

616.8.10 (TA-10) Lane Closure on Two-Lane Highways Using Flaggers - MT

SPEED Permanent Posted (mph)	SIGN SPACING (ft.)		TAPER LENGTH (ft.)		OPTIONAL BUFFER LENGTH (ft.) (B)	CHANNELIZER SPACING (ft.)	
	Undivided (S)	Divided (S)	Shoulder (1) (T1)	Lane (2) (T2)		Tapers	Buffer/ Work Areas
0-35	200	-	-	-	280	-	40
40-45	350	-	-	-	400	-	80
50-55	500	-	-	-	560	-	80
60-70	1000	-	-	-	840	-	120

1 Shoulder taper length based on 10 ft. (standard shoulder width) offset. 2. Lane taper length based on 12 ft. (standard lane width) offset.

TYPE OF ROADWAY	SIGN HEIGHT	MAXIMUM WORK ZONE LENGTH (L)	Channelizer	Sign	Truck or Trailer Mounted Arrow Panel	Flagger	Protective Vehicle	Truck Mounted Attenuator (TMA)	Work Space
URBAN	1' Portable 7' Post	1 Mi.							
RURAL UNDIVIDED	1' Portable 5' Post	3 Mi.							

A protective vehicle shall be used while work is in progress. The protective vehicle should be equipped with a TMA and flashing arrow panel and positioned at least 150 ft. in advance of the work space.

If a flashing arrow panel is used, the caution mode shall be displayed.

When a temporary road closure is needed, both directions may be stopped at the same time up to a maximum of 20 minutes.

Vehicle hazard warning signals shall not be used instead of the vehicle's rotating lights or strobe lights.

Where operational conditions warrant, channelizing devices may be eliminated.

For short duration operations, channelizers may be eliminated, a flagger symbol sign shall be used, and proper flagging procedures shall be followed.

For operations where workers are on foot and move with the operation, channelizers may be reduced or eliminated.

For operations where workers are on foot and move with the operation, spacing between flagger and FLAGGER AHEAD signs shall not exceed one mile.

Additional warning signs shall be erected at each intersection with another state highway within the work zone. Upon the discretion of the supervisor, additional warning signs may be erected at other intersections within the work zone.

For 3-2-1 Cone Procedure, refer to EPG 616.5 Flagger Control.

At night, flagger stations shall be illuminated.

For long-term operations, refer to EPG 616.6.2.2 Flags and Advance Warning Rail System.

If rumble strips are used, review EPG 616.6.87 RUMBLE STRIPS.

For work zone located in the vicinity of a railroad grade crossing, refer to EPG 616.8.46 (TA-46) Work in the Vicinity of a Grade Crossing.

SEE EPG 616.12 WORK ZONE SPEED LIMITS FOR SPEED LIMIT GUIDELINES.

