

ADDENDUM

SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IN HIGHWAY WORK ZONES

POCKETGUIDE



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This chart replaces the chart on page 16 of the guide:

Speed (mph)	Merging Taper, L (feet)	Shifting Taper, $\frac{1}{2}$ L (feet)	Max. Device Spacing On Taper (feet)	Max. Device Spacing On Tangent (Past Taper) (feet)	Buffer Length, BL (feet)
25	125	63	25	50	155
30	180	90	30	60	200
35	245	123	35	70	250
40	320	160	40	80	305
45	540	270	45	90	360
50	600	300	50	100	425
55	660	330	55	110	495
60	720	360	60	120	570
65	780	390	65	130	645
70	840	420	70	140	730
75	900	450	75	150	820

Page 17: Clarification of the Definition of Freeway, Expressway, Conventional Road, and Special Purpose Road:

MUTCD 2A.01 Standard:

Because the requirements and standards for signs depend on the particular type of highway upon which they are to be used, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. Freeway—a divided highway with full control of access;
- B. Expressway—a divided highway with partial control of access;
- C. Conventional Road—a street or highway other than a low-volume road (as defined in Section 5A.01), a freeway, or an expressway; and
- D. Special Purpose Road—a low-volume, low-speed road that serves recreational areas or resource development activities or that provides local access.

Pages 26-46 includes Typical Applications from the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices part 6. These TA's include NOTES sections that were not included with the drawings. The notes are below:

Notes for Figure 6H-4—Typical Application 4 Short-Duration or Mobile Operation on Shoulder

Guidance:

1. In those situations where multiple work locations within a limited distance make it practical to place stationary signs, the distance between the advance warning sign and the work should not exceed 8 km (5 mi).
2. In those situations where the distance between the advance signs and the work is 3.2 km (2 mi) to 8 km (5 mi), a Supplemental Distance plaque should be used with the ROAD WORK AHEAD sign.

Option:

3. The ROAD WORK NEXT XX km (MILES) sign may be used instead of the ROAD WORK AHEAD sign if the work locations occur over a distance of more than 3.2 km (2 mi).
4. Warning signs may be omitted when the work vehicle displays high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights if the distance between work locations is 1.6 km (1 mile) or more, and if the work vehicle travels at vehicular traffic speeds between locations.
5. Vehicle hazard warning signals may be used to supplement high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights.

Standard:

6. **Vehicle hazard warning signals shall not be used instead of the vehicle's high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights.**
7. **If an arrow panel is used for an operation on the shoulder, the caution mode shall be used.**

Notes for Figure 6H-5—Typical Application 5 Shoulder Closure on Freeway

Guidance:

1. SHOULDER CLOSED signs should be used on limited-access highways where there is no opportunity for disabled vehicles to pull off the roadway.
2. If drivers cannot see a pull-off area beyond the closed shoulder, information regarding the length of the shoulder closure should be provided in meters or kilometers (feet or miles), as appropriate.
3. The use of a temporary traffic barrier should be based on engineering judgment.

Standard:

4. **Where temporary traffic barriers are installed, the ends of the barrier shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 6F.81.**

Option:

5. The barrier shown in this typical application is an example of one method that may be used to close a shoulder of a long-term project.
6. The warning lights shown on the barrier may be used.

Notes for Figure 6H-10—Typical Application 10 Lane Closure on Two-Lane Road Using Flaggers

Option:

1. For low-volume situations with short work zones on straight roadways where the flagger is visible to road users approaching from both directions, a single flagger, positioned to be visible to road users approaching from both directions, may be used (see Chapter 6E).
2. The ROAD WORK AHEAD and the END ROAD WORK signs may be omitted for short-duration operations.
3. Flashing warning lights and/or flags may be used to call attention to the advance warning signs. A BE PREPARED TO STOP sign may be added to the sign series.

Guidance:

4. The buffer space should be extended so that the two-way traffic taper is placed before a horizontal (or crest vertical) curve to provide adequate sight distance for the flagger and a queue of stopped vehicles.

Standard:

- 5. At night, flagger stations shall be illuminated, except in emergencies.**

Guidance:

6. When used, the BE PREPARED TO STOP sign should be located between the Flagger sign and the ONE LANE ROAD sign.
7. When a highway-rail grade crossing exists within or upstream of the transition area and it is anticipated that queues resulting from the lane closure might extend through the highway-rail grade crossing, the TTC zone should be extended so that the transition area precedes the highway-rail grade crossing.
8. When a highway-rail grade crossing equipped with active warning devices exists within the activity area, provisions should be made for keeping flaggers informed as to the activation status of these warning devices.
9. When a highway-rail grade crossing exists within the activity area, drivers operating on the left side of the normal centerline should be provided with comparable warning devices as for drivers operating on the right side of the normal centerline.
10. Early coordination with the railroad company should occur before work starts.

Option:

11. A flagger or a uniformed law enforcement officer may be used at the highway-rail grade crossing to minimize the probability that vehicles are stopped within 4.6 m (15 ft) of the highway-rail grade crossing, measured from both sides of the outside rails.

Notes for Figure 6H-17—Typical Application 17

Mobile Operations on Two-Lane Road

Standard:

1. **Vehicle-mounted signs shall be mounted in a manner such that they are not obscured by equipment or supplies. Sign legends on vehicle-mounted signs shall be covered or turned from view when work is not in progress.**
2. **Shadow and work vehicles shall display high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights.**
3. **If an arrow panel is used, it shall be used in the caution mode.**

Guidance:

4. Where practical and when needed, the work and shadow vehicles should pull over periodically to allow vehicular traffic to pass.
5. Whenever adequate stopping sight distance exists to the rear, the shadow vehicle should maintain the minimum distance from the work vehicle and proceed at the same speed. The shadow vehicle should slow down in advance of vertical or horizontal curves that restrict sight distance.
6. The shadow vehicles should also be equipped with two high-intensity flashing lights mounted on the rear, adjacent to the sign.

Option:

7. The distance between the work and shadow vehicles may vary according to terrain, paint drying time, and other factors.
8. Additional shadow vehicles to warn and reduce the speed of oncoming or opposing vehicular traffic may be used. Law enforcement vehicles may be used for this purpose.
9. A truck-mounted attenuator may be used on the shadow vehicle or on the work vehicle.
10. If the work and shadow vehicles cannot pull over to allow vehicular traffic to pass frequently, a DO NOT PASS sign may be placed on the rear of the vehicle blocking the lane.

Support:

11. Shadow vehicles are used to warn motor vehicle traffic of the operation ahead.

Standard:

12. **Vehicle hazard warning signals shall not be used instead of the vehicle's high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights.**

Notes for Figure 6H-21—Typical Application 21

Lane Closure on Near Side of Intersection

Standard:

1. **The merging taper shall direct vehicular traffic into either the right or left lane, but not both.**

Guidance:

2. In this typical application, a left taper should be used so that right-turn movements will not impede through motor vehicle traffic. However, the reverse should be true for left-turn movements.
3. If the work space extends across a crosswalk, the crosswalk should be closed using the information and devices shown in Figure 6H-29.

Option:

4. Flashing warning lights and/or flags may be used to call attention to the advance warning signs.
5. A shadow vehicle with a truck-mounted attenuator may be used.
6. A work vehicle with high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights may be used with the high-level warning device.
7. Vehicle hazard warning signals may be used to supplement high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights.

Standard:

8. **Vehicle hazard warning signals shall not be used instead of the vehicle's high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights.**

Notes for Figure 6H-22—Typical Application 22

Right Lane Closure on Far Side of Intersection

Guidance:

1. If the work space extends across a crosswalk, the crosswalk should be closed using the information and devices shown in Figure 6H-29.

Option:

2. The normal procedure is to close on the near side of the intersection any lane that is not carried through the intersection. However, when this results in the closure of a right lane having significant right turning movements, then the right lane may be restricted to right turns only, as shown. This procedure increases the through capacity by eliminating right turns from the open through lane.
3. For intersection approaches reduced to a single lane, left-turning movements may be prohibited to maintain capacity for through vehicular traffic.
4. Flashing warning lights and/or flags may be used to call attention to the advance warning signs.
5. Where the turning radius is large, it may be possible to create a right-turn island using channelizing devices or pavement markings.

Notes for Figure 6H-23—Typical Application 23

Left Lane Closure on Far Side of Intersection

Guidance:

1. If the work space extends across a crosswalk, the crosswalk should be closed using the information and devices shown in Figure 6H-29.

Option:

2. Flashing warning lights and/or flags may be used to call attention to the advance warning signs.
3. The normal procedure is to close on the near side of the intersection any lane that is not carried through the intersection. However, when this results in the closure of a left lane having significant left-turning movements, then the left lane may be reopened as a turn bay for left turns only, as shown.

Support:

4. By first closing off the left lane and then reopening it as a turn bay, an island is created with channelizing devices that allows the LEFT LANE MUST TURN LEFT sign to be repeated on the left adjacent to the lane that it controls.

Notes for Figure 6H-26—Typical Application 26

Closure in Center of Intersection

Guidance:

1. All lanes should be a minimum of 3 m (10 ft) in width as measured to the near face of the channelizing devices.

Option:

2. A high-level warning device may be placed in the work space, if there is sufficient room.
3. For short-term use on low-volume, low-speed roadways with vehicular traffic that does not include longer and wider heavy commercial vehicles, a minimum lane width of 2.7 m (9 ft) may be used.
4. Flashing warning lights and/or flags may be used to call attention to advance warning signs.
5. Unless the streets are wide, it may be physically impossible to turn left, especially for large vehicles. Left turns may be prohibited as required by geometric conditions.
6. For short-duration work operations, the channelizing devices may be eliminated if a vehicle displaying high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights is positioned in the work space.
7. Vehicle hazard warning signals may be used to supplement high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights.

Standard:

8. **Vehicle hazard warning signals shall not be used instead of the vehicle's high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights.**

Notes for Figure 6H-27—Typical Application 27

Closure at Side of Intersection

Guidance:

1. The situation depicted can be simplified by closing one or more of the intersection approaches. If this cannot be done, and/or when capacity is a problem, through vehicular traffic should be directed to other roads or streets.
2. Depending on road user conditions, flagger(s) or uniformed law enforcement officer(s) should be used to direct road users within the intersection.

Standard:

- 3. At night, flagger stations shall be illuminated, except in emergencies.**

Option:

4. ONE LANE ROAD AHEAD signs may also be used to provide adequate advance warning.
5. Flashing warning lights and/or flags may be used to call attention to the advance warning signs.
6. For short-duration work operations, the channelizing devices may be eliminated if a vehicle displaying high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights is positioned in the work space.
7. A BE PREPARED TO STOP sign may be added to the sign series.

Guidance:

8. When used, the BE PREPARED TO STOP sign should be located before the Flagger symbol sign.

Support:

9. Turns can be prohibited as required by vehicular traffic conditions. Unless the streets are wide, it might be physically impossible to make certain turns, especially for large vehicles.

Option:

10. Vehicle hazard warning signals may be used to supplement high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights.

Standard:

- 11. Vehicle hazard warning signals shall not be used instead of the vehicle's high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights.**

Notes for Figure 6H-30—Typical Application 30

Interior Lane Closure on Multi-lane Street

Guidance:

1. This information applies to low-speed, low-volume urban streets. Where speed or volume is higher, additional signing such as LEFT LANE CLOSED XX m (FT) should be used between the signs shown.

Option:

2. The closure of the adjacent interior lane in the opposing direction may not be necessary, depending upon the activity being performed and the work space needed for the operation.
3. Shadow vehicles with a truck-mounted attenuator may be used.

