



**Typical PCMS Display**

With speed reduction:  
 Message 1: WORKERS PRESENT AHEAD  
 Message 2: SPEED REDUCED NEXT 3MI

Without speed reduction:  
 Message 1: WORKERS PRESENT AHEAD  
 Message 2: NEXT 3 MILES

See General Note No. 1

Speed and Law Enforcement Officer  
 (Patrolling The Active Work Area)

**Table I  
Device Spacing**

Speed (mph)	Max. Distance Between Devices (ft)			
	Cones or Tubular Markers		Type I or Type II Barricades or Vertical Panels or Drums	
	Taper	Tangent	Taper	Tangent
25	25	50	25	50
30 to 45	25	50	30	50
50 to 70	25	50	50	100

**Table II  
Buffer Space and Taper Length**

Speed (mph)	Buffer Space (ft)	Taper Length (12' Lateral Transition)	
		L (ft)	Notes (Merge)
25	155	125	$L = \frac{WS^2}{60}$
30	200	180	
35	250	245	
40	305	320	L = WS
45	360	540	
50	425	600	
55	495	660	
60	570	720	
65	645	780	
70	730	840	

**SYMBOLS**

- Work Area
- Sign With 18"x 18" (Min.) Orange Flag And Type B Light
- Channelizing Device (See Index No. 600)
- Type I, Type II Or Type III Barricade Or Vertical Panel Or Drum (With Flashing Light)
- Work Zone Sign
- Advance Warning Arrow Panel
- Lane Identification + