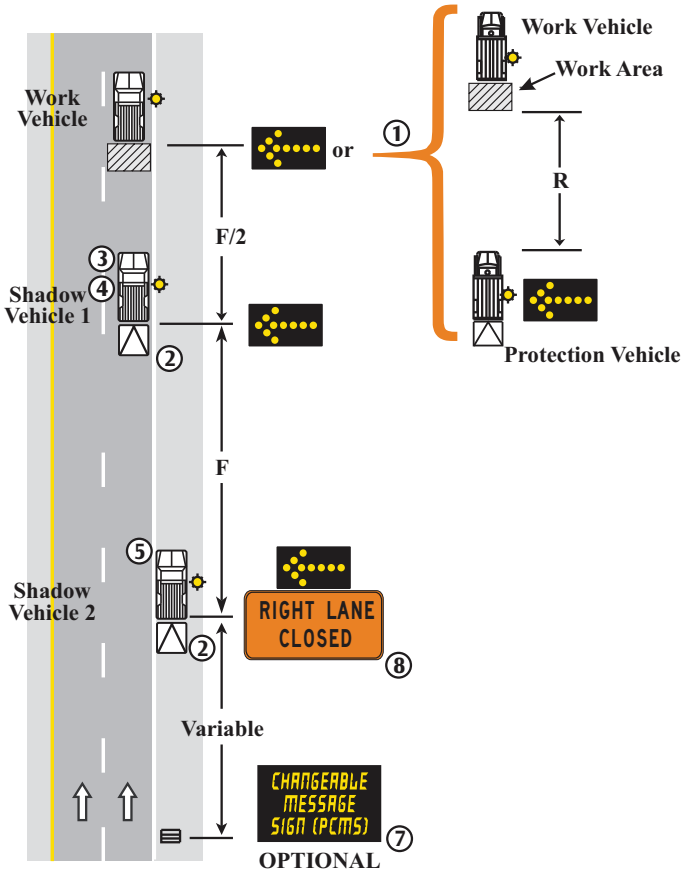
## MULTI-LANE DIVIDED ROADS

	MOBILE	SHORT DURATION	SHORT TERM	INTERMEDIATE TERM
	15 Minutes or Less	One Hour or Less	12 Hours or Less	3 Days or Less
Work on Shoulder	1		2, 4	
Work off Shoulder	2			
Parking Lane Closure	3			
Lane Closures				
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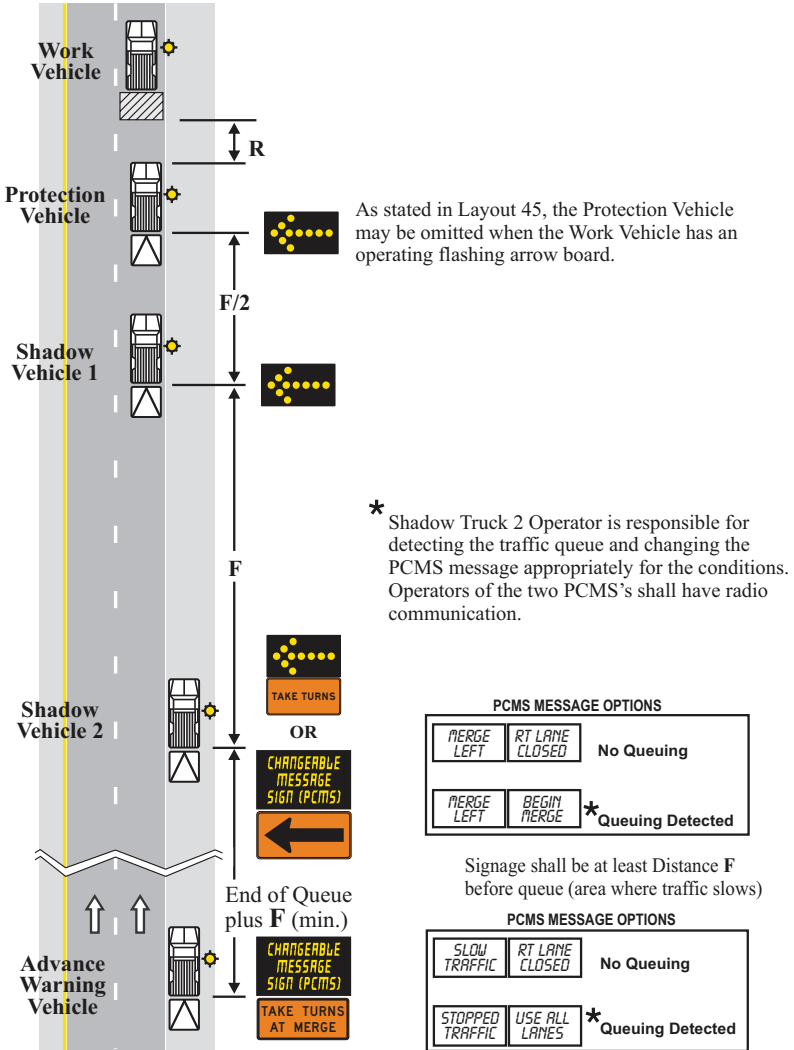
1. A work vehicle without a flashing arrow board shall be followed by a protection vehicle at a distance of **R**. The protecting vehicle shall be equipped with a flashing arrow board and should have a truck mounted attenuator.
2. All shadow vehicles operating totally or partially in a traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
3. The lateral placement of shadow vehicle 1 may be adjusted to create a taper when a Protection Vehicle is used.
4. Shadow Vehicle 1 may be omitted on non-freeway design roadways.
5. Shadow Vehicle 2 may encroach into the traffic lane when the shoulder is too narrow to drive on.
6. If the operation does not move at least the Decision Sight Distance (**D**) every 15 minutes, Layout 50 or the appropriate stationary layout should be used.
7. The PCMS shall be used for nighttime operations.
8. When the PCMS is used, the RIGHT LANE CLOSED sign becomes optional.



**MOBILE LANE CLOSURE  
MULTI-LANE ROAD**

**NOTES:**

1. All shadow vehicles operating totally or partially in a traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
2. The lateral placement of shadow vehicle 1 may be adjusted to create a taper when a Protection Vehicle is used.
3. Shadow Vehicle 1 may be omitted on non-freeway design roadways.

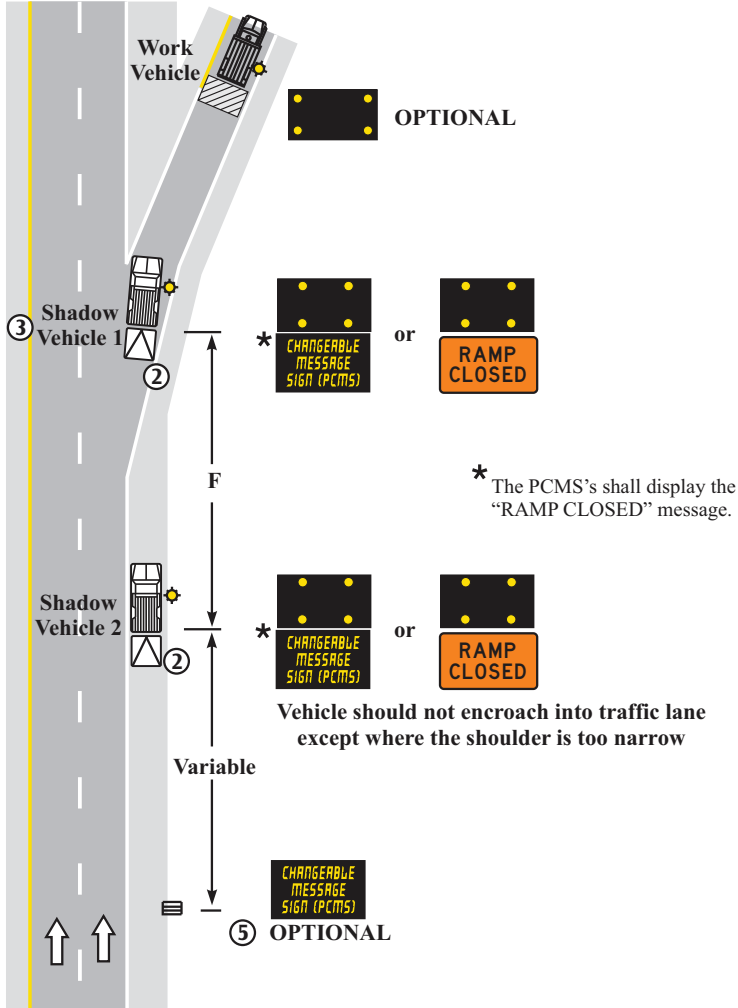


**MOBILE LANE CLOSURE WITH LATE MERGE MULTI-LANE ROAD**



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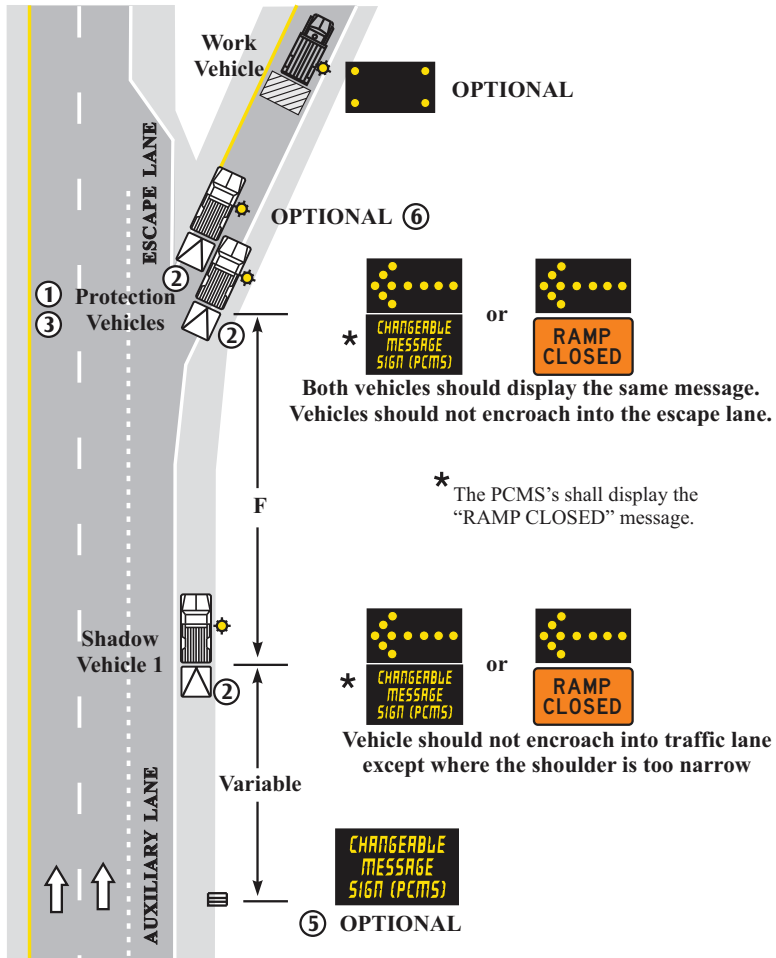
1. The protection vehicle should remain positioned near the ramp gore to prevent traffic from using the exit ramp. If a protection vehicle follows the work vehicle up the ramp, then it shall remain a minimum distance **R** from the work area.
2. Any shadow or protection vehicle operating totally or partially in a traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
3. The vehicles blocking the exit ramp should not encroach into lanes open to traffic.
4. If the ramp can not be reopened within 15 minutes, the appropriate stationary layout should be used.
5. The PCMS shall be used for nighttime operations.



**MOBILE RAMP CLOSURE  
EXPRESSWAY/FREEWAY**

**NOTES:**

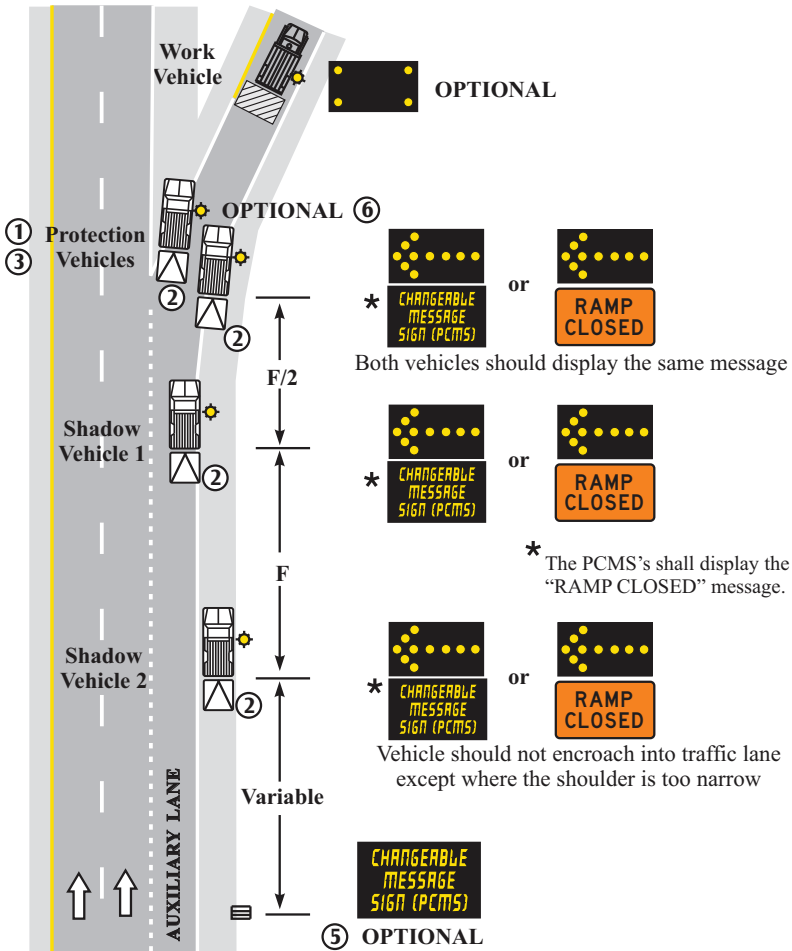
1. The protection vehicle should remain positioned near the ramp gore to prevent traffic from using the exit ramp. If the operation requires one protection vehicle to follow the work vehicle up the ramp, then it shall remain a minimum distance **R** from the work area.
2. Any shadow or protection vehicle operating totally or partially in a traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
3. The vehicles blocking the exit ramp should not encroach into lanes open to traffic and should allow traffic to use the escape lane.
4. If the ramp can not be reopened within 15 minutes, the appropriate stationary layout should be used.
5. The PCMS's shall be used for nighttime operations.
6. The optional second protection vehicle may be needed to block wider exit ramps.



**MOBILE RAMP CLOSURE with ESCAPE LANE  
EXPRESSWAY/FREEWAY**

**NOTES:**

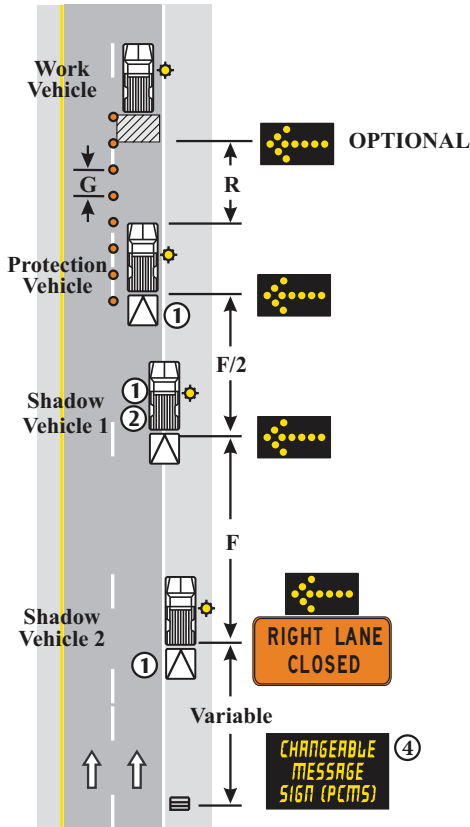
1. The protection vehicle should remain positioned near the ramp gore to prevent traffic from using the exit ramp. If a protection vehicle follows the work vehicle up the ramp, then the flashing arrow display shall change to the caution mode shall remain a minimum distance **R** from the work area.
2. Any shadow or protection vehicle operating totally or partially in a traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
3. The vehicles blocking the exit ramp should not encroach into lanes open to traffic.
4. If the ramp can not be reopened within 15 minutes, the appropriate stationary layout should be used.
5. The PCMS shall be used for nighttime operations.
6. The optional second protection vehicle may be needed to block wider exit ramps.



**MOBILE RAMP CLOSURE with LANE DROP EXPRESSWAY/FREEWAY**

**NOTES:**

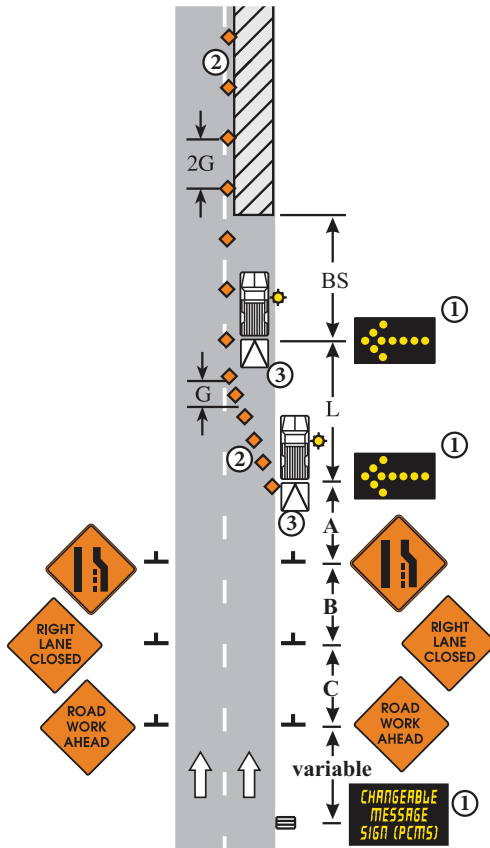
1. All Shadow and Protection Vehicles shall be equipped with a truck-mounted attenuator.
2. The lateral placement of Shadow Vehicle 1 may be adjusted to create a taper.
3. If the operation does not move at least the Decision Sight Distance once each hour, the appropriate stationary layout should be used.
4. A typical message should be ROAD WORK AHEAD and RIGHT LANE CLOSED.



**SHORT DURATION LANE CLOSURE  
MULTI-LANE ROAD**

NOTES:

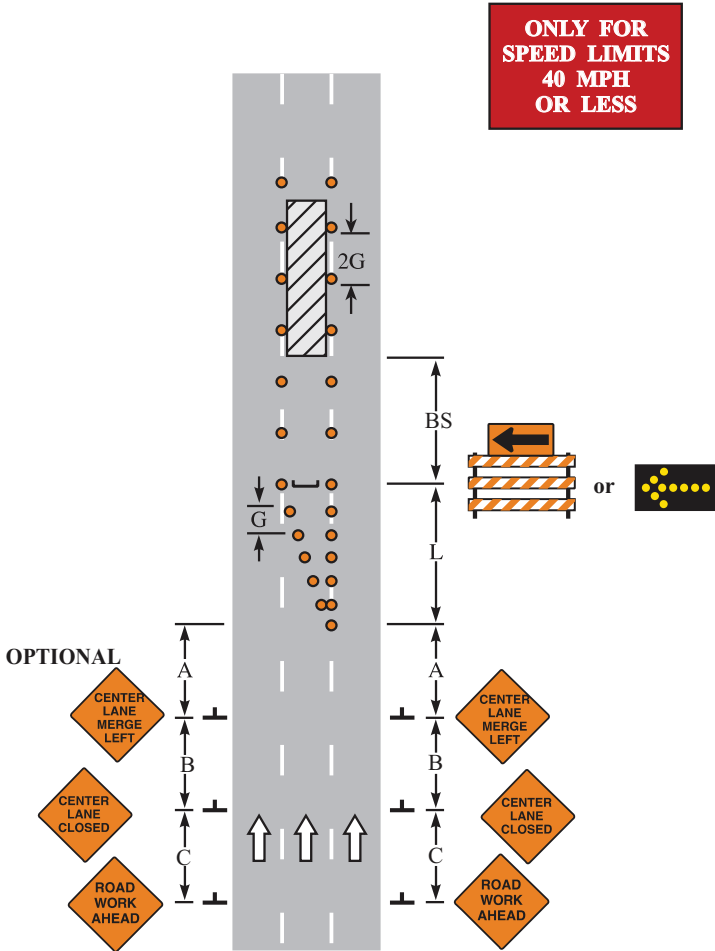
1. In order to use this layout, two flashing arrow boards, at least one PCMS, and advance warning signs shall be used. If these devices are not available, Layout 52 shall be used.
2. When using a combination of cones (28 inch minimum height) and Direction Indicator Barricades every third device in the merge taper and every tenth device in the tangent area shall be a Directional Indicator Barricade.
3. All shadow vehicles operating totally or partially in a traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.



**LANE CLOSURE  
OCCUPIED NIGHTTIME WORK SPACE  
MULTI-LANE DIVIDED ROAD**

NOTE:

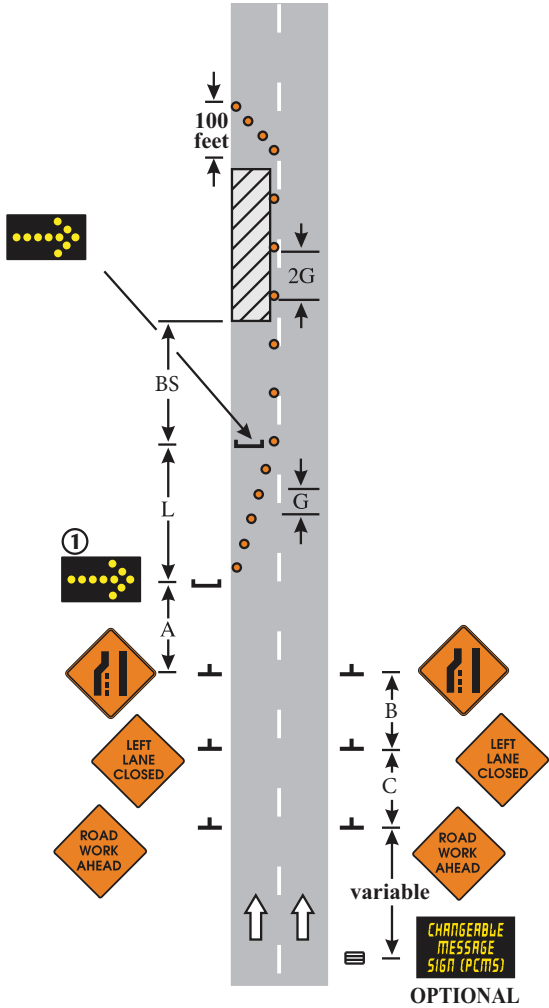
1. If traffic volumes are low, a double lane closure is preferred.



**CENTER LANE CLOSURE  
MULTI-LANE DIVIDED OR ONE WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

1. Use the appropriate traffic control devices for a right lane closure.



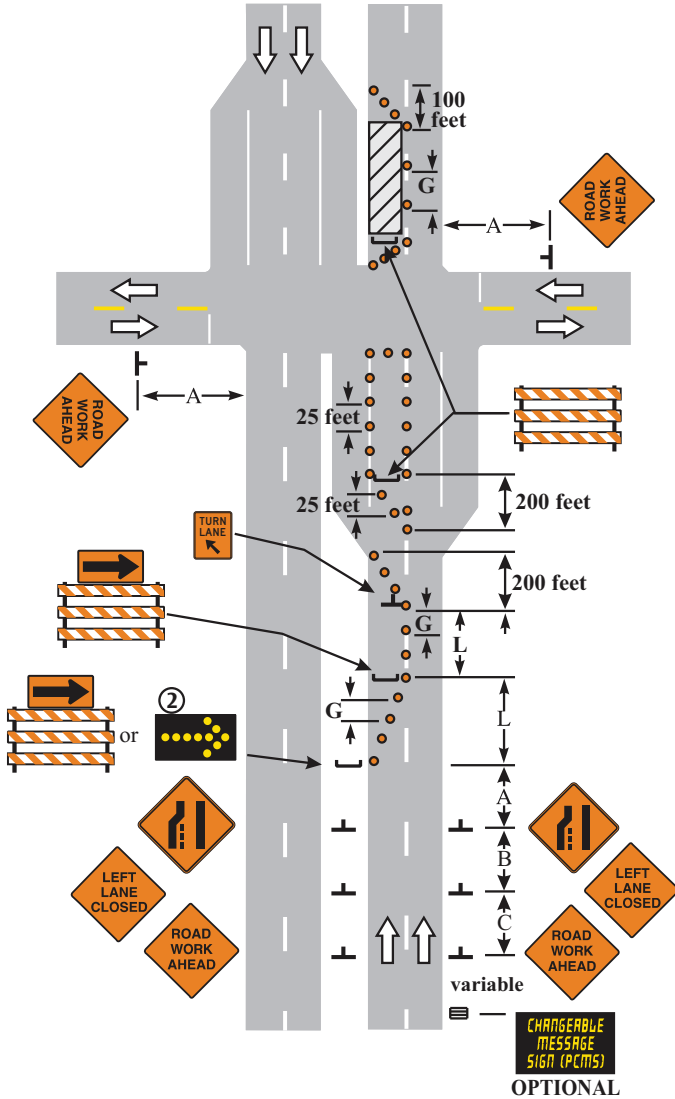
**LANE CLOSURE  
MULTI-LANE DIVIDED ROAD**

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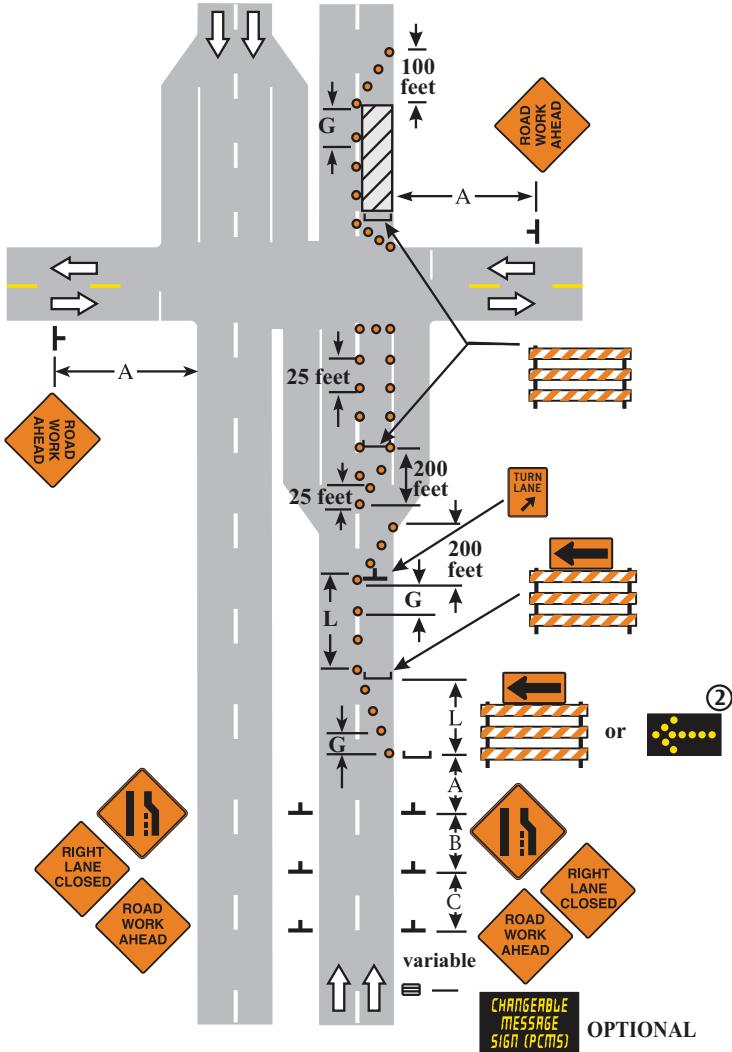
1. Use the appropriate advance warning sign spacing for the speed on the cross road.
2. The flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 75 or greater.



**LEFT LANE CLOSURE  
WORK SPACE BEYOND INTERSECTION  
MULTI-LANE DIVIDED ROAD**

NOTES:

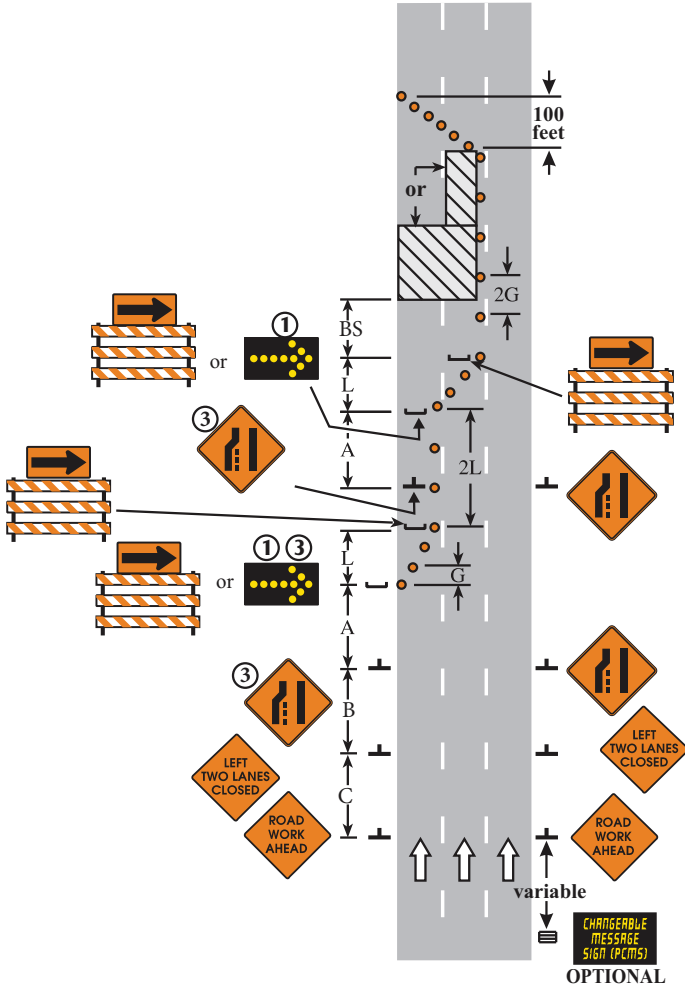
1. Use the appropriate advance warning sign spacing for the speed on the cross road.
2. The flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.



**RIGHT LANE CLOSURE  
WORK SPACE BEYOND INTERSECTION  
MULTI-LANE DIVIDED ROAD**

NOTES:

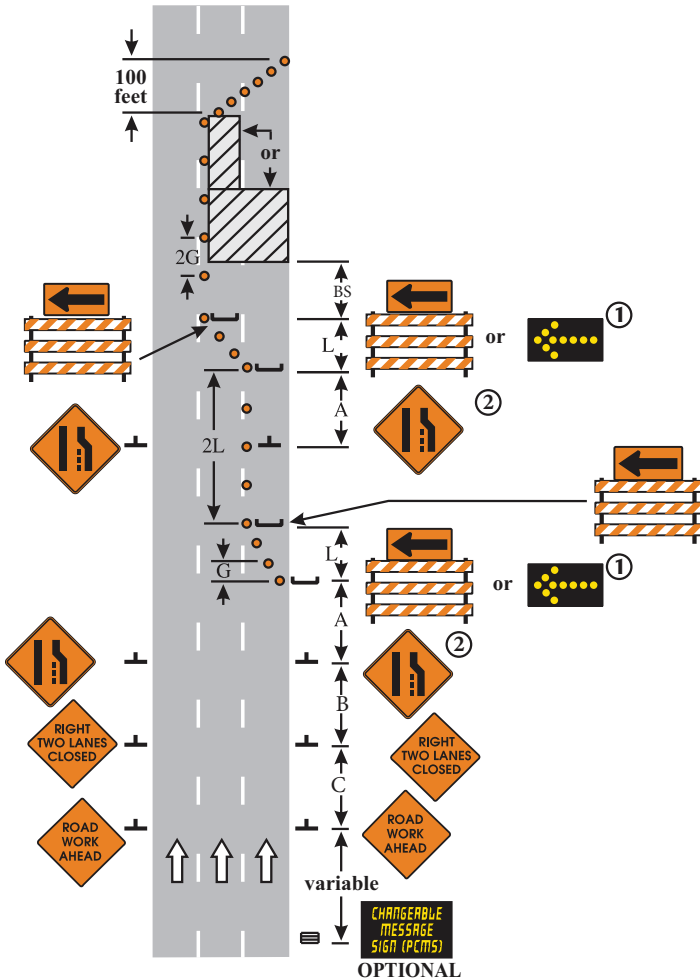
1. The flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.
2. If the flashing arrow board will not fit entirely on the left shoulder, it should be placed behind the taper, encroaching on the lane as little as possible.
3. When the Lane Drop symbol sign or the MERGE with arrow sign is used, the same sign shall be used for both lane closures in each direction.



**LEFT TWO LANES CLOSED  
MULTI-LANE DIVIDED ROAD**

NOTES:

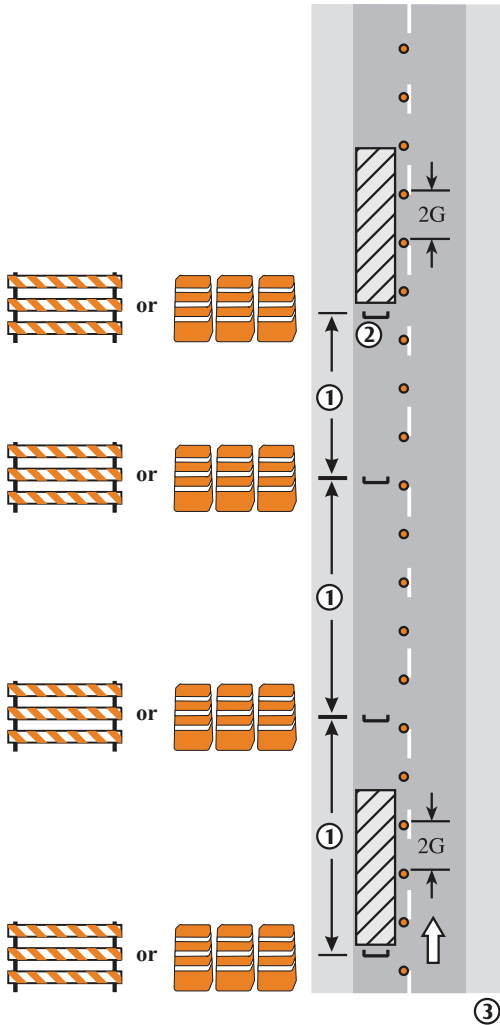
1. The flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.
2. When the Lane Drop symbol sign is used, the same sign shall be used for both lane closures in each direction.



**RIGHT TWO LANES CLOSED  
MULTI-LANE DIVIDED ROAD**

NOTES:

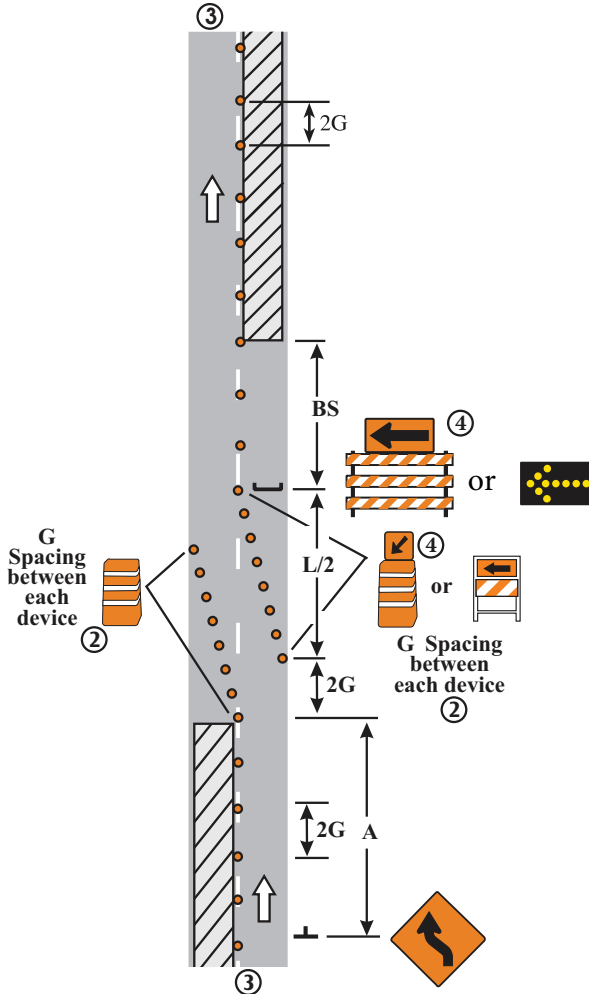
1. Install a Type III barricade at the beginning of each work space and at intervals from 500 feet minimum to 1000 feet maximum within the closed lane.
2. The Type III barricade within the work space may be omitted when the work space is occupied.
3. For advance signing, placement of traffic control devices, and lane taper, see the appropriate stationary layout.



**LANE CLOSURE EXTENSION  
MULTI-LANE DIVIDED OR ONE WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

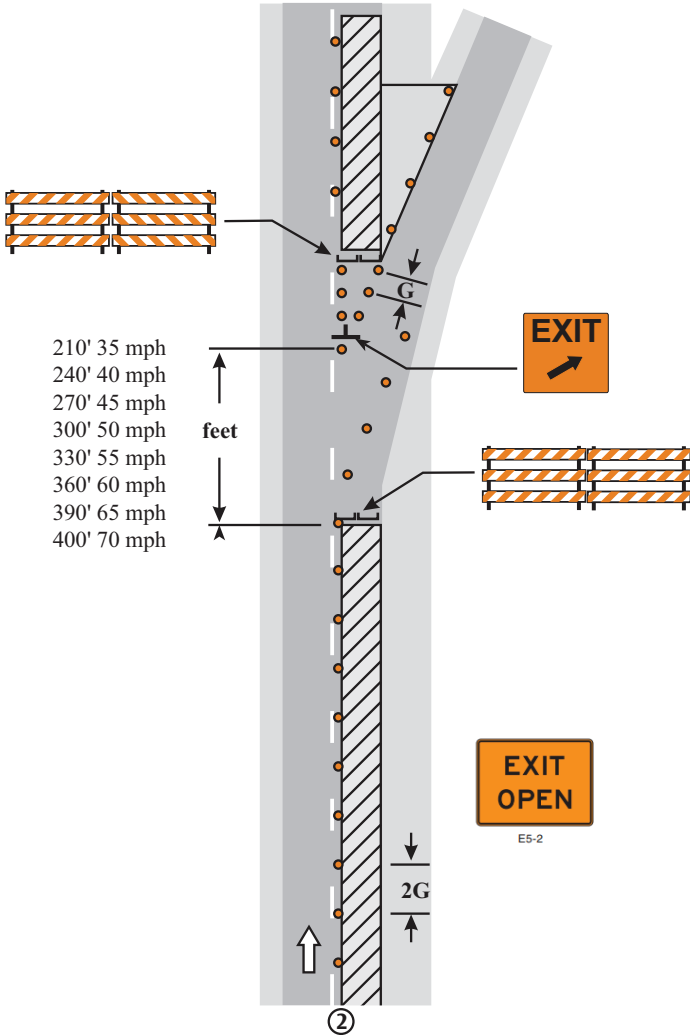
1. For one lane of traffic only.
2. Continue the pattern and the spacing of devices for additional lateral shift.
3. For advance signing, placement of traffic control devices, lane taper, see the appropriate stationary layout.
4. Directional arrows shall be used on either the drums or the Type III barricade



**LANE SHIFT  
MULTI-LANE DIVIDED OR ONE WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

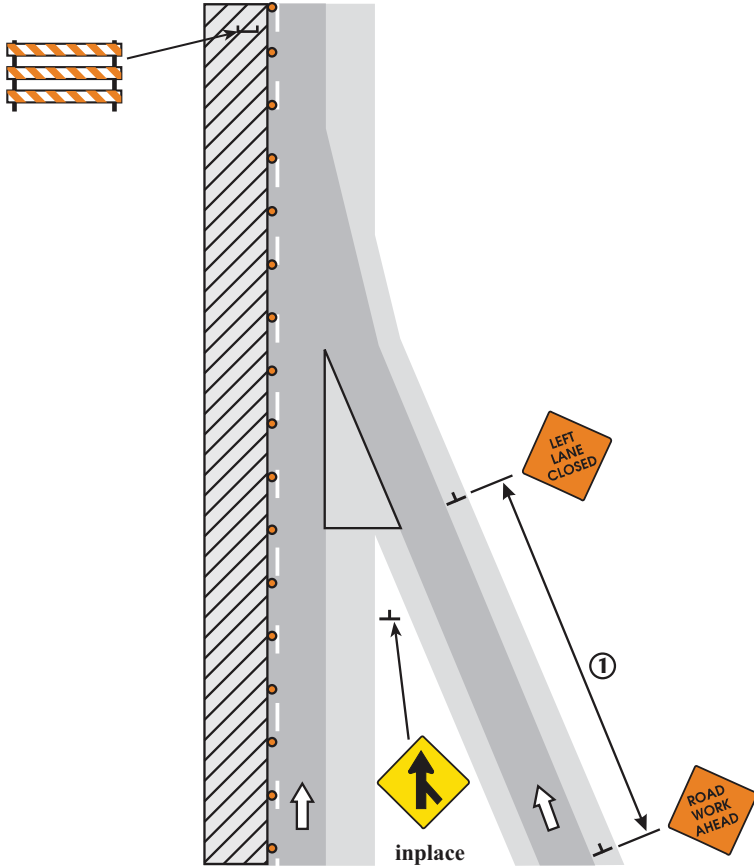
1. Adjust the ramp exit to fit the conditions.
2. For advance signing, placement of traffic control devices, and lane closure, see the appropriate stationary layout.



**MAINLINE RIGHT LANE CLOSED  
EXIT RAMP OPEN**

NOTES:

1. The advance warning sign spacing is dependent on the ramp length and the location of inplace signing. The spacing should be as long as is practical.



**MAINLINE LEFT LANE CLOSED  
ENTRANCE RAMP OPEN**

3 DAYS or LESS

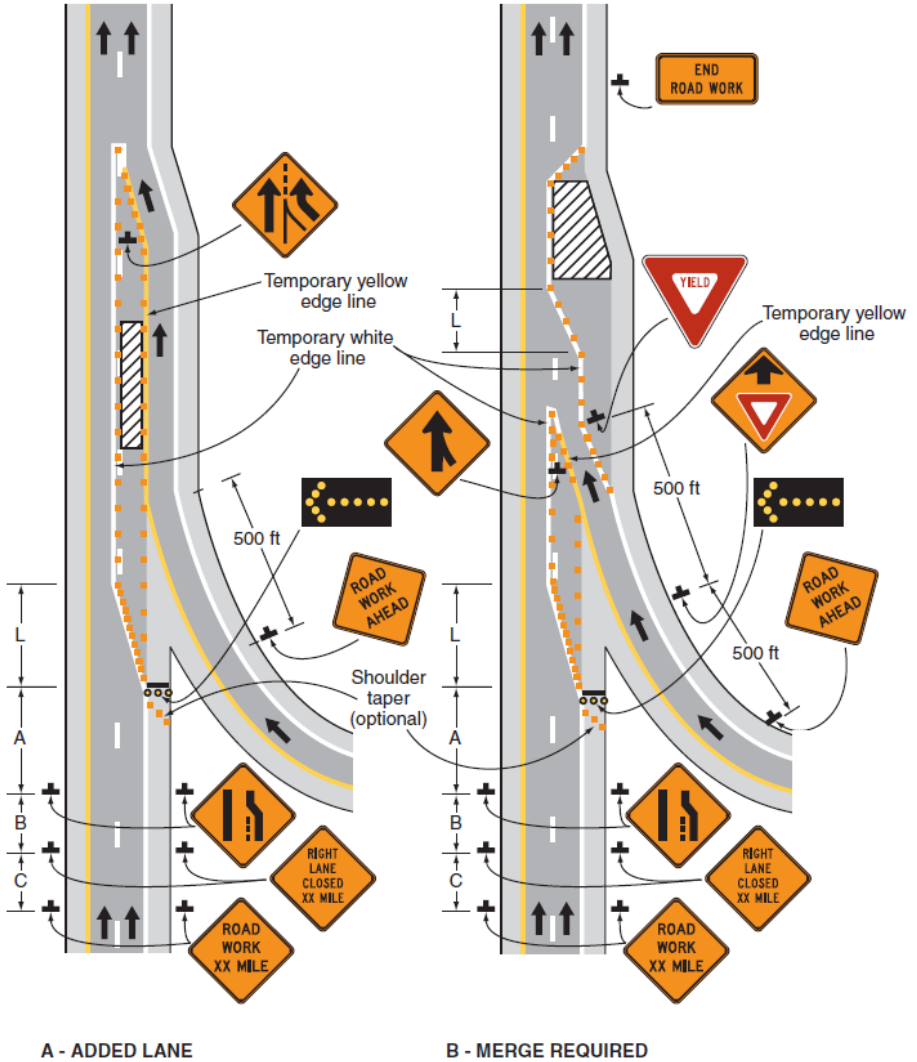
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LAYOUT 62



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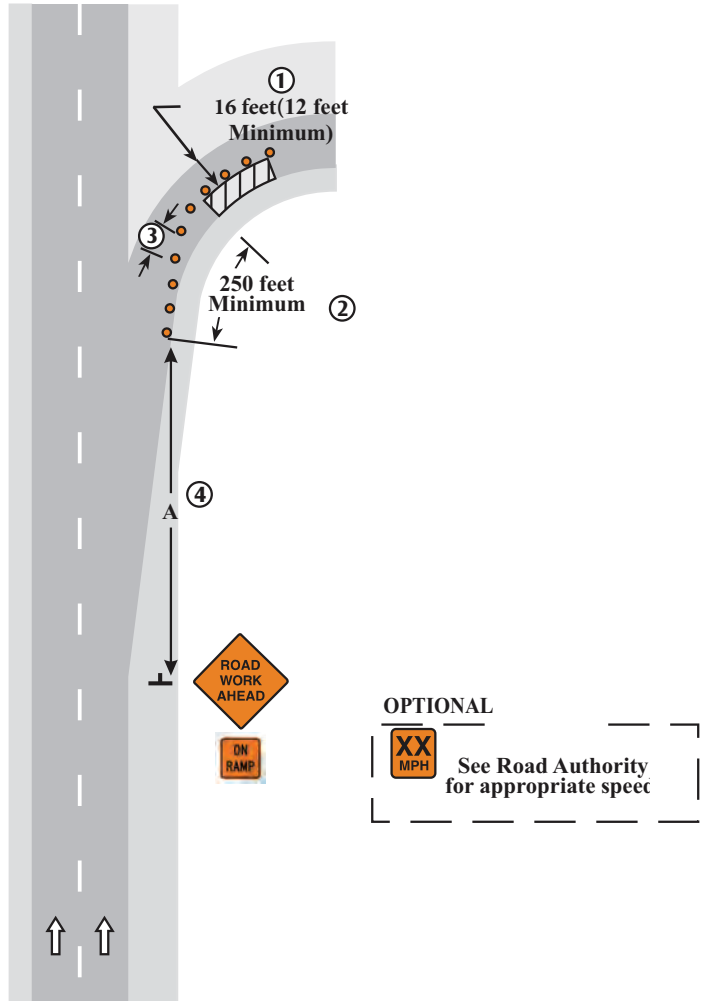
1. The advance warning sign spacing is dependent on the ramp length and the location of inplace signing. The spacing should be as long as is practical.
2. Below is the 2009 MUTCD TA-44



**MAINLINE RIGHT LANE CLOSED  
ENTRANCE RAMP OPEN**

NOTES:

1. Truck off-tracking should be considered when determining whether the 12 foot minimum lane width is adequate if not 16 feet should be used.
2. Use a minimum of a 250 foot taper.
3. For Loops use 25 foot spacing between devices.
- For Ramps use 50 foot spacing between devices.
4. The spacing for advance warning signs is dependent on the design of the interchange, and the location of in-place signing.

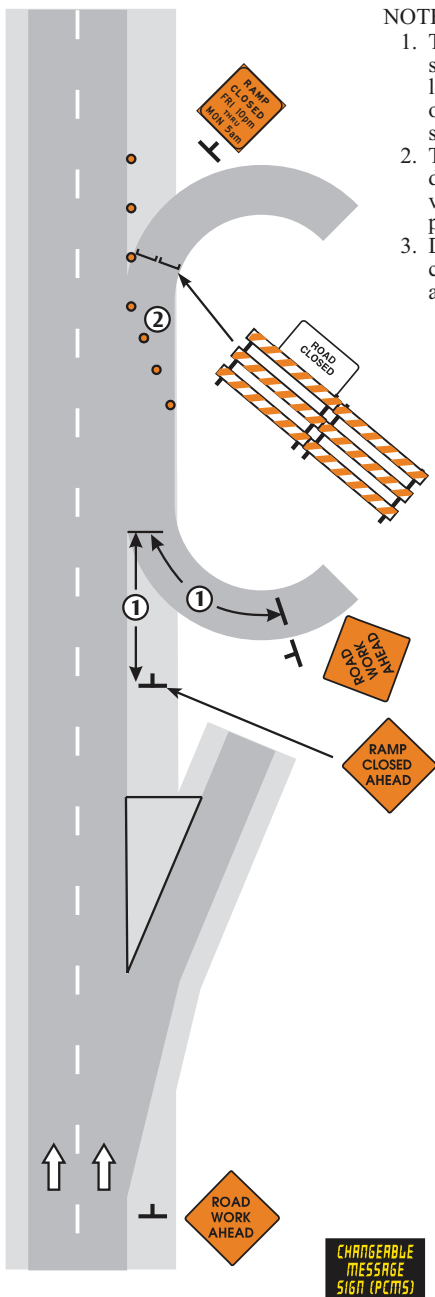


**PARTIAL RAMP CLOSURE**

3 DAYS or LESS

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LAYOUT 64



**NOTE:**

1. The spacing for advance warning signs is dependent on the ramp length and design, and the location of inplace signing. The spacing should be as long as practical.
2. The acceleration lane length is dependent on traffic speeds and volumes and should be as long as practical.
3. Detour signing should be considered if the ramp is closed for an hour or greater.

**EXIT LOOP CLOSURE**

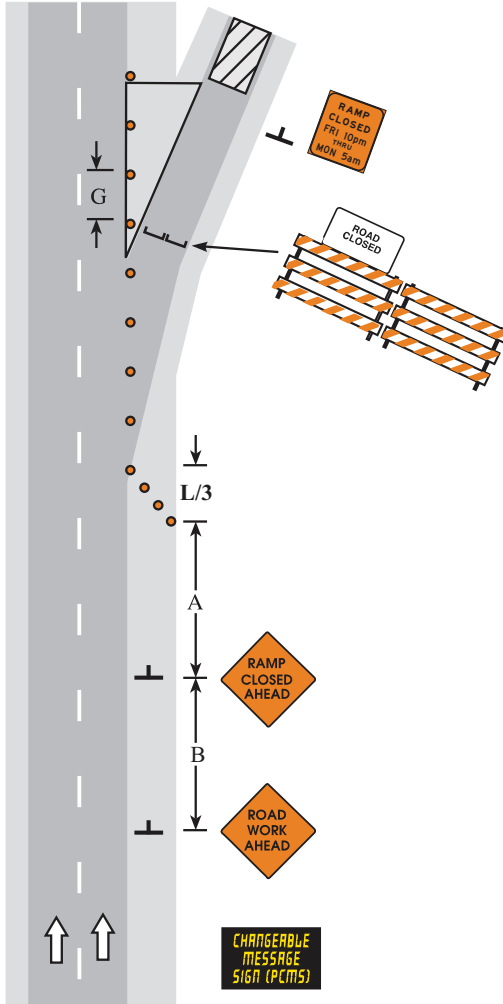
3 DAYS or LESS

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LAYOUT 65

NOTES:

1. Detour signing should be considered if the ramp is closed for an hour or greater.



### EXIT RAMP CLOSURE

3 DAYS or LESS

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LAYOUT 66

# Miscellaneous Layouts

Layouts for Continuously Moving and  
Miscellaneous Signing Operations.

Choose type of operation being performed and duration of work to find appropriate layout number to turn to.

## MISCELLANEOUS LAYOUTS

Refer to the layouts for roadway type, volume, or speed limit restrictions.

### Miscellaneous Operations

Normally, these are continuously moving operations where the equipment operators remain inside/on the work vehicle.

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### Miscellaneous Signing

These are unusual layouts that may be used to warn motorists of unexpected roadway operations.

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### Miscellaneous Closures

These are specialized layouts for closures or roadway or pedestrian facilities.

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NOTES:

1. All vehicles shall display two 360-degree yellow flashing vehicle lights or strobes.
2. The separation distance between the striper and the last shadow vehicle should be determined by the track free time of the pavement marking material.
3. Any vehicle(s) operated totally or partially in a high speed traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
4. If tracking of the wet paint is anticipated, the use of cones or stationary "Wet Paint" signs should be considered.

**FRONT FACING SIGNS**



All optional vehicles shall have the same signing as the striper.

WET PAINT



**REAR FACING SIGNS**



WET PAINT  
KEEP OFF  
LINES



OR



OR



Select appropriate message



WET PAINT  
KEEP OFF  
LINES

or



WET  
PAINT

and

KEEP  
OFF

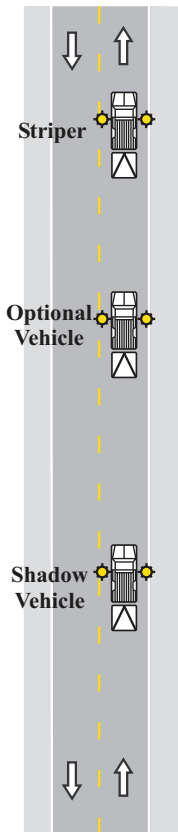
Select appropriate message



OR



OR



**STRIPING OPERATIONS  
TWO LANE TWO WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

1. All vehicles shall display two 360-degree yellow flashing vehicle lights or strobes.
2. The separation distance between the striper and the last shadow vehicle should be determined by the track free time of the pavement marking material.
3. Any vehicle(s) operated totally or partially in a high speed traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
4. If tracking of the wet paint is anticipated, the use of cones or stationary "Wet Paint" signs should be considered.

**FRONT FACING SIGNS**



All optional vehicles shall have the same signing as the striper.

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**REAR FACING SIGNS**



WET PAINT  
KEEP OFF  
LINES

WET PAINT

or

WET YELLOW

or

WET WHITE



WET PAINT  
KEEP OFF  
LINES

or



WET PAINT  
and  
PASS ON  
SHOULDER

Select appropriate message

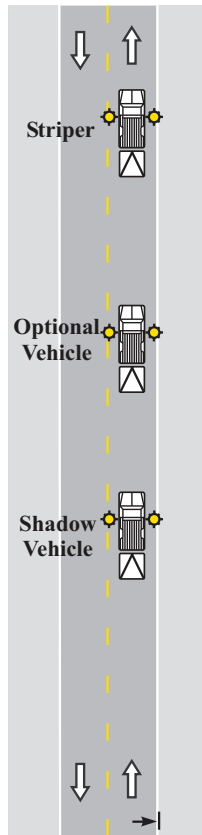
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WET YELLOW

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WET WHITE



**STRIPING OPERATIONS  
TWO LANE TWO WAY ROAD - PASSING ON SHOULDER**



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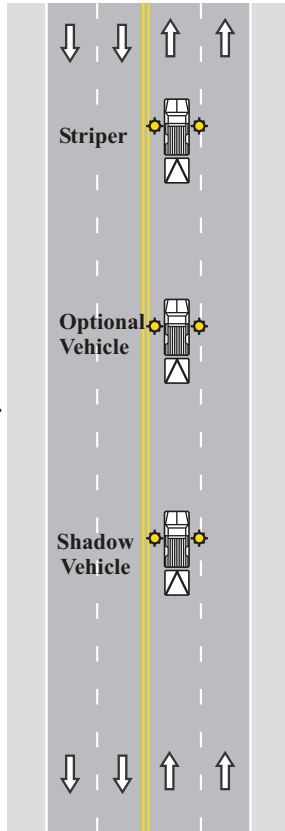
1. All vehicles shall display two 360-degree yellow flashing vehicle lights or strobes.
2. The separation distance between the striper and the last shadow vehicle should be determined by the track free time of the pavement marking material.
3. Any vehicle(s) operated totally or partially in a high speed traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
4. If tracking of the wet paint is anticipated, the use of cones or stationary "Wet Paint" signs should be considered.
5. Remove sign when operating this vehicle in the right lane.

**FRONT FACING SIGNS**



All optional vehicles shall have the same signing as the striper.

**REAR FACING SIGNS**



WET PAINT  
KEEP OFF  
LINES

WET PAINT  
OR  
WET YELLOW

Select appropriate message



WET PAINT  
KEEP OFF  
LINES

WET PAINT  
OR  
WET YELLOW

OR  
WET WHITE



LANE  
CLOSED

and  
NEXT  
1/2 MILE

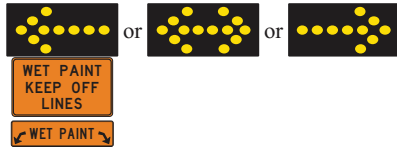
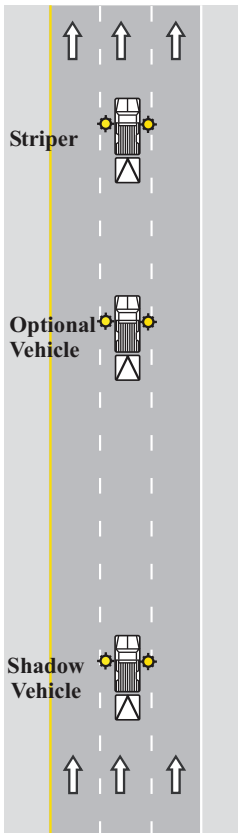
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**STRIPING OPERATIONS  
CENTERLINE - LANE LINE - EDGELINE STRIPING  
FOUR LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD**

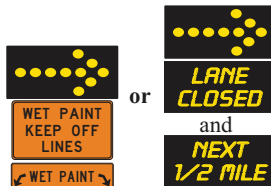
**NOTES:**

1. All vehicles shall display two 360-degree yellow flashing vehicle lights or strobes.
2. The separation distance between the striper and the last shadow vehicle should be determined by the track free time of the pavement marking material.
3. Any vehicle(s) operated totally or partially in a high speed traffic lane should be equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
4. If tracking of the wet paint is anticipated, the use of cones or stationary "Wet Paint" signs should be considered.

**REAR FACING SIGNS**



**All optional vehicles shall have the same signing as the striper.**

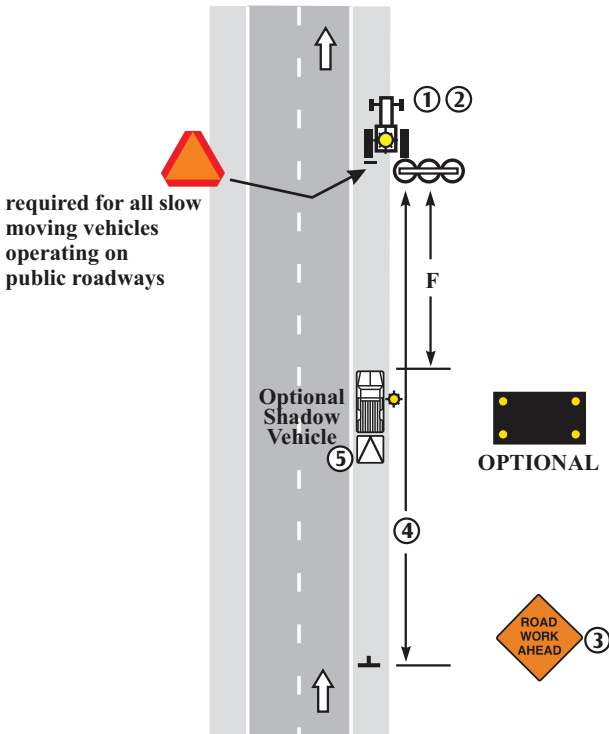


**STRIPING OPERATIONS  
LANE LINE STRIPING - CENTER LANE OPERATIONS  
MULTI-LANE DIVIDED ROAD**

NOTES:

1. The operations should be scheduled and completed during daylight work shifts and have little or no interference with traffic. The work should be suspended during periods of poor weather or visibility.
2. All vehicles shall be equipped with a flashing vehicle light visible 360-degrees around the vehicle when viewed from an distance of 60 feet.
3. The ROAD WORK AHEAD sign may be omitted when there is an adequate approach decision sight distance to the equipment along the majority of the route.
4. When advance warning signs are used, the signs should be no more than 2 miles from the work vehicle. The location of the signs should be determined by the sources of traffic, such as major cross roads.
5. On roadways where decision sight distance is restricted and the equipment must encroach into the traffic lane routinely, a shadow vehicle may be used as shown.

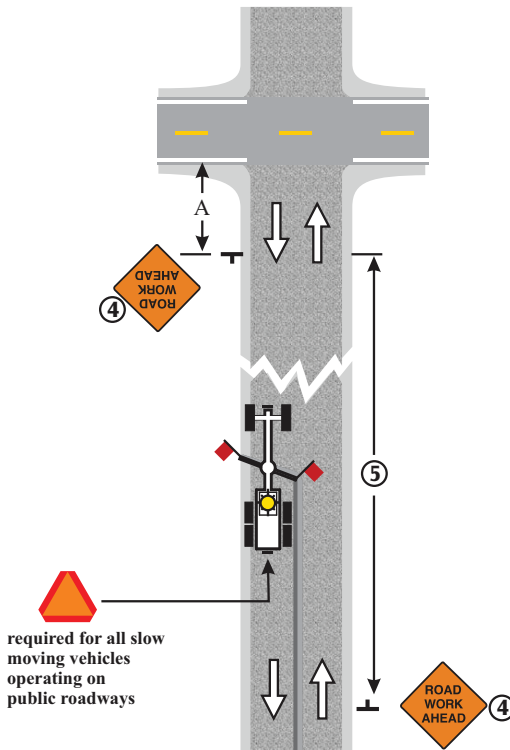
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**WORK OFF ROADWAY  
MOBILE OPERATIONS HAVING LITTLE  
OR NO INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC**

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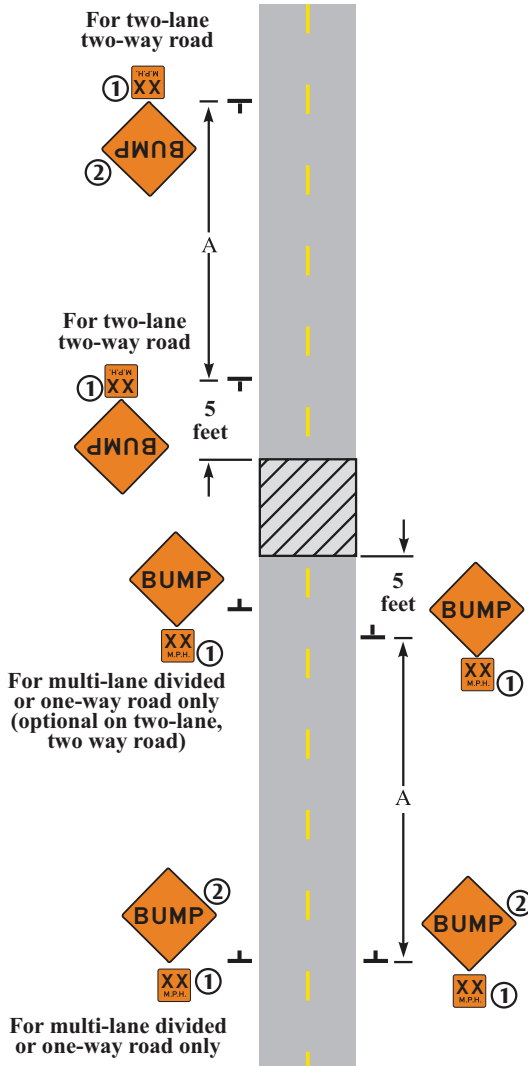
1. Grading operations should be scheduled and completed during daylight work shifts. Work should be suspended during poor weather or visibility conditions.
2. Motor Graders shall be equipped with a flashing vehicle light visible 360 degrees around the vehicle when viewed from a distance of 60 feet.
3. Motor grader blade end(s) may be marked with red or orange flags to provide additional warning and make the equipment more visible to passing vehicles.
4. The ROAD WORK AHEAD signs may be omitted when there is an adequate approach decision sight distance to the motor grader along the majority of the route.
5. When advance warning signs are used, the signs should be no more than 3 miles from the work vehicle. The location of the signs should be determined by the sources of traffic, such as major cross roads.



**GRAVEL ROAD MAINTENANCE  
GRADING OPERATIONS  
TWO LANE TWO WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

1. When used, Advisory Speed plaques shall be installed below the appropriate warnings.
2. These devices may be omitted when the posted speed limit is 40 mph or less.

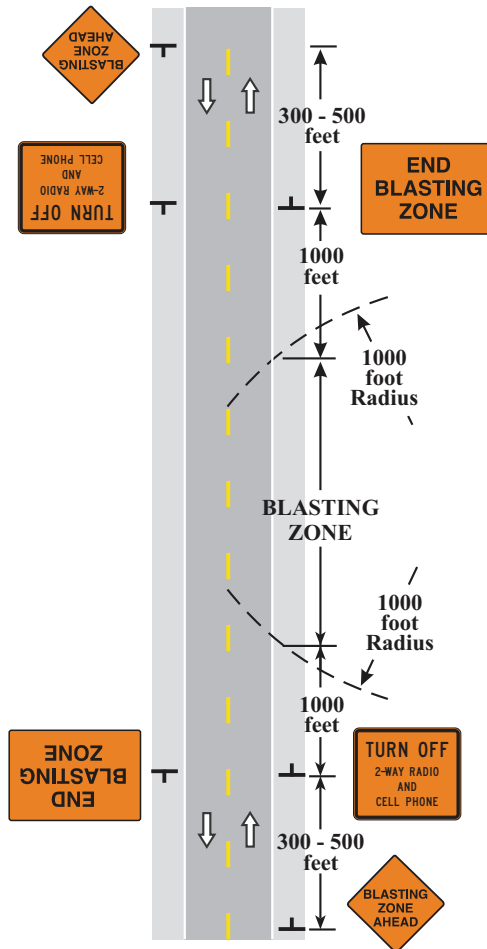


**TYPICAL BUMP SIGNING**



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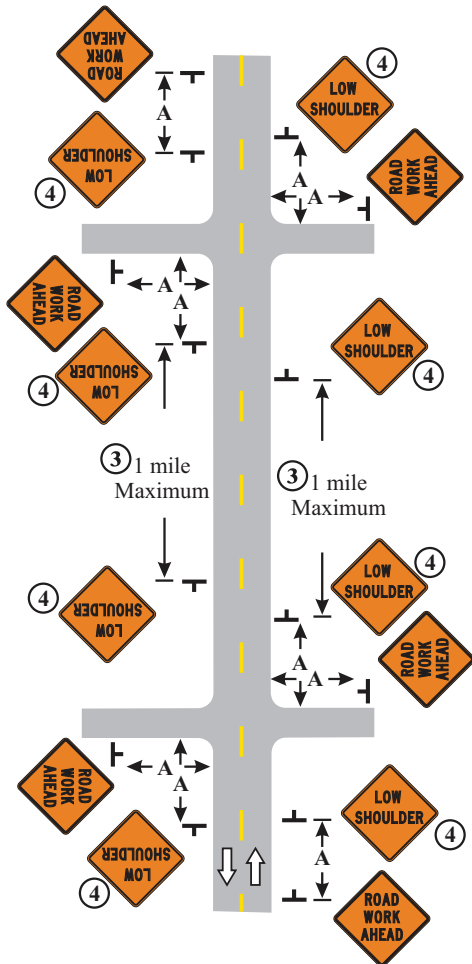
1. Whenever any blasting caps are used for blasting within 1000 feet of a roadway, the signing shown shall be used. On a divided highway, the signs should be installed on both sides of the directional roadways.
2. The signs shall be covered or removed when there are no explosives in the area or the area is otherwise secure.
3. Any intersecting road within the 1000-foot radius of the blasting area shall be signed in a similar manner.
4. Prior to blasting, the blaster in charge shall determine whether highway traffic in the blasting zone will be endangered by the blasting operation. If there is danger, highway traffic will not be permitted to pass through the blasting zone during blasting operations. See Layouts 81, 82, or 83.



**BLASTING ZONE**

NOTES:

1. This layout should be used for those stationary temporary traffic control zones that extend over a relatively long segment of roadway.
2. The appropriate layout shall be used for the active work space (such as area of paving, etc).
3. Confirmation signing for a continuous condition should be placed at approximately 1 mile spacing.
4. Use the appropriate advance warning sign for the roadway condition, i.e. GROOVED PAVEMENT, LOOSE GRAVEL, ROUGH ROAD, STEEL PLATE AHEAD.  
A Motorcycle plaque may be installed below the appropriate advance warning sign if the warning is directed primarily to motorcyclists.

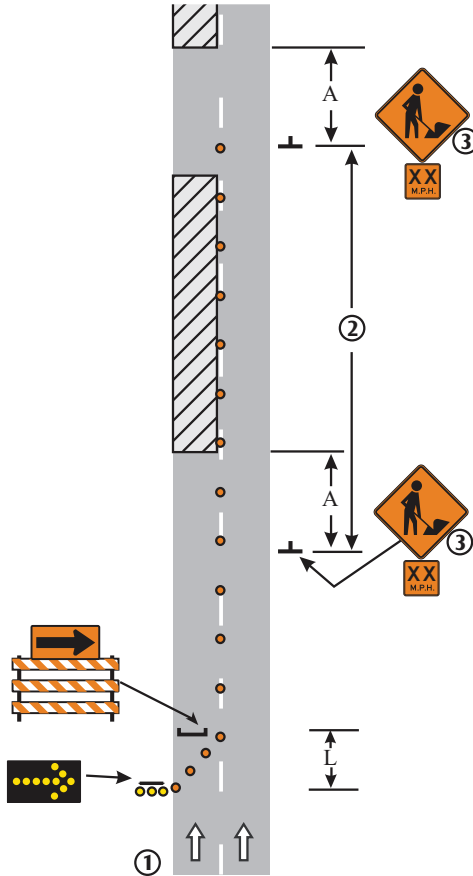


**CROSSROAD & CONFIRMATION SIGNING  
TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE**



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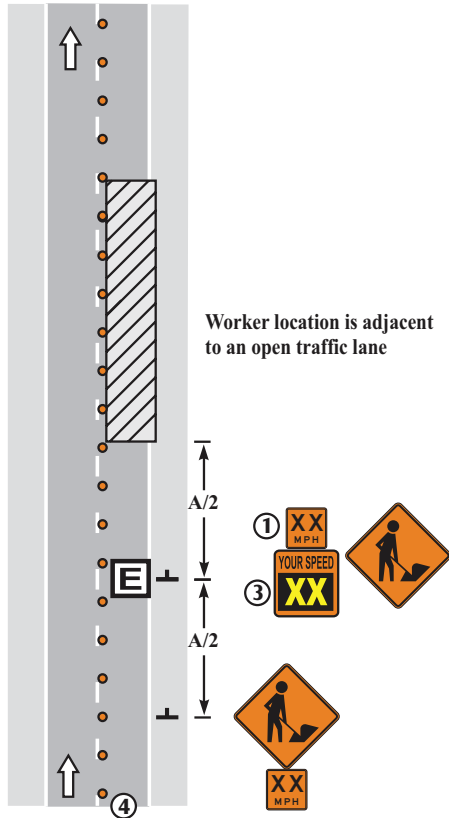
1. Use the appropriate layout for channelizing, advance signing, and spacing.
2. In long work zones, this sign assembly may be repeated before each worker area. When used, it shall be installed less than one mile in advance of the workers.
3. If used, an Advisory Speed Limit plaque shall be installed beneath the Worker Ahead symbol sign or the appropriate advance warning sign(s).
4. The advisory speed value shall not be higher than any in-place regulatory speed limit.
5. An advance warning sign with an Advisory Speed Limit plaque should not be placed near a regulatory speed sign.
6. See “*Work Zone Speed Limit Guidelines*” for more information on work zone speed limits.



**ADVISORY SPEED LIMIT  
MULTI-LANE ROAD**

NOTES:

1. The advisory speed plaque and appropriate warning sign should be located near the Dynamic Speed Display (DSD) (also known as "YOUR SPEED") sign, but may be up to a maximum of 100 feet ahead if found necessary.
2. The advisory speed plaque shall be removed when workers are not present, and the DSD sign should be removed, disabled, or re-programmed for the posted speed limit.
3. If the DSD sign is used with a regulatory speed limit (black on white sign), then the "YOUR SPEED" sign on the DSD device shall also be black legend on a white background.
4. TTC devices required to closed the traffic lane have not been shown.
5. Refer to the *"Work Zone Speed Limit Guidelines"* for additional guidance on setting Advisory Speed Limits and optimum layout distances.



**DYNAMIC SPEED DISPLAY SIGN  
(YOUR SPEED SIGN)**

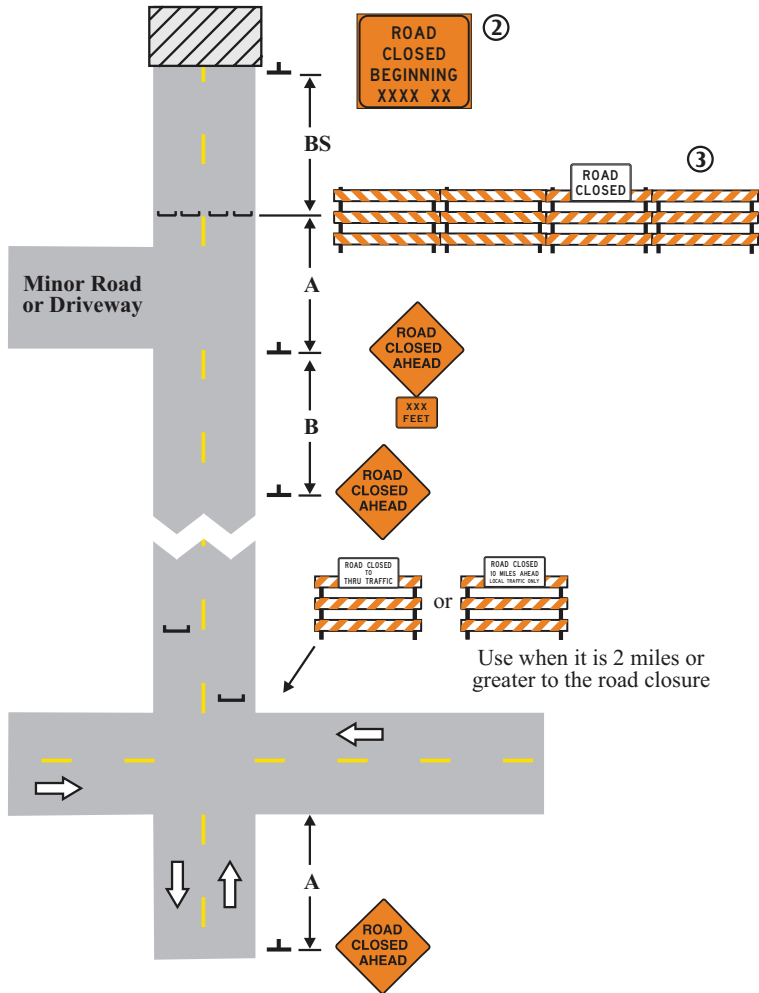
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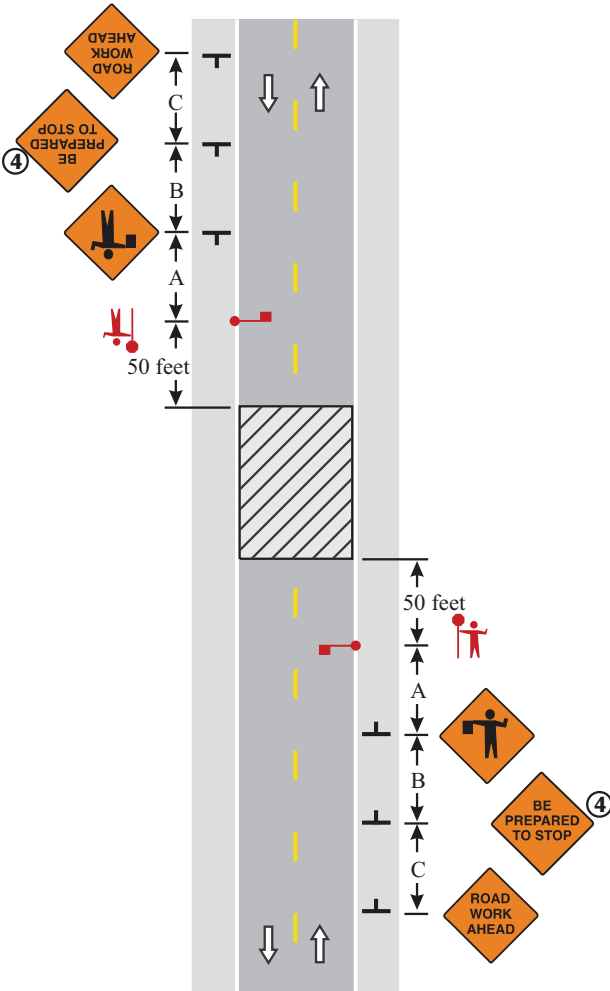
1. The Road Authority will determine if a detour is required and specify the detour route.
2. Road Closure Notice sign should be installed seven days in advance of the closure.
3. Install at the last driveway or intersection beyond which there is no public access.



**ROAD CLOSURE**

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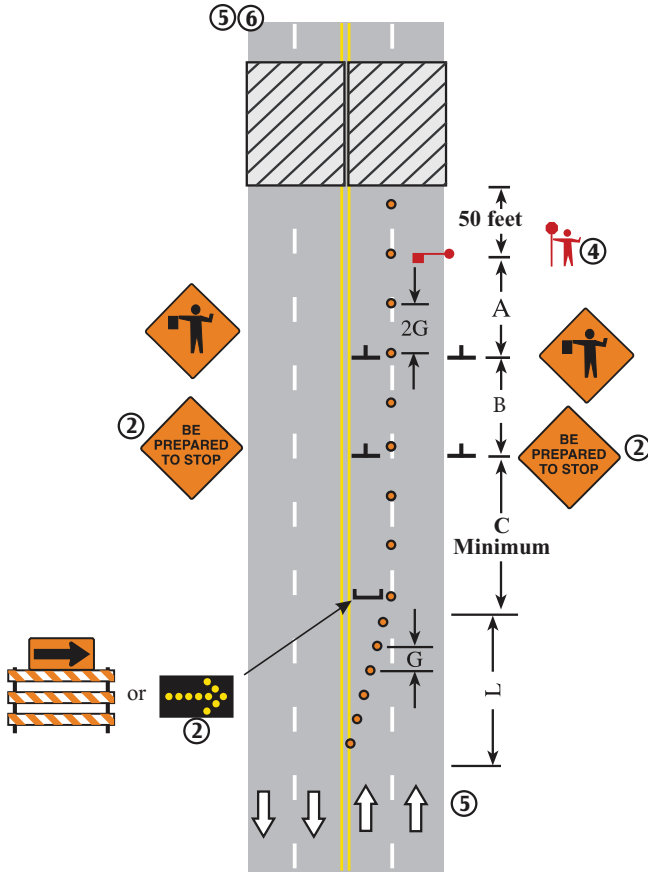
1. The traffic from both lanes should not be stopped for more than 15 minutes.
2. Conditions represented are for work during daytime hours only.
3. For night closures, the following should be used:
  - a. Law enforcement officers with squad car for flaggers.
  - b. A changeable message sign in each direction.
4. The BE PREPARED TO STOP sign may be omitted when the posted speed limit is 40 mph or less.



**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE  
TWO LANE TWO WAY ROAD**

NOTES:

1. The traffic from both lanes should not be stopped for more than 15 minutes.
2. The BE PREPARED TO STOP sign and the flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.
3. For roads with 3 or more lanes of traffic in one direction, use the appropriate stationary layout.
4. A law enforcement officer with squad car shall be used instead of a flagger during night operations.
5. Advance traffic control devices for a left lane closure shall be as shown in Layouts 34 or 35.
6. The advance warning sign sequence is shown for one way direction only. The other direction shall be identical.

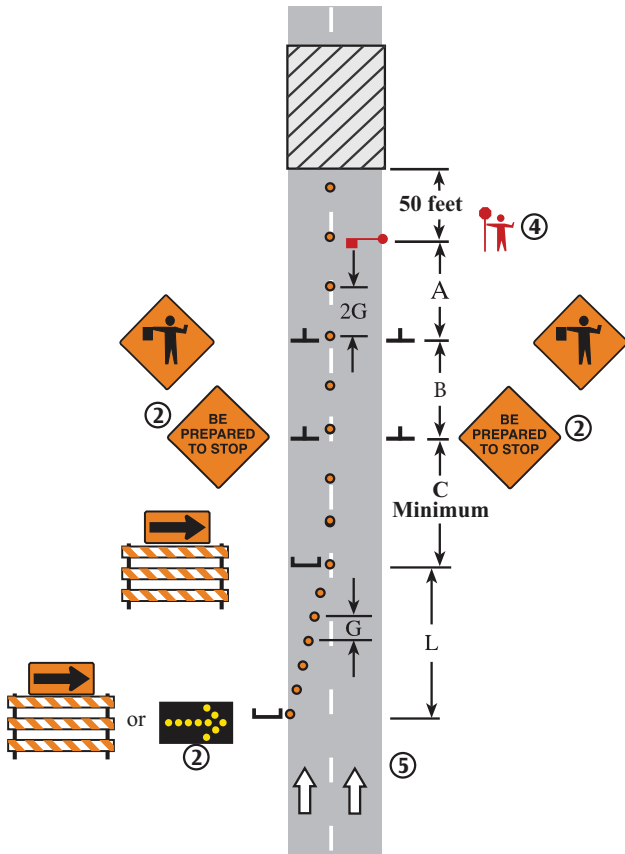


**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE  
MULTI-LANE UNDIVIDED ROAD**



NOTES:

1. The traffic from both lanes should not be stopped for more than 15 minutes.
2. The BE PREPARED TO STOP sign and the flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.
3. For roads with 3 or more lanes of traffic in one direction, use the appropriate stationary layout.
4. A law enforcement officer with squad car shall be used instead of a flagger during night operations.
5. Advance traffic control devices for a left lane closure shall be as shown in Layout 52.

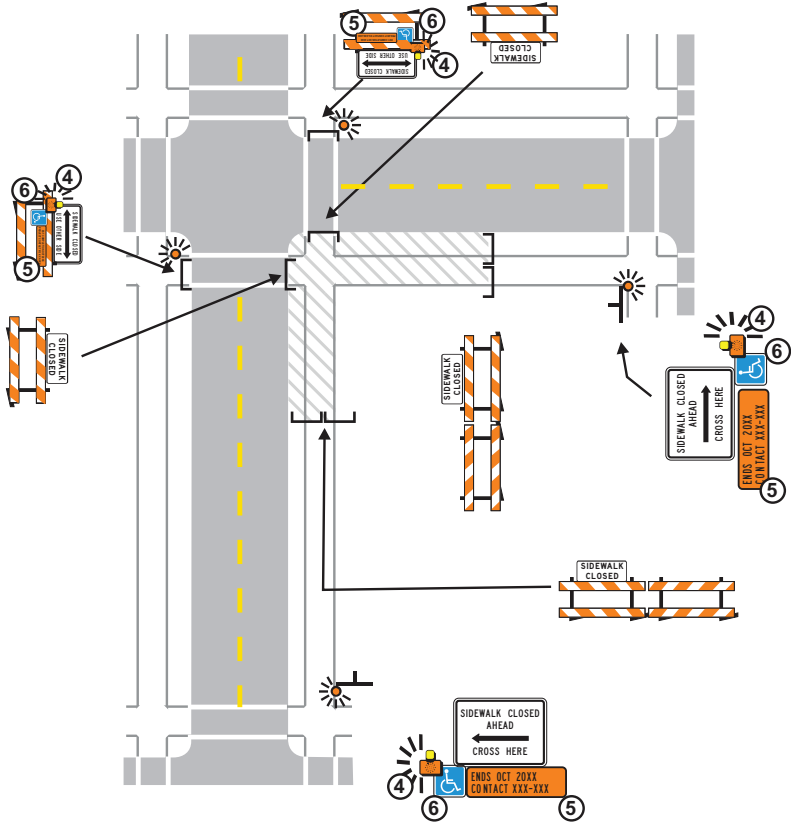


**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE  
MULTI-LANE DIVIDED ROAD**

NOTES:

1. When crosswalks, sidewalks or other pedestrian facilities are blocked, closed or relocated, temporary facilities shall include accessibility features consistent with the features present in the existing pedestrian facility.
2. The examples show only key typical dimensions. Refer to the MUTCD for standards, guidance and options when blocking, closing, or relocating pedestrian facilities.
3. Only traffic control devices controlling pedestrian flows are shown. Other devices may be needed to control traffic on the streets.
4. An approved audible message device or tactile message should be provided for sight-impaired pedestrians. When used, a message device should provide a complete physical description of the temporary pedestrian detour including duration, length of (and/or distance to) the by-pass, any restrictions or hazards and project information as listed in note 5 below. The number and location of devices should be determined for each project prior to starting work. Devices may be placed prior to sidewalk work to warn regular users of the planned work.
5. Typical sign message for a temporary pedestrian detour should include information such as the duration of the walkway restrictions (beginning and/or end dates) and a project contact number for 24/7 questions or reporting hazards.
6. The International Symbol of Accessibility should be displayed when any walkway through a work zone has been determined to be MUTCD compliant. The Symbol of Accessibility shall not be displayed if persons with disabilities should not use the primary temporary pedestrian detour. The reason for the non-compliance should be posted and an alternate route should be posted when the primary temporary pedestrian detour is non-compliant to MUTCD standards.
7. Conditions that are beyond recommended standards should be documented. A walkway is non-compliant if it is missing key ADA elements such as curb ramp(s), truncated domes, and detectable edging. Other restrictions or hazards may include insufficient width or pinch-point widths, traffic conflicts, steep grades, non-continuous railings, tripping hazards, or uneven/rough/soft surface conditions, etc.
8. Pedestrian traffic signal displays controlling closed crosswalks shall be covered.
9. Pedestrian detour trailblazing signs should be used if the pedestrian detour is located someplace other than across the street from the sidewalk closure.

**CROSSWALK CLOSURES AND PEDESTRIAN DETOURS**  
**LAYOUT 84a**



## CROSSWALK CLOSURES AND PEDESTRIAN DETOURS LAYOUT 84b

3 DAYS or LESS

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LAYOUT 84a & b

NOTES:

1. When crosswalks, sidewalks or other pedestrian facilities are blocked, closed or relocated, temporary facilities shall include accessibility features consistent with the features present in the existing pedestrian facility.
2. The examples show only key typical dimensions. Refer to the MUTCD for standards, guidance and options when blocking, closing, or relocating pedestrian facilities.
3. Where high speeds and/or high traffic volumes are anticipated, barrier should be used to separate the temporary pedestrian walkway from vehicular traffic. When used, barriers shall be installed as detailed in the TN MUTCD Part 6F.
4. Only traffic control devices controlling pedestrian flows are shown. Other devices may be needed to control traffic on the streets.
5. When both sides of a temporary pedestrian bypass require channelizing devices, then the devices should be a similar type (railing system, barricade, or fencing system), excluding when a barrier (such as concrete barrier) is used to protect pedestrians from an open traffic lane.
6. An approved audible message device or tactile message should be provided for sight-impaired pedestrians. When used, a message device should provide a complete physical description of the temporary pedestrian by-pass including duration, length of (and/or distance to) the bypass, any restrictions or hazards and project information as listed in note 7 below. The message device(s) may also describe an alternate route. The number and location of devices should be determined for each project prior to starting work. Devices may be placed prior to sidewalk work to warn regular users of the planned work.
7. Typical sign message for a temporary pedestrian bypass should include information such as the duration of the walkway restrictions (beginning and/or end dates) and a project contact number for 24/7 questions or reporting hazards.
8. The International Symbol of Accessibility should be displayed when any walkway through a work zone has been determined to be MUTCD compliant. The Symbol of Accessibility shall not be displayed if persons with disabilities should not enter the temporary pedestrian by-pass. An alternate route should be posted when the temporary pedestrian bypass is non-complaint to MUTCD standards.
9. Conditions that are beyond recommended standards should be documented. A walkway is non-compliant if it is missing key ADA elements such as curb ramp(s), truncated domes, and detectable edging. Other restrictions or hazards may include insufficient width or pinch-point widths, traffic conflicts, steep grades, non-continuous railings, tripping hazards, or uneven/rough/soft surface conditions, etc.
10. When a sidewalk is closed but workers are present who will provide assistance or directions to pedestrians, then the devices as shown are not required.

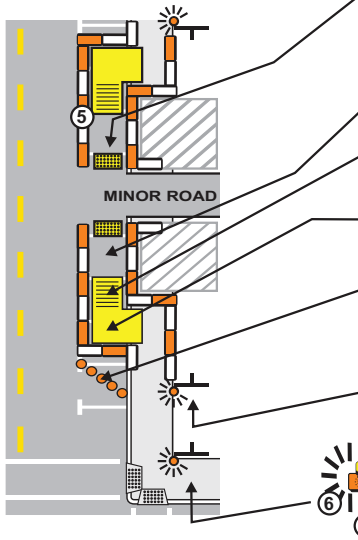
**SIDEWALK BY-PASS  
LAYOUT 85a**

3 DAYS or LESS

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LAYOUT 85a & b

## LOW-SPEED ROADWAY



Temporary truncated domes, optional based upon usage of cross-street

Width of 60 inches is preferred. If width is 48 inches, then at least one 60 x 60 inch passing space is required for every 200 feet of length.

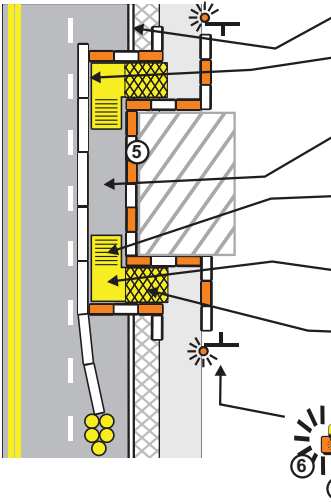
Temporary curb ramp providing 12:1 (8%) slope or flatter and non-slip treatment added

Ramp landing area providing 48 x 48 inch minimum area and 2% or flatter cross-slope

5 device taper 25 feet long (1 stall), recommended when the closed area was used as an intermittent traffic lane or bypass lane.

Additional audible message devices may be needed for route information

## HIGH-SPEED ROADWAY or LOW-SPEED MULTI-LANE



Curb & gutter or other transition between roadway and sidewalk

A barrier with taper and attenuation (length as required)

Width of 60 inches is preferred. If width is 48 inches, then at least one 60 x 60 inch passing space is required for every 200 feet of length.

Temporary curb ramp providing 12:1 (8%) slope or flatter and non-slip treatment added

Ramp landing area providing a 48 x 48 inch minimum area and 2% or flatter cross-slope

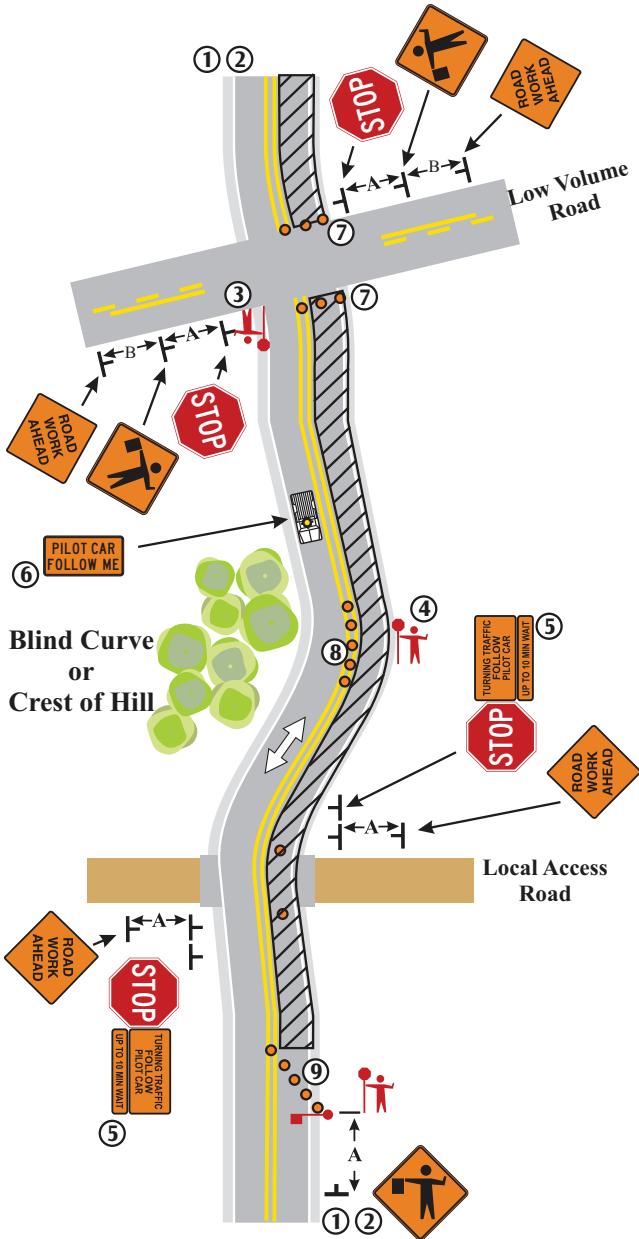
Temporary walkway surface covering rough, soft or uneven ground or hazards

## SIDEWALK BY-PASS LAYOUT 85b

NOTE:

1. Approach signs are the same in both directions.
2. Full flagging station signing and pilot car turn-around areas shall be located at both ends of the work area.
3. When a flagger is positioned at a low volume intersection, they:
  - shall have 2-way radio communications with the pilot car; and
  - may need additional flaggers to direct traffic when the crossroad consistently has multiple vehicles per direction waiting each pilot car cycle.
4. A flagger may be placed at a blind curve, crest of a hill or other site obstruction where traffic might enter from other driveways or entrances to warn the pilot car that there may be oncoming traffic.  
When used, the flagger:
  - shall be located to clearly see traffic from both directions;
  - shall not be positioned in the open traffic lane;
  - shall have 2-way radio communications with the pilot car;
  - shall have a flagger paddle; and
  - should have a means to warn an errant driver such as a air horn.
5. This sign may be used in work areas where pilot car brochures have been distributed to the local residents and businesses.
6. This sign shall be mounted on the pilot car.
7. Channelizers shall be placed near intersections and flagging stations.
8. Channelizers are optional with pilot car operations.
9. The two-way taper should be 50 feet using 5 equally spaced channelizing devices.
10. Advance traffic control for pilot operations shall be as shown in layout 6k-17

**FLAGGING CROSSROADS AND BLIND CURVES  
PILOT CAR OPERATIONS  
LAYOUT 86a**



**FLAGGING CROSSROAD AND BLIND CURVES  
PILOT CAR OPERATIONS  
LAYOUT 86b**

3 DAYS or LESS

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LAYOUT 86a & b

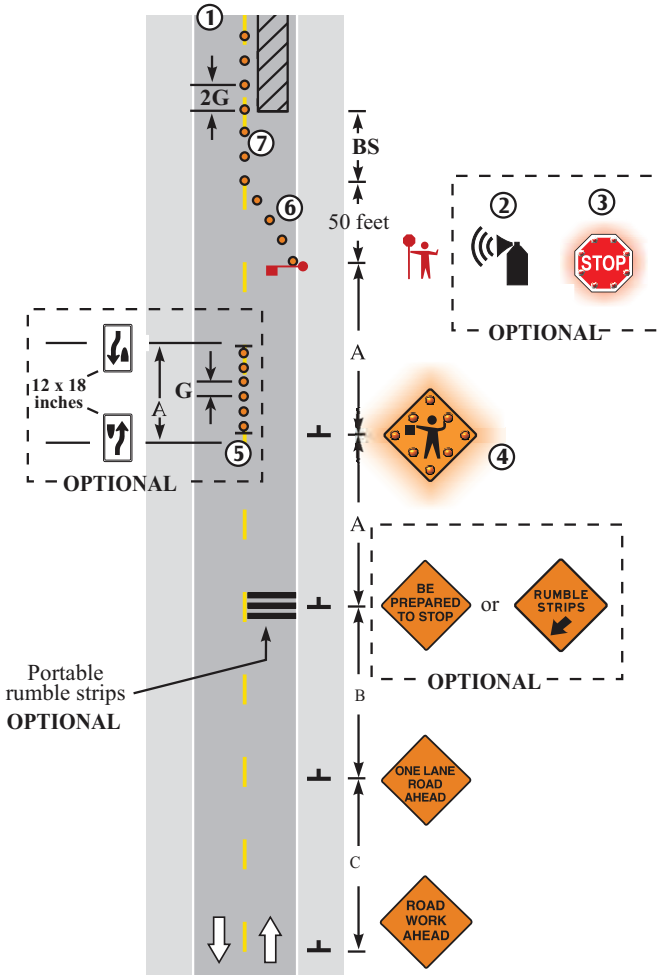
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NOTE:

1. Approach signs are the same in both directions.
2. The flagger may be equipped with an airhorn.
3. The STOP/SLOW paddle may have flashing conspicuity lights on the signs.
4. The Flagger Ahead sign may have flashing conspicuity lights on it.
5. Type A channelizing devices such as weighted channelizers, cones, tubular markers, or centerline delineators.
6. The two-way taper should be 50 feet using 5 equally spaced channelizing devices.
7. The centerline channelizers are optional with pilot car operations.
8. The portable rumble strips shall be spaced according to the manufacturer's recommendations or typical 4 foot on center.



**FLAGGING STATION OPTIONS  
TWO-LANE TWO-WAY ROAD**

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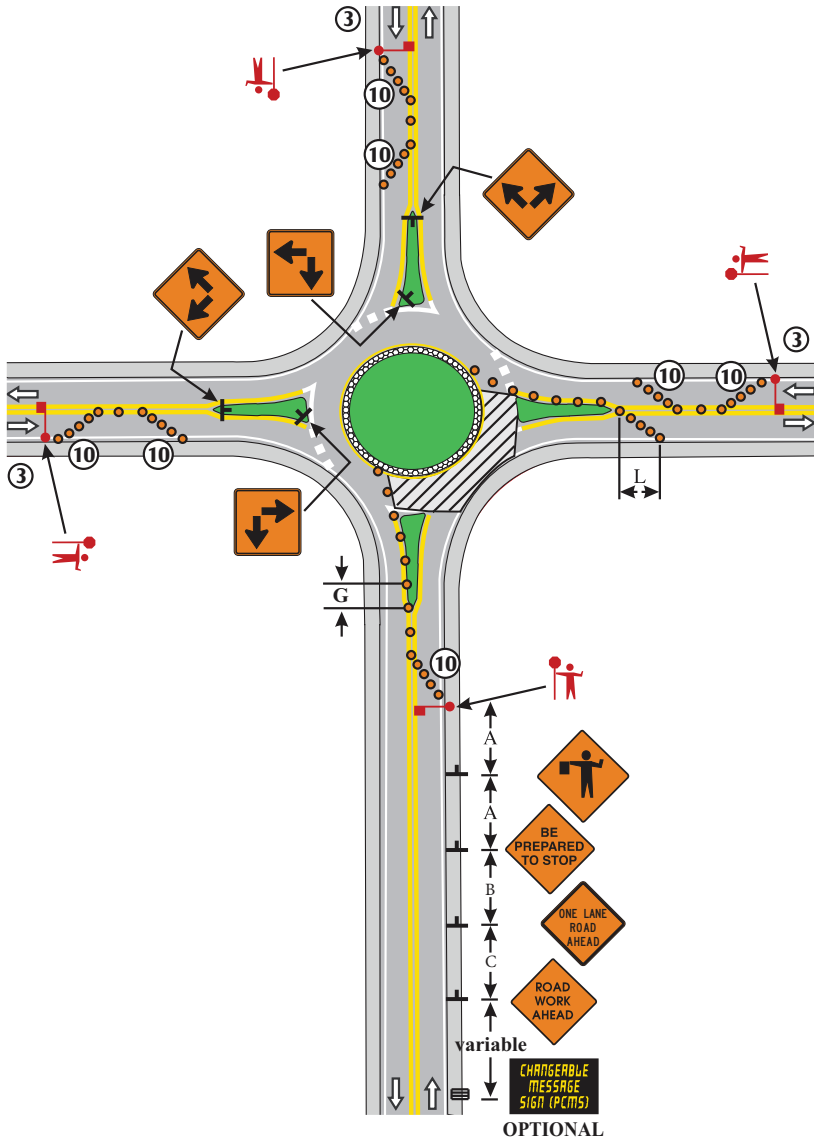
1. Each roundabout is unique and the traffic control shall be developed to meet the specific conditions of the location and the work operation.  
A detour could better serve traffic movement and shall be considered as an alternative to the flagger operation.
2. Flagging operations may not be necessary when working on the shoulders or in the island of the roundabout. If a driving lane(s) width of at least 10 feet (or more) can be maintained while shoulder work on an approach is being conducted, the driving lane(s) may remain open to traffic.
3. Approach signs are the same in all directions.
4. Flaggers shall control traffic flow on all approaches of the one-lane roundabout.
5. A lead flagger shall be designated and radio communication shall be used by the flaggers.
6. Only one approach of traffic shall be released at a time.
7. At night, flagger stations shall be illuminated. Street lights and vehicle headlights shall not be used to illuminate the flagger station.
8. Type B channelizers may be used.
9. A PCMS sign should be considered as part of this operation to provide clear guidance to motorists on all approaches of the roundabout, especially approaches that must reverse traffic flow.
10. The two-way taper should be 50 feet using 5 equally spaced channelizing devices.

**LANE CLOSURE IN ROUNDABOUT  
SINGLE LANE ROUNDABOUT  
LAYOUT 88a**

3 DAYS or LESS

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LAYOUT 88a & b



**LANE CLOSURE IN ROUNDABOUT**  
**SINGLE LANE ROUNDABOUT**  
**LAYOUT 88b**

3 DAYS or LESS

LAYOUT 88a & b

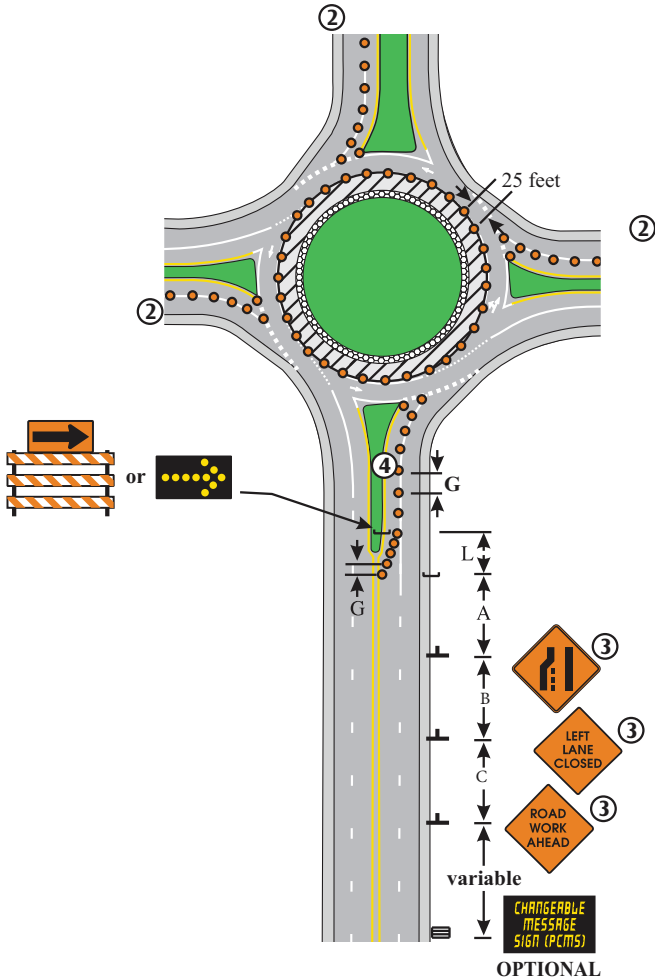
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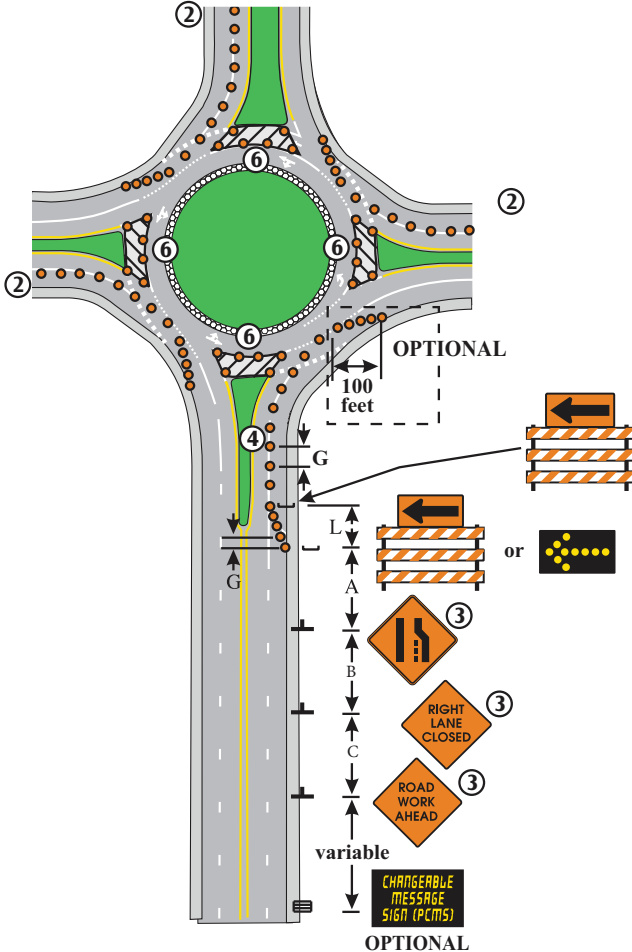
1. Each roundabout is unique and the traffic control shall be developed to meet the specific conditions of the location and the work operation.  
A detour could better serve traffic movement and shall be considered as an alternative to the flagger operation.
2. Approach signs are the same in all directions.
3. On divided highways having a median wider than 8 feet, right and left sign assemblies shall be required.
4. Type B channelizers may be used.
5. The flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.



**LEFT LANE CLOSURE IN ROUNDABOUT  
TWO LANE ROUNDABOUT**

NOTES:

1. Each roundabout is unique and the traffic control shall be developed to meet the specific conditions of the location and the work operation. A detour could better serve traffic movement and shall be considered as an alternative to the flagger operation.
2. Approach signs and devices are the same in all directions.
3. On divided highways having a median wider than 8 feet, right and left sign assemblies shall be required.
4. Type B channelizers may be used.
5. The flashing arrow board shall be used when the posted speed limit is 45 mph or greater.
6. The distance between channelizing devices should be 10 feet or adjusted for local conditions.



**RIGHT LANE CLOSURE IN ROUNDABOUT  
TWO LANE ROUNDABOUT**

# Quality Standards

Methods to determine whether the various traffic control devices are Acceptable, Marginal, or Unacceptable.

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## INTRODUCTION

Traffic controls are a necessary part of a Temporary Traffic Control Zone to warn motorists of hazards, advise them of the proper path through the zone, delineate areas where they may not operate, and to separate them from the workers. This is accomplished by the deployment of a system of devices. The success of this system depends on the visibility of each device at the time of a project's initial installation as well as throughout the life of the project. Since it is not practical to require new devices at all times, standards are needed to evaluate the condition of the devices to assure their continued effectiveness. The standards in this publication should aid in the determination of the quality of temporary traffic control devices.

The use of temporary traffic control zone devices subjects them to wear which does not occur with permanent devices. Although errant vehicles cause much of the damage to the devices, they also deteriorate in appearance from wear occurred during their storage, shipment, installation, relocation, and removal. Whenever a high number of these worn and damaged devices appear on the same project, the general appearance of the Temporary Traffic Control Zone deteriorates, reducing the level of safety provided to the workers, pedestrians, and traveling public.

These standards have been developed in an effort to offset the deterioration in the appearance of Temporary Traffic Control Zone devices. A determination of the condition of device quality should be made at several stages: while in storage, during preparation for delivery to the Temporary Traffic Control Zone, during initial set up and periodically during the course of the work. Suppliers and contractors are encouraged to apply this standard prior to delivery of devices to the jobsite. Doing so will minimize agency involvement and reduce costs related to on-site replacement.

These standards are intended to address the day-to-day operations of traffic control within a Temporary Traffic Control Zone and are not meant to cover the needs of emergency situations.

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## QUALITY CLASSIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

The quality of the Temporary Traffic Control Zone devices in this standard has been divided into three classifications: acceptable, marginal, and unacceptable. Acceptable devices meet the all MUTCD requirements such as design, size, color, weight, etc., and are properly placed as specified, and clearly perform their intended function. The term "Marginal" for the purpose of this manual means "marginally acceptable", reaching the lower end of acceptability. Devices that fall into the "unacceptable" classification shall not be delivered to the jobsite.

The required minimum percentage of acceptable devices has been established for each type of device and varies upon the duration of the Temporary Traffic Control Zone.

### Intermediate and Long Term Duration

Within each Temporary Traffic Control Zone that is planned to remain in place for more than twelve (12) hours, the following requirements shall be followed:

- At the time of the initial set up or at the time of major stage changes, one hundred percent (100%) of each type of device (channelizers, barricades, signs, warning lights, arrow panels, portable changeable message signs, pavement tape and raised pavement markers) shall be classified as "acceptable".
- Throughout the duration of the project, the number of acceptable devices may decrease to seventy-five percent (75%) of the initial quantity of each particular device, as a result of damage and/or deterioration during the course of the work with the remainder of the devices in the "marginal" category.
- Devices in the marginal category may remain in the Temporary Traffic Control Zone until their total number exceeds the twenty-five percent (25%) maximum for that type of device, which is considered an "unacceptable" situation. Should the percentage of devices in the marginal category exceed twenty-five percent (25%), all marginal devices shall be replaced so as to bring the group of devices back up to acceptable standards.
- All devices categorized as unacceptable shall be replaced within twelve (12) hours of notification.
- Missing or knocked down devices should be replaced or re-set in a timely manner.

### **Short Term Duration**

Within Temporary Traffic Control Zones that are planned to be in place for less than twelve (12) hours, the following requirements may be followed:

- At the time of the initial set up, one hundred percent (100%) of all TTC devices except channelizing devices and barricades shall be classified as "acceptable". During the short term duration of the project, the intermediate and long term duration standards shall be maintained for these devices.
- At the time of the initial set up, a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of each type of channelizer and barricade shall be classified as "acceptable". Up to a maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) of these devices may be classified as "marginal". "Unacceptable" devices shall not be installed.
- During the short term duration of the project, the number of marginal devices may increase beyond the twenty-five percent (25%) of the initial quantity, as a result of damage and/or deterioration during the course of the work.
- Missing or knocked down devices should be replaced or re-set in a timely manner.

The following descriptions, together with the accompanying photographs, should be used to determine if the device is acceptable, marginal or unacceptable.

## EVALUATION GUIDE: WARNING SIGNS

### Acceptable

To be considered acceptable, a sign shall meet all of the following conditions:

- There may be several abrasions on the surface, but very little loss of lettering.
- There has been no touchup of the lettering.
- This message is legible both day and night.
- All signs shall be perpendicular to the roadway and plumb and may be placed on a side slope no more than 3 inches out-of-plumb for the entire height of the assembly.
- The back side is free of any reflective materials except small logos or identification markings and have a bare surface or be painted a uniform color as approved by the local road authority.
- The sign is in place at the specified spacing and properly aligned to traffic.
- The sign support structure has been installed according to the approved crashworthy requirements.

Examples of "Acceptable" warning signs



## EVALUATION GUIDE: WARNING SIGNS

### Marginal

The sign is considered marginal, if it meets either of the following conditions:

- There are many surface abrasions throughout the sign face, and only a few are within the individual letters of the message.
- Some color fading may be evident, but the background color and retro-reflectivity are still apparent at night.

Examples of "Marginal" warning signs



## EVALUATION GUIDE: WARNING SIGNS

### Unacceptable

A sign is considered unacceptable if it meets any of the following conditions:

- Asphalt splatter, cement slurry, other residue, or abrasions that are evident on the face of the sign.
- Portions of letters are missing such that they become confusing to identify.
- The message is illegible.
- There is noticeable color fading or loss of retroreflectivity at night.
- Sign face is not perpendicular to the roadway.
- Signs on post-mounted structures are installed more than 3 inches out-of-plumb for the entire height of the assembly.
- Signs on portable structures are more than 3 inches per foot out-of-plumb for the entire height of the assembly.
- Signs are damaged or defaced in a way that they no longer have the same shape as a new sign.

Examples of "Unacceptable" warning signs



## EVALUATION GUIDE: TYPE A & B CHANNELIZING DEVICES

### Acceptable

To be considered acceptable, a channelizing device shall meet all of the following conditions:

- The devices' shape should remain clearly identifiable with no significant distortion and shall be free standing in its normal position.
- Surface is free of punctures and abrasions.
- Surface is free of asphalt splatter, cement slurry, or other material and will readily respond to washing.
- The reflective bands have little or no loss of retroreflectivity, with only minor tears and scratches.
- Any dents do not seriously reduce the retroreflectivity of the sheeting



### Marginal

The channelizing device is considered marginal, if it meets any of the following conditions:

- The surface has some asphalt splattering or cement slurry and may not be readily cleaned due to abrasions and discoloration.
- The reflective bands have numerous tears and scratches; but have no large areas of residue or missing reflective material.
- Any dents do not reduce the strength of the device.





## EVALUATION GUIDE: TYPE A & B CHANNELIZING DEVICES

### Unacceptable

A channelizing device is considered unacceptable if it meets any of the following conditions:

- Punctures and large areas of staining asphalt splatter or cement slurry that cannot be cleaned due to abrasions or discoloration.
- There is noticeable fading of the device's color.
- Large areas of missing or stained reflective material.
- Substantial deformation of a device, which reduces the original dimensions, or the device has lost the intended shape.
- Several dents or fractures that affect their stability or ability to retain the reflective sheeting.



## EVALUATION GUIDE: TYPE I, II OR III BARRICADE PANELS OR VERTICAL PANELS

### Acceptable

To be acceptable, the panel shall meet all of the following conditions:

- Panels are not deformed to an extent so as to decrease the panels target value.
- There may be several abrasions on the surface but very little loss of reflective sheeting.
- The orange is vivid and the stripes provide contrast.
- The Type III barricade has been fabricated according to the approved crashworthy requirements.



### Marginal

The panel is considered marginal, if it meets any of the following conditions:

- There are numerous surface abrasions through the panel surface.
- Some color fading is evident; however, it has no large areas of residue or missing reflective material.



### Unacceptable

A panel is considered unacceptable if it meets any of the following conditions:

- The surface is marred over a high percentage of the panel area.
- There is a noticeable loss of retroreflectivity and obvious color fading.
- Panels with asphalt splatter, cement slurry, and/or other residue or any combination of missing and covered reflective material.
- Barricades have bent or twisted legs, or deformation of the support assembly to the extent that the barricade panel is not reasonably parallel to the roadway surface.



## EVALUATION GUIDE: WARNING LIGHTS

### Acceptable

To be acceptable, the warning lights shall meet all of the following conditions:

- One hundred percent (100%) of all warning lights shall be operating properly and have the correct alignment. Any light not operating properly or out of alignment should be reset or replaced in a timely manner.
- Type A Low-Intensity Flashing warning lights and Type C Steady-Burn warning lights shall be maintained so as to be capable of being visible on a clear night from a distance of 3000 feet.
- Type B High-Intensity Flashing warning lights shall be maintained so as to be capable of being visible on a sunny day when viewed without the sun directly on or behind the device from a distance of 1000 feet.
- Warning lights shall have a minimum mounting height of 30 inches to the bottom of the lens.

### Marginal

The warning light is marginal, when it meets any of the following conditions:

- Type A and C warning lights - at least ninety percent (90%) of the warning lights shall be operating properly with no more than three (3) adjacent lights failing.
- Type B warning lights - one (1) light failing.

### Unacceptable

A warning light is considered unacceptable if it meets any of the following conditions:

- Type A and C warning lights - less than ninety percent (90%) of the warning lights operating properly, or more than three (3) adjacent lights failing.
- Type B warning lights - more than one (1) light failing.

## EVALUATION GUIDE: FLASHING ARROW BOARDS

### Acceptable conditions for all arrow boards

An arrow board is acceptable if it meets all of the following conditions:

- All lamps are properly aligned for the intended driver's line of vision. Any operating lamp which is out of alignment shall be considered not functioning properly.
- No lamps are burnt out.
- All lamps dim properly.
- All lamps are the same level of intensity.
- DOT Reflective tape or reflectors required when used on shoulder

### Unacceptable conditions only for truck or trailer-mounted arrow boards

An arrow board is unacceptable if it meets any of the following conditions:

- The arrow board is not within 3 inches of plumb for the height of the board,
- The trailer-mounted arrow board is not raised to at least 7 feet above the roadway surface (measured to the bottom of the board), or
- The truck-mounted arrow board is mounted less than 3 feet above the roadway surface (measured to the bottom of the board) unless the road authority determines the height is as high as practical.

## FLASHING ARROW MODE

### Marginal



An arrow board in this mode is marginal if it meets the following condition:

- Up to two (2) lamps out in the stem and no lamps out in the head.

### Unacceptable

An arrow board in this mode is unacceptable if it meets any of the following conditions:

- Any lamp out in the head,
- More than two (2) lamps out in the stem, or
- The arrow board message is not visible at 1000 feet.

## EVALUATION GUIDE: FLASHING ARROW BOARDS

### **CAUTION MODE (4 Corners)**



### **Marginal**

An arrow board in this mode is marginal if it meets the following condition:

- At least seven (7) lamps functioning properly in each diamond shape (on the Alternating Diamonds).

### **Unacceptable**

An arrow board in this mode is considered unacceptable if it meets any of the following conditions:

- Less than four (4) lamps functioning properly (on the Bar or 4 Corners), or less than seven (7) lamps functioning properly in either of the 2 diamond shapes (on the Alternating Diamonds), or
- The arrow board message is not visible at 1000 feet.

## EVALUATION GUIDE: FLASHING ARROW BOARDS

### ***DOUBLE ARROW MODE***

#### **Marginal**

An arrow board in this mode is marginal if it meets the following condition:

- Two (2) lamps out in the stem and both heads completely functional with no lamps out.



#### **Unacceptable**

An arrow board in this mode is considered unacceptable if it meets any of the following conditions:

- More than two (2) lamps out in the stem,
- One (1) lamp out in the head, or
- The arrow board message is not visible at 1000 feet.

## **EVALUATION GUIDE: PORTABLE CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS (PCMS)**

### **Acceptable**

A PCMS is acceptable if it meets the following condition:

- One hundred percent (100%) of the pixels per character module shall be operating properly.

### **Marginal**

A PCMS is marginal if it meets the following condition:

- At least ninety percent (90%) of the pixels per character module shall be operating properly.

### **Unacceptable for all PCMSs**

A PCMS is unacceptable if it meets any of the following conditions:

- Less than ninety percent (90%) of the pixels per character module are operating properly, or
- The PCMS is not properly aligned for the intended driver's line of vision.
- The PCMS message is not legible.

### **Unacceptable for Trailer-Mounted PCMS**

A trailer-mounted PCMS is unacceptable if it meets any of the following conditions:

- The sign panel more than 3 inches out of plumb, or
- The sign panel is raised less than 5 feet above the roadway surface on rural roadways or less than 7 feet on urban roadways (measured to the bottom of the board).

## **EVALUATION GUIDE: TRAILER-MOUNTED ELECTRONIC TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

This includes devices such as Automated Flagger Assistance Devices (AFADs), Portable Traffic Signals, and Dynamic Speed Display Signs

### **Acceptable**

An electronic traffic control device is acceptable if it meets all of the following conditions:

- The device shall be operating correctly for its intended usage within allowable tolerances and with all fail-safes properly functioning.
- All lamps, LED displays and signs are properly aligned for the intended driver's line of vision. Any operating lamp, LED display or sign which is out of alignment shall be considered not functioning properly.
- One hundred percent (100%) of the LED pixels per character module are operating properly.
- One hundred percent (100%) of the lamps are operational.
- All lamps and LED displays dim properly.
- The signs meet or exceed the quality standards for acceptable "Warning Signs".
- The device's leveling stands shall be adjusted to properly plumb the device.
- The bottom of any overhead signal head shall be between 17 and 19 feet above the roadway surface.

### **Marginal**

An electronic traffic control device is marginal if it meets of the following conditions:

- At least ninety percent (90%) of the LED pixels per character module are operating properly, or
- The signs meet the quality standards for marginal "Warning Signs".

### **Unacceptable**

An electronic traffic control device is unacceptable if it meets any of the following conditions:

- The device is malfunctioning for any of its intended functions including but not limited to signal operations, radio communications, detection, or message display,
- Any of the lamps are burned out,
- Less than ninety percent (90%) of the LED pixels per character module are operating properly,
- The device is not properly aligned for the intended driver's line of vision,
- The lamps and LED displays are not dimming properly,
- The device is not within 3 inches of plumb for the height of the device (excluding an overhead signal head mast), or
- The bottom of any overhead signal head is lower than 17 feet or higher than 19 feet above the roadway surface.



# Flagging Operations

The following guidance to flaggers has been developed following the guidelines of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, including its latest update.

According to TCA 55-8-109, The driver of any vehicle and the operator of any streetcar shall obey the instructions of any official traffic-control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and chapter 10, parts 1-5 of this title, unless otherwise directed by a traffic or police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in this chapter.

## INTRODUCTION

### To You, the Flagger:

**REMEMBER** - *Your job is the most important one on the crew. The lives of all individuals in the work space depend on YOU!*

The following information is designed to give you some basic guidelines regarding flagging operations. Familiarize yourself with these procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask your supervisor.

*For your personal safety as a flagger **NEVER** turn your back on or stand in the path of moving traffic.*

## EQUIPMENT

### Clothing

Flaggers shall wear high-visibility apparel labeled as meeting ANSI 107-2015 standard performance for Class 3 risk exposure.

- Vest, shirt or jacket, gaiters and pants (when required) shall be orange, yellow, strong yellow-green or a fluorescent version of these colors.
- At night and in low visibility situations, the vest, shirt or jacket and pants shall be retroreflective.
- Pants shall be worn at night and in low visibility situations.
- A hat in the above colors is also recommended.
- Neat appearance

### Retroreflective clothing

Retroreflective clothing shall:

- Be visible at a minimum distance of 1000 feet.
- Identify the wearer as a person through the full range of body motions.

### Tools

- Standard STOP/SLOW paddle shall be used unless it is not available in an emergency situation
  - 24 x 24 inch minimum octagon with LED lights and legible letters at least 6 inches high
  - 7 foot minimum staff (to the bottom of the sign) 9 foot is recommended
  - Fully reflectorized in standard colors with minimal abrasions or fading
- If flagging at night, use illuminated flagger station and flashlight with wand
- Two-way radios for multiple flagger situations.

### FLAGGING POSITION

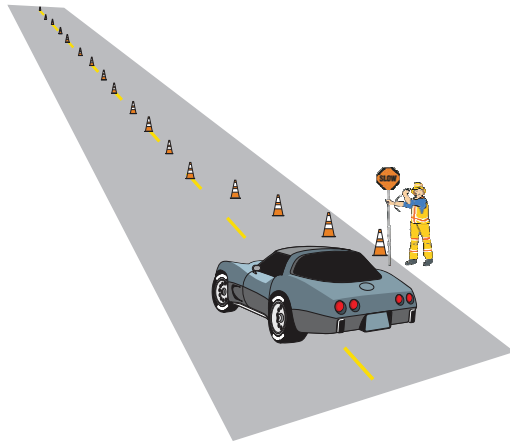
- Be alert, remain standing at all times
- **Face oncoming traffic - NEVER turn your back to oncoming traffic** or stand in the path of moving traffic. See Figure 1.
- **A flagger's normal station is on the shoulder of the road.**
- Park your vehicle off the road, away from your station.
- Stand alone, do not mingle with the work crew or the public.
- Make sure you are visible to oncoming traffic, not standing where the sun is impeding visibility or in a shadow.
- Stand in a location that allows approaching traffic adequate time to respond. Minimum 500'

## FLAGGING SITUATIONS

Prior to the start of flagging operations, all signing shall be in place. A good visibility location is one where the sight distance is sufficient and the flagger is clearly visible to approaching motorists.