Guidance:

4. When a highway-rail grade crossing exists within or upstream of the transition area and it is anticipated that backups resulting from the lane closure might extend through the highway-rail grade crossing, the TTC zone should be extended so that the transition area precedes the highway-rail grade crossing.
5. Early coordination with the railroad company should occur before work starts.

Notes for Figure 6H-32—Typical Application 32
Half Road Closure on Multi-lane, High-Speed Highway

Standard:

- 1. Pavement markings no longer applicable shall be removed or obliterated as soon as practical. Except for intermediate-term and short-term situations, temporary markings shall be provided to clearly delineate the temporary travel path. For short-term and intermediate-term situations where it is not feasible to remove and restore pavement markings, channelization shall be made dominant by using a very close device spacing.**

Guidance:

2. When paved shoulders having a width of 2.4 m (8 ft) or more are closed, channelizing devices should be used to close the shoulder in advance of the merging taper to direct vehicular traffic to remain within the traveled way.
3. Where channelizing devices are used instead of pavement markings, the maximum spacing should be 0.1 S meters where S is the speed in km/h (0.5 S feet where S is the speed in mph).
4. If the tangent distance along the temporary diversion is more than 180 m (600 ft), a Reverse Curve sign, left first, should be used instead of the Double Reverse Curve sign, and a second Reverse Curve sign, right first, should be placed in advance of the second reverse curve back to the original alignment.

Option:

5. Warning lights may be used to supplement channelizing devices at night.

Guidance:

6. When a highway-rail grade crossing exists within or upstream of the merging taper and it is anticipated that backups resulting from the lane closure might extend through the highway-rail grade crossing, the TTC zone should be extended so that the merging taper precedes the highway-rail grade crossing.
7. When a highway-rail grade crossing exists within the activity area, provisions should be made to provide road users operating on the left side of the normal centerline with comparable warning devices as supplied for road users operating on the right side of the normal centerline.
8. When a highway-rail grade crossing exists within the activity area, early coordination with the railroad company should occur before work starts.

Option:

9. When a highway-rail grade crossing exists within the activity area, a flagger may be used at the highway-rail grade crossing to minimize the probability that vehicles are stopped within 4.6 m (15 ft) of the highway-rail grade crossing, measured from both sides of the outside rails.
10. A truck-mounted attenuator may be used on the work vehicle and/or the shadow vehicle.

Notes for Figure 6H-33—Typical Application 33
Stationary Lane Closure on Divided Highway

Standard:

- 1. This information also shall be used when work is being performed in the lane adjacent to the median on a divided highway. In this case, the LEFT LANE CLOSED signs and the corresponding Lane Ends signs shall be substituted.**
- 2. When a side road intersects the highway within the TTC zone, additional TTC devices shall be placed as needed.**

Guidance:

3. When paved shoulders having a width of 2.4 m (8 ft) or more are closed, channelizing devices should be used to close the shoulder in advance of the merging taper to direct vehicular traffic to remain within the traveled way.

Option:

4. A truck-mounted attenuator may be used on the work vehicle and/or shadow vehicle.

Support:

5. Where conditions permit, restricting all vehicles, equipment, workers, and their activities to one side of the roadway might be advantageous.

Notes for Figure 6H-34—Typical Application 34 Lane Closure with Temporary Traffic Barrier

Standard:

1. **This information also shall be used when work is being performed in the lane adjacent to the median on a divided highway. In this case, the LEFT LANE CLOSED signs and the corresponding Lane Ends signs shall be substituted.**

Guidance:

2. For long-term lane closures on facilities with permanent edge lines, a temporary edge line should be installed from the start of the merging taper to the far end of the downstream taper, and conflicting pavement markings should be removed.
3. The use of a barrier should be based on engineering judgment.

