AGC/MoDOT Annual COOP Meeting

Safety/Traffic Division & Specialty Contractors/Suppliers Breakout Session

December 5, 2018

District Work Zone Review

• St. Louis – June 11-14, 2018

• Central – July 16-18, 2018

• Northeast – August 27-29, 2018

History



- 1996 Work Zone Reviews
- Focus on Safety and Mobility
- 2003 WZ Safety and Mobility Policy
- 2004 30 Fatalities
- MoDOT Recognized
 Practice

Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes

- 56% due to aggressive and distracted driving
- Rear-end crashes most predominant of two or more vehicles
- 62% occurred in urban areas
- 66% occurred in divided roadways
- 56% occurred on ideal geometry (level with no curves)

11 Fatalities on State System 1 Fatality on Non-State System (2018)



1,446 Crashes on State System 747 Crashes on Non-State System (2017)







The Grading Scale

- A = Excellent;
- B = Good to Very Good;
- C = Acceptable;
- D = Below Average;
- F = Unacceptable;
 - With +/- for grades B,C & D



Areas Inspected

- Signing
- Channelizers
- Barricades
- Traffic Barriers
- Crash Cushions
- CMS/Arrow Panels
- Flaggers
- Workers & Work Site

- Roadway Conditions
- Entrance/Exit Ramps
- Tapers
- Lighting
- Pavement Marking
- Truck/Equipment Crossings
- Traffic Management

Facts

- Reviewed 84 work zones
- Types of work zones reviewed included:
 - -Construction;
 - -Maintenance;
 - -Maintenance On-call; and
 - -Permit
 - -LPA





Signs may be seen in early spring but by summer it could be obscured by vegetation.



Utility sign is blocking sidewalk.

Left lane sign blocking EXIT sign.



Is the area used by pedestrian a shoulder or sidewalk, but it is used by pedestrians. Further down an actual shoulder is available.





Both "shoulder" and sidewalk were closed how will the pedestrians be able to get down the sidewalk/road?

Ballasting

For skid mounted signs, ballasting should be limited to one *sand bag height* on the sign legs. The crossbar should be no higher than 12-inches (one sandbag over the crossbar is acceptable).







Channelizers (DIBs) are in good condition and taper is set-up properly.





Channelizers were poor quality. Edge drop did not have a slope and needed channelizers in placed.







Need another type 3 barricade.





Project is left wide open, which traveling public could enter a possible dangerous situation.

Vehicles parked in front of the closed barricades.



Top picture is a proper closed road. Below picture is a soft closure to allow deliveries that were coming at an interval of 10 min. Then after deliveries were complete the closure was fully closed.



Workers & Work Site









Workers varied not having proper class of apparel vest/shirt, hard hat, protective eye ware, and proper footwear.





Should not ride behind a pull paver from site to site, just when laying material.

Parking a non-crash worthy vehicle in front of a crash worthy sand barrel array.





Stationary & Mobile Flagging Operations 3, 2 or 1 Cone Procedures

Flagger Station Location

- + Setup in order to be visible to oncoming traffic (500' Day & 1000' Night)
- Setup a min 500' from Flagger symbol sign & no further than 1 mile
- Setup at least 100' from the traffic control devices that delineate the work space and/or work vehicles
- + Flagger stations should be located such that an errant vehicle has additional space to stop without entering the work
- space, the flagger must identify an escape route

Mobile & Short Duration Operations

 When lane width is less than 12 foot, 2 cones is recommended during Short Duration and 1 cone must be used during Mobile Operations

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Step 1: Stopping Traffic

Setup cone(s) as shown and return to shoulder
Remain facing traffic, with STOP visible
Keep visual contact with drivers of stopping vehicles
Keep left hand raised with palm facing driver, signaling to stop

Reference 616.5.8 EPG

Long, Intermediate and Short Term Stationary Operations

When lane width is 12 foot, use of 3 cones is recommended
When lane width is less than 12 foot, 2 or 1 cone(s) may be used





- Step 2: Traffic has Stopped
- Once traffic has stopped, move out towards the center of the lane
- Keep the Stop/Slow Paddle in your right hand and position it out towards the center line, be sure not to
- cross the line with the Stop/Slow Paddle

 Keep visual contact with drivers of stopped vehicles
- Keep left hand raised with palm facing driver, signaling to stop, until traffic has stopped





Step 3: Preparing to Release Traffic

- Once you have confirmed opposing traffic is clear, make your way back to the shoulder taking the cone (as shown) with you
- Be sure to keep STOP visible to the stopped traffic
- Based on the type of operation, lane width and number of cones used, you may need to move multiple cones









These photos represent the open lane of the work zone. The flagger at the opposite end controlling traffic of the closed lane (the lane work is actually taking place in) would not move the cone(s). Instead, you would motion traffic to drive around the cone(s). There may be instances when you have to move the cone to allow traffic to pass, such as when traffic has stopped too close to the cone or to accommodate a OWOD load. A minimum of 1 cone or trim-line channelizer must be used. Additional channelizers may be used at the discretion of the District Maintenance Engineer, Safety & Health Manager, Superintendent and/or Supervisor. Contact your Safety & Health Manager and/or Work Zone Coordinator with any questions.



Flagging Reminders 100 feet from work vehicles **Escape Route** Maintain Eye Contact **Proper Procedures & Safety Apparel** 10 feet behind the cone





Do the flaggers appear in charged and safely position?



Is this flagger in proper position?

Is this flagger in charge and in a location with a safe escapable path?





Where is this flaggers escape route? Open lane of traffic or hit the soft rocks after diving over the guardrail.

3-2-1 Cone and PPE Field Procedures



New Ideas for Alerting Traveling Public of Flaggers and Workers
Rumble Strips





Work Zone Intrusion Alert Systems

Traffic Guard Worker Alert System

Traffic Guard Portable Speed Bump









Autonomous TMA

- 1) RFP has been accepted.
- 2) MoDOT's two protective vehicle/TMA's are being updated with the technology in Florida.
- 3) Study will proceed next year.











CMS sign can be used to advertise upcoming projects. An innovation challenge showing what a fine may be if caught speeding.



Make sure your message is exactly what you want to tell the public.

How to let traveling public of up coming slow/stop traffic?



The use of Law Enforcement



Traffic Management





Rumble strips to get attention. Law Enforcement to get attention. Red/Blue light to get attention at night, be careful of brightness.

Innovation Winner

JAWS Debris Remover



Person can remove debris while protected inside a vehicle.

Work Zone Simulation Training



Figure 1. (a) Virtual Reality Headset and Immersion in a work zone scenario, (b) Example of poor signage in the work zone scenario



Daytime scenario



Nighttime scenario with eye tracker



Overall Grades 2018 Overall Grades





Resources



Quality Standards for Temporary Traffic Control Devices

July 2013

Work Zone Coordinator

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Work Zone Intrusion Alert System Pilot Project

- As part of MoDOT's continuing effort to improve the safety of their workforce and motorists, MoDOT has developed a pilot to study the effectiveness of work zone intrusion alert systems.
- These systems are designed to alert workers of unauthorized entry of vehicles entering into the work zone.
- These systems will also alert workers of internal conflicts that may happen within the work area when equipment encroaches too closely to workers.