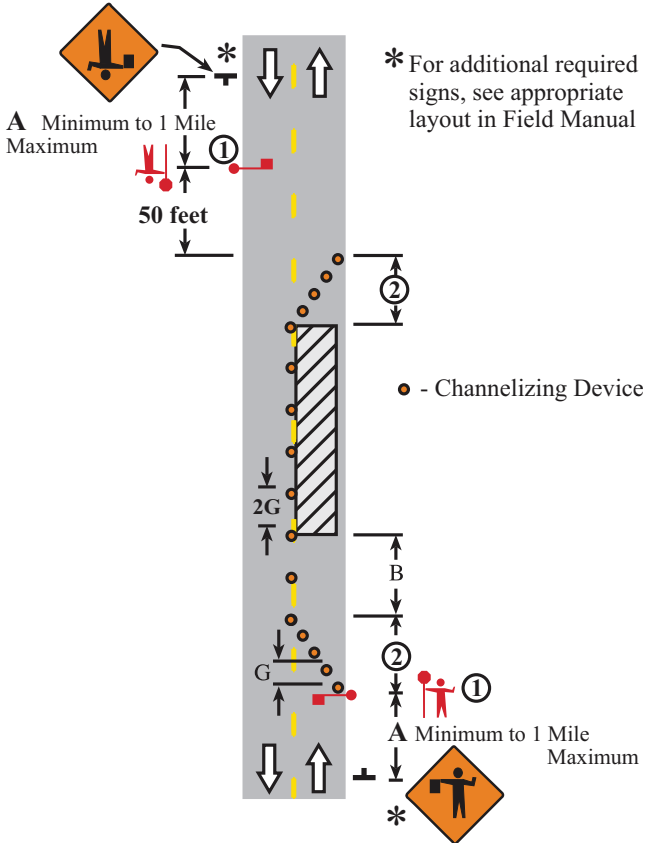
When the temporary traffic control zone covers a long segment of highway, additional flagger signs may be needed. In high speed areas, the maximum distance from the last sign to the flagger shall not exceed one mile.

When more than one flagger is being used, all communication procedures should be clear before any flagging begins. If there is a roadway intersection within the closed area, an additional flagger may be needed to control traffic entering the temporary traffic control zone from the roadway intersection.



*Figure 1*  
*Preferred Flagging Position*

Posted Speed Limit Prior to Work Starting (mph)	Advance Warning Sign Spacing (feet) (A)	Channelizing Device Spacing (feet) (G)	Buffer Space (feet) (B)	Decision Sight Distance (feet) (D)
0 - 30	250	25	200	550
35 - 40	325	25	305	700
45 - 50	600	50	425	900
55	750	50	500	1200
60 - 65	1000	50	650	1400
70 - 75	1200	50	820	1600



NOTES:

1. The approach sight distance to the flagger shall be at least the Decision Sight Distance.
2. The two-way taper should be 50 feet using 5 equally spaced channelizing devices.

Figure 2  
Flagger Location for a Lane Closure

Traffic backing up over long distances due to flagging operations may cause potentially dangerous situations. These situations may include traffic backing up through an intersection, up an exit ramp onto the freeway, or stopping prior to the first warning signs. When the flagger observes this type of situation occurring, they should notify their immediate supervisor. To reduce traffic backups, the flagger may be given instructions on how to help maintain a shorter backup of vehicles.

### **Two Flaggers**

When two flaggers are required, lines of communication must be established prior to the start of flagging operations. The two flaggers must be able to see each other or have two-way radios designated for proper communication. One flagger should be the lead flagger and coordinate all activities.

### **One Flagger with AFAD**

When an AFAD system is active, one flagger operating two AFADs must be able to see both devices.



*Figure 3  
Two Flagger Operation*

### Flagging with a Pilot Car

Two flaggers may also be used in conjunction with a pilot car. In this situation, the flagger stops the traffic until the pilot car arrives and has pulled into position to lead the traffic through or around the activity area. The flagger then releases traffic to follow the pilot. When a large gap in traffic or a pre-determined length of time occurs, as instructed by the supervisor, traffic is stopped. During pilot car operations, traffic should follow the pilot car and remain in a tight group to prevent traffic from separating along the route. To help keep the traffic group tight, flaggers should not allow additional cars to follow the group if last car in the group has proceeded more than 300 feet from the flagging location. The flagger shall then stop and hold all traffic until the pilot car has returned for the next trip.

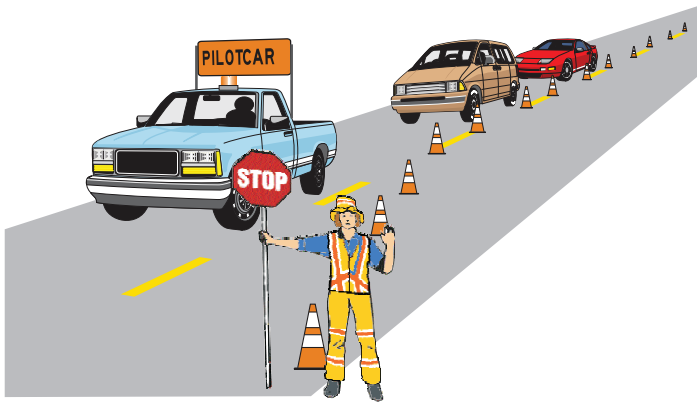


Figure 4  
Use of a Pilot Vehicle

### Advance Flagger

An advance flagger may be used where there is limited sight distance to the activity area or where long lines of traffic form. In a situation such as limited sight distance, the advance flagger should stop each vehicle and inform the driver of the situation ahead. Where there are long lines of stopped traffic waiting to proceed, the advance flagger should move down the line and inform each driver of the reason for the delay and the approximate length of the delay. Optionally when there is limited sight distance the flagger may be moved farther upstream by extending or moving the taper upstream

## **FLAGGING PROCEDURES**

### **To Stop Traffic**

Stand on the shoulder of the road, away from moving traffic. Face traffic and extend the STOP paddle in a stationary position with the arm extended horizontally away from the body. The free arm should be raised with the palm toward approaching traffic. Look directly at the approaching driver. Make sure that you make direct eye contact with this driver!

Remain on the shoulder of the road after the first vehicle has stopped. Always make certain that the flagger and the paddle are visible to the drivers of all stopped vehicles. The flagger should never stand in the traffic lane unless, in the flagger's opinion, the drivers of the stopped vehicles are unaware of the flagger's presence. If it is necessary for the flagger to stand in the traffic lane, the flagger may only stand near the centerline and never cross it. When the flagger is satisfied that the drivers of all stopped vehicles are aware of his/her presence, the flagger should return to the shoulder of the road.

NOTE: Anytime the flagger is required to take a position near the centerline of the traffic lane, the flagger should remain aware of the traffic traveling in the opposite direction.

### **To Direct Stopped Traffic to Proceed**

Remain at the flagger station on the shoulder. If the flagger is in the stopped traffic lane, return to the shoulder. Face traffic and turn the SLOW paddle to face traffic. Hold the SLOW paddle in a stationary position with the arm extended horizontally away from the body. The flagger may motion with the free hand for traffic to proceed. Do not wave the paddle.

### **To Alert or Slow Traffic**

Stand on the shoulder of the road and face traffic with the SLOW sign paddle held in a stationary position with the arm extended horizontally away from the body. The flagger may motion up and down with the free hand, palm down, indicating that the vehicle should slow down. Never stand in the path of oncoming traffic.

## **AUTOMATED FLAGGING DEVICES**

Automated Flagging Assistance Devices (AFADs) enable the operator to be positioned out of the lane of traffic and are used to control road users through temporary, one-lane, two-way traffic control zones. These devices are capable of stopping traffic and allowing traffic to proceed slowly without the need for a flagger in the immediate vicinity of the sign or on the roadway. They can be remotely operated by a one operator at a central location or by separate operators near each device location. When using a single operator, they shall be located so they can see both AFAD locations.

## **NIGHTTIME FLAGGING**

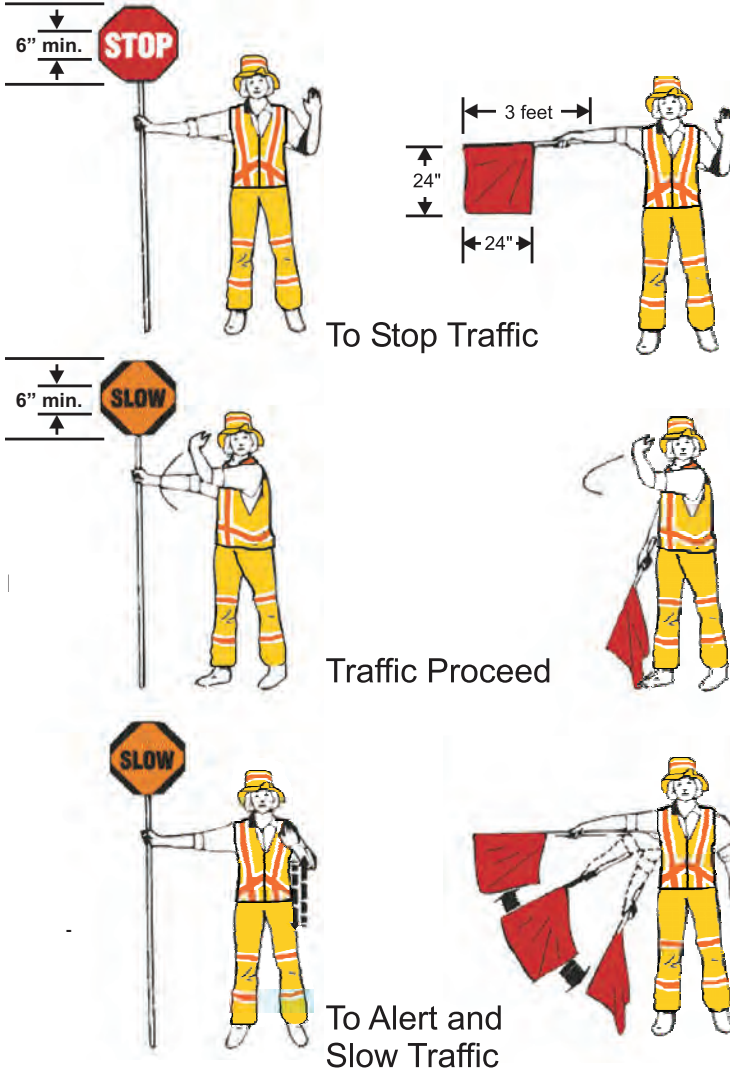
Flagger stations shall be well illuminated except in emergency situations. The flagger shall wear retroreflective pants and vest, shirt or jacket, and gaiters. Reflective channelizing devices shall be used.

## **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

In emergency situations a minimum size 24 x 24 inch retroreflective red flag may be used in lieu of a paddle until a paddle is available. However, as soon as a STOP/SLOW paddle is available it shall be used.



## The Use of Hand Signalling Devices by a Flagger



*Figure 5  
Preferred Flagging Method  
Using a Paddle.*

*Figure 6  
Emergency Flagging Method  
Using a Flag.*

## **FLAGGING AT INTERSECTIONS**

Only a licensed uniformed law enforcement officer may override a fully operating traffic control signal system. A flagging operation within a non-signalized intersection may override STOP and YIELD signs in the intersection. When traffic signals are set to flash red for all approaches, or turned off and temporary STOP signs are installed, the intersection may be treated as a non-signalized intersection.

When flagging in an intersection, consider the following:

- The flagger should use a STOP/SLOW paddle.
- The flagger may direct vehicles to proceed through a STOP sign controlled condition while holding traffic on other approaches. Although the flagger may urge motorists to continue through the STOP, the flagger has no authority to prevent traffic from stopping and must allow for this stopping within the operation.
- The flagger should be aware of traffic conditions at adjacent intersections and should coordinate their operations to minimize traffic backups.
- High-volume intersections, large intersections, roundabouts, or complicated situations may require additional flaggers. The flaggers shall coordinate their flagging operations to eliminate conflicts.

## **PROPER CONDUCT**

- Do not abandon your post for any reason until the work is finished or a replacement flagger arrives.
- Do not engage in extended conversations with motorists or lean on vehicles. Be polite, but brief.
- Do not argue with a motorist. Be courteous.
- If a driver refuses to obey instructions, record a description of the car, driver, license plate and the circumstances. Report this information to your supervisor as soon as possible.
- Remove or cover all signs indicating the presence of a flagger, when a flagger is not actually flagging. This includes lunch and breaks.
- Be alert for emergency vehicles. They have "priority rights". Allow them to pass as quickly as possible.

## **NOTES TO THE SUPERVISOR**

- All flaggers should be properly instructed prior to the start of work. Training should be based on the requirements of individual road authorities.
- The importance of the job should be impressed upon the flagger. They are responsible for all workers safety.
- Arrange for the flagger to have rest breaks.
- Drive through the temporary traffic control zone after all signs, devices and the flagger are in place. Check the visibility of the signs, flagger and the activity area.
- Remove or cover all signs indicating the presence of a flagger, when a flagger is not actually flagging.

Refer to Sections 6C and Section 6E of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for further information on flaggers and flagging procedures.

## CHECKLIST FOR FLAGGER OPERATIONS

- Remember your job is the most important one on the crew. The lives of all individuals in the work space depend on YOU!
- For your personal safety as a flagger **NEVER** turn your back on or stand in the path of moving traffic.
- Clothing
  - Any flagger on a TDOT project shall be attired with high visibility, retro-reflective vests and pants (if working at night) that are in accordance with current high visibility apparel contracts approved by TDOT's safety director.
- Tools
  - Standard STOP/SLOW paddle (in good condition) shall be used unless it is not available in an emergency situation
    - 24" x 24" minimum LED octagon with letters at least 6 inches high
    - 7 foot minimum staff (to bottom of the sign) 9 foot is recommended
    - Fully retroreflective in standard colors
  - Illuminated flagger station and flashlights with wand if flagging at night
  - Two-way radios for multiple flagger situations
  - Warning signs posted in proper position ahead of the flagger

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- Flagging position on the road way:
  - Be alert, remain **STANDING** at all times
  - Face oncoming traffic **NEVER** turn your back to oncoming traffic or stand in the path of moving traffic
  - A flagger's normal station is on the shoulder of the road
  - Park your vehicle off the road, away from your station. A flagger is difficult to see when next to a vehicle. Never sit in or on your vehicle while flagging.
  - Know proper hand and flag signals as shown in the Work Zone Field Manual.
  - Stand alone, do not mingle with the work crew or motorists.
  - Make sure you are visible to approaching traffic, not standing where the sun is obstructing visibility or in a shadow.
  - Review the decision sight distance chart in the Work Zone Field Manual. The driver should be able to recognize you as a flagger for at least the decision sight distance. Avoid blind spots past curves in the roadway or just over hills.
  - **Emergency vehicles** have “priority rights”. Allow them to pass as quickly and safely as possible.



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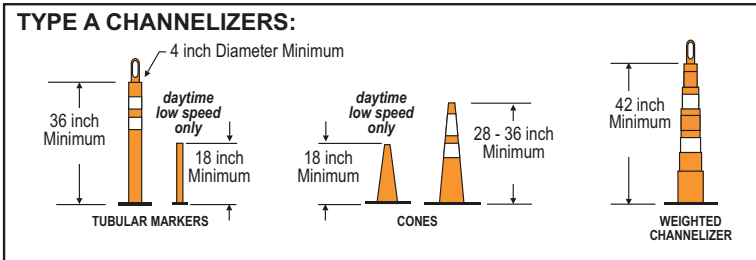


## Temporary Traffic Control Distance Charts

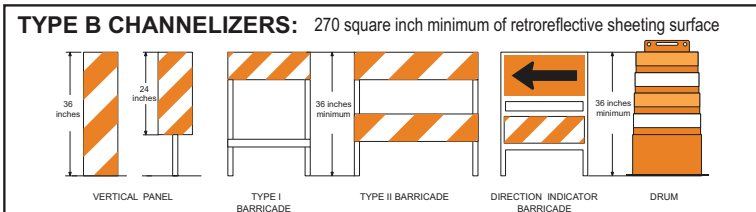
Posted Speed Limit Prior to Work Starting (mph)		Advance Warning Sign Spacing (A, B, C) feet					Taper Length (12 ft lane) (L) feet	Shifting Taper (L/2) feet	Typical Shoulder Taper (L/3) feet
		Conventional Hwy (A,B,C)			Freeway/Expressway				
		Urban	Rural	A	B	C			
0 - 30	G = 25 ft	100	500	1000	1500	2640	200	100	75
35 - 40		100	500	1000	1500	2640	325	175	125
45 - 50	G = 50 ft	350	500	1000	1500	2640	600	300	200
55		350	500	1000	1500	2640	700	350	250
60 - 65		350	500	1000	1500	2640	800	400	275
70 - 75		350	500	1000	1500	2640	900	450	300

Posted Speed Limit Prior to Work Starting (mph)		Buffer Space (BS) feet	Decision Sight Distance (D) feet	Shadow Vehicle Following Distance (F) feet	Protection Vehicle Roll-Ahead Buffer Distance (with or without TMA)	
					Moving (15 mph max) (R) feet	Stopped (R) feet
					0 - 30	G = 25 ft
35 - 40	305	700	325 - 700	100	100	
45 - 50	G = 50 ft	425	900	600 - 900	175	125
55		500	1200	750 - 1200	175	125
60 - 65		650	1400	1000 - 1400	225	175
70 - 75		820	1600	1200 - 1600	225	175

**Type A channelizing devices are typically used in attended temporary traffic control zones.\***



**Type B channelizing devices shall be used if the temporary traffic control zone will be installed for more than 12 hours or if it is left unattended.\***



\* See the MUTCD, Part 6F for more details on application restrictions.



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