Standard:

4. **Where temporary traffic barriers are installed, the ends of the barrier shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 6F.81**
5. **The barrier shall not be placed along the merging taper. The lane shall first be closed using channelizing devices and pavement markings.**

Option:

6. The barrier shown in this typical application is an example of one method that may be used to close a lane for a long-term project. If the work activity permits, a movable barrier may be used and relocated to the shoulder during nonwork periods or peak-period vehicular traffic conditions, as appropriate.
7. Type C Steady-Burn warning lights may be placed on channelizing devices and the barrier parallel to the edge of pavement for nighttime lane closures.

Standard:

8. **If a movable barrier is used, the temporary white edge line shown in the typical application shall not be used. During the period when the right lane is opened, the sign legends and the channelization shall be changed to indicate that only the shoulder is closed, as illustrated in Figure 6H-5. The arrow panel, if used, shall be placed at the end of the shoulder taper and shall display the caution mode.**

Guidance:

9. If a movable barrier is used, the shift should be performed in the following manner. When closing the lane, the lane should be initially closed with channelizing devices placed along a merging taper using the same information employed for a stationary lane closure. The lane closure should then be extended with the movable-barrier transfer vehicle moving with vehicular traffic. When opening the lane, the movable-barrier transfer vehicle should travel against vehicular traffic from the termination area to the transition area. The merging taper should then be removed using the same information employed for a stationary lane closure.

Notes for Figure 6H-35—Typical Application 35
Mobile Operation on Multi-lane Road

Standard:

1. Arrow panels shall, as a minimum, be Type B, with a size of 1500 x 750 mm (60 x 30 in).

Guidance:

2. Vehicles used for these operations should be made highly visible with appropriate equipment, such as: high-intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating, or strobe lights, flags, signs, or arrow panels.
3. Shadow Vehicle 1 should be equipped with an arrow panel and truck-mounted attenuator.
4. Shadow Vehicle 2 should be equipped with an arrow panel. An appropriate lane closure sign should be placed on Shadow Vehicle 2 so as not to obscure the arrow panel.
5. Shadow Vehicle 2 should travel at a varying distance from the work operation so as to provide adequate sight distance for vehicular traffic approaching from the rear.
6. The spacing between the work vehicles and the shadow vehicles, and between each shadow vehicle should be minimized to deter road users from driving in between.
7. Work should normally be accomplished during off-peak hours.
8. When the work vehicle occupies an interior lane (a lane other than the far right or far left) of a directional roadway having a right shoulder 3 m (10 ft) or more in width, Shadow Vehicle 2 should drive the right shoulder with a sign indicating that work is taking place in the interior lane.

Option:

9. A truck-mounted attenuator may be used on Shadow Vehicle 2.
10. On high-speed roadways, a third shadow vehicle (not shown) may be used with Shadow Vehicle 1 in the closed lane, Shadow Vehicle 2 straddling the edge line, and Shadow Vehicle 3 on the shoulder.
11. Where adequate shoulder width is not available, Shadow Vehicle 3 may drive partially in the lane.

Notes for Figure 6H-36—Typical Application 36

Lane Shift on Freeway

Guidance:

1. The lane shift should be used when the work space extends into either the right or left lane of a divided highway and it is not practical, for capacity reasons, to reduce the number of available lanes.
2. When a lane shift is accomplished by using (1) geometry that meets the design speed at which the permanent highway was designed, (2) full normal cross-section (full lane width and full shoulders), and (3) complete pavement markings, then only the initial general work-zone warning sign is required.
3. When the conditions in Note 2 are not met, the information shown in the typical application should be employed and all the following notes apply.

Standard:

- 4. Where temporary traffic barriers are installed, the ends of the barrier shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 6F.81.**
- 5. A warning sign shall be used to show the changed alignment.**

Guidance:

6. Where the shifted section is longer than 180 m (600 ft), one set of Reverse Curve signs should be used to show the initial shift and a second set should be used to show the return to the normal alignment. If the tangent distance along the temporary diversion is less than 180 m (600 ft), the Double Reverse Curve sign should be used instead of the first Reverse Curve sign. The second Reverse Curve sign should be omitted.
7. If a STAY IN LANE sign is used, then solid white lane lines should be used.

