











## WORK ZONE MICROSTATION CELLS: Updated work zone cells incorporated (January 2024).

WSDOT CAE automatically updates cell libraries on WSDOT and on-site consultant staff computers (no action needed); however, external users or off-site consultants must manually install them. For additional information e-mail HOCAEHelpDesk@wsdot.wa.gov.

Division 4 in WSDOT Plans Preparation Manual, Section 400.06(29), provides updated work zone cell library policy and information for PS&Es. See https://wsdot.wa.gov/engineering-standards/all-manuals-and-standards/manuals/plans-preparation-manual

## **PLOT USAGE EXPLANATION:**

- **Plot 1:** Right shoulder closure maintaining existing speed limit on freeways.
- Plot 2: Right ramp details for right shoulder closure maintaining existing speed limit on freeways.
- Plot 3: Left ramp details for right shoulder closure maintaining existing speed limit on freeways.

## **DESIGNER NOTES:**

- A. These typical traffic control plans (Typical TCPs) may be modified for project-specific, site-specific situations, and/or WSDOT Region Transportation Operations standard practices. **Typical TCPs are not "Standard Plans".**
- B. Because of the minimal traffic impacts of shoulder closures, Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMSs) are avoided. PCMSs are optional per MUTCD Section 6F.60 and Section 6H and are used to supplement signage and inform motorists of unexpected situations.
- C. 48"x48" diamond-shaped work zone signs used on freeway mainlines and ramps. For shoulder closures, temporary signs are only placed on one shoulder (does not need to be gated). If signs are barrier-mounted, a special rectangular-shaped 24"x48" sign should be used. See MUTCD Table 6F-1 for additional temporary sign size information.
- D. Freeway mainline sign spacing may be reduced down to 1000' +/- based on engineering judgement and down to 500' +/- if near interchanges. Along ramps, 200' +/- sign spacing typical but may be reduced farther.
- E. When positioned behind channelizing devices, temporary signs should be mounted at 5' minimum.
- F. Work zone traffic control layout is based on the posted speed limit; for split speed limits (SPEED LIMIT 70 TRUCKS 60), use the higher 70 mph.
- G. This Typical TCP uses traffic safety drums on freeway shoulder tapers and tangents. On tangents 42" tall channelizing devices, 36" traffic cones, & 28" traffic cones may be used with Region Transportation Operations acceptance (vertical panel channelizing devices prohibited). Warning lights on channelizing devices being phased out in Washington. Contact Region Transportation Operations for information regarding their standard practices.
- H. Maximum channelizing device spacing table for tangents is based on WAC 468-95-301 and may ALWAYS be reduced.
- I. It is WSDOT standard practice not to use sequential arrow signs (arrow boards) for shoulder closure tapers. Per MUTCD TA-6, sequential arrow signs (arrow boards) should not be used.
- J. Longitudinal buffer spaces (B) are optional per MUTCD Section 6C.06 but is desired when practical. Longitudinal buffers are the most adjustable component that may be increased/decreased to move lane closure tapers away from horizontal/vertical curves and from on-ramp merges.
- K. The lateral buffer (transverse distance between open travel lanes and work area) is typically 2 feet on freeways but may be reduced to 1-foot on shoulder closures when the lateral work space is needed. Per MUTCD Section 6C.06 P14, lateral buffer spaces are optional. Actual work area limits may be modified.
- L. Per MUTCD TA-6, the downstream taper not used. Eliminating it allows construction vehicles to accelerate out of work area into reopened lane to minimize traffic impacts and increase safety.
- M. Ramp detour signage is recommended by MUTCD 6C.09, but using alternative routes is acceptable. Contact Region Transportation Operations for their standard practice. Recommended to use route-specific detour signage for significant ramp closures.

FREEWAY (2+ LANES): RIGHT SHOULDER CLOSURE (MAINTAIN EXISTING SPEED LIMIT)

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