Standard:

- 8. The minimum width of the shoulder lane shall be 3 m (10 ft).**
- 9. For long-term stationary work, existing conflicting pavement markings shall be removed and temporary markings shall be installed before traffic patterns are changed.**

Option:

10. For short-term stationary work, lanes may be delineated by channelizing devices or removable pavement markings instead of temporary pavement markings.
11. Three Lane Reverse Curve signs may be used in place of the Reverse Curve signs. ALL LANES THRU supplemental plaques may be used to emphasize the point that all lanes shift and no lanes are closed.
12. If the shoulder cannot adequately accommodate trucks, trucks may be directed to use the travel lanes.
13. The barrier shown in this typical application is one method that may be used to close a lane for a long-term project.

Guidance:

14. The use of a barrier should be based on engineering judgment.

Option:

15. Type C Steady-Burn warning lights may be placed on channelizing devices and the barrier parallel to the edge of pavement for nighttime lane closures.

Notes for Figure 6H-37—Typical Application 37

Double Lane Closure on Freeway

Guidance:

1. Ordinarily, the preferred position for the second arrow panel is in the closed exterior lane at the beginning of the second merging taper. However, the second arrow panel should be placed in the closed interior lane at the end of the second merging taper in the following situations:
 - a. When a shadow vehicle is used in the interior closed lane, and the second arrow panel is mounted on the shadow vehicle;
 - b. If alignment or other conditions create any confusion as to which lane is closed by the second arrow panel; and
 - c. When the first arrow panel is placed in the closed exterior lane at the end of the first merging taper (the alternative position when the shoulder is narrow).

Option:

2. Flashing warning lights and/or flags may be used to call attention to the initial warning signs.
3. A truck-mounted attenuator may be used on the shadow vehicle.
4. If a paved shoulder having a minimum width of 3 m (10 ft) and sufficient strength is available, the left and adjacent interior lanes may be closed and vehicular traffic carried around the work space on the right lane and a right shoulder.
5. When a shoulder lane is used that cannot adequately accommodate trucks, trucks may be directed to use the normal travel lanes.

Notes for Figure 6H-38—Typical Application 38

Interior Lane Closure on Freeway

Guidance:

1. For a long-term closure, a barrier should be used to provide additional safety to the operation in the closed interior lane. A buffer space should be used at the upstream end of the closed interior lane.
2. The first arrow panel displaying a right arrow should be on the left shoulder at the beginning of the taper. The arrow panel displaying a double arrow should be centered in the closed interior lane and placed at the downstream end of the shifting taper.
3. The placement of signs should not obstruct or obscure arrow panels.
4. For long-term use, the dashed lane lines should be made solid white in the two-lane section.

Option:

5. As the arrow panel with a double arrow displayed is key, the arrow panel closing the exterior lane may be moved or omitted if the alignment is such that the two panels create confusion.
6. As an alternative to initially closing the left lane, as shown in the typical application, the right lane may be closed in advance of the interior lane closure with appropriate channelization and signs.
7. A short, single row of channelizing devices in advance of the vehicular traffic split to restrict vehicular traffic to their respective lanes may be added.
8. DO NOT PASS signs may be used.
9. If a paved shoulder having a minimum width of 3 m (10 ft) and sufficient strength is available, the left and center lanes may be closed and motor vehicle traffic carried around the work space on the right lane and a right shoulder.
10. When a shoulder lane is used that cannot adequately accommodate trucks, trucks may be directed to use the normal travel lanes.

Notes for Figure 6H-39—Typical Application 39

Median Crossover on Freeway

Standard:

1. **Channelizing devices or temporary traffic barriers shall be used to separate opposing vehicular traffic.**

Guidance:

2. For long-term work on high-speed, high-volume highways, consideration should be given to using a temporary traffic barrier to separate opposing vehicular traffic.

Option:

3. When a temporary traffic barrier is used to separate opposing vehicular traffic, the Two-Way Traffic, DO NOT PASS, KEEP RIGHT, and DO NOT ENTER signs may be eliminated.
4. The alignment of the crossover may be designed as a reverse curve.

Guidance:

5. When the crossover follows a curved alignment, the design criteria contained in the AASHTO “Policy on the Geometric Design of Highways and Streets” should be used (see Section 1A.11).
6. When channelizing devices have the potential of leading vehicular traffic out of the intended traffic space, the channelizing devices should be extended a distance in meters (feet) of 0.4 times the speed limit in km/h (2 times the speed limit in mph) beyond the end of the transition area as depicted.
7. Where channelizing devices are used, the Two-Way Traffic signs should be repeated every 1.6 km (1 mi).

Option:

8. NEXT X km (MILES) Supplemental Distance plaques may be used with the Two-Way Traffic signs, where X is the distance to the end of the two-way section.

Support:

9. When the distance is sufficiently short that road users entering the section can see the far end of the section, they are less likely to forget that there is opposing vehicular traffic.
10. The sign legends for the four pairs of signs approaching the lane closure for the noncrossover direction of travel are not shown. They are similar to the series shown for the crossover direction, except that the left lane is closed.

Notes for Figure 6H-42—Typical Application 42

Work in Vicinity of Exit Ramp

Guidance:

1. The guide signs should indicate that the ramp is open, and where the temporary ramp is located. However, if the ramp is closed, guide signs should indicate that the ramp is closed.
2. When the exit ramp is closed, a black on orange EXIT CLOSED panel should be placed diagonally across the interchange/intersection guide signs.
3. The design criteria contained in the AASHTO “Policy on the Geometric Design of Highways and Streets” should be used for determining the alignment (see Section 1A.11).

Standard:

4. **A temporary EXIT sign shall be located in the temporary gore. For better visibility, it shall be mounted a minimum of 2.1 m (7 ft) from the pavement surface to the bottom of the sign.**

Option:

5. An alternative procedure that may be used is to channelize exiting vehicular traffic onto the right shoulder and close the lane as necessary.

Notes for Figure 6H-43—Typical Application 43

Partial Exit Ramp Closure

Guidance:

1. Truck off-tracking should be considered when determining whether the minimum lane width of 3 m (10 ft) is adequate (see Section 6G.07).

Notes for Figure 6H-44—Typical Application 44

Work in Vicinity of Entrance Ramp

Guidance:

1. An acceleration lane of sufficient length should be provided whenever possible as shown on the left diagram.

Standard:

2. **For the information shown on the diagram on the right side of the typical application, where inadequate acceleration distance exists for the temporary entrance, the YIELD sign shall be replaced with STOP signs (one on each side of the approach).**

Guidance:

3. When used, the YIELD or STOP sign should be located so that ramp vehicular traffic has adequate sight distance of oncoming mainline vehicular traffic to select a reasonably safe gap in the mainline vehicular traffic flow. Also, a longer acceleration lane should be provided beyond the sign to reduce the gap size needed. If insufficient gaps are available, consideration should be given to closing the ramp.
4. Where STOP signs are used, a temporary stop line should be placed across the ramp at the desired stop location.
5. The mainline merging taper with the arrow panel at its starting point should be located sufficiently in advance so that the arrow panel is not confusing to drivers on the entrance ramp, and so that the mainline merging vehicular traffic from the lane closure has the opportunity to stabilize before encountering the vehicular traffic merging from the ramp.
6. If the ramp curves sharply to the right, warning signs with Advisory Speed Limits located in advance of the entrance terminal should be placed in pairs (one on each side of the ramp).

Option:

7. A Type B high-intensity warning flasher with a red lens may be placed above the STOP sign.
8. Where the acceleration distance is significantly reduced, a supplemental plaque may be placed below the YIELD AHEAD sign reading NO MERGE AREA.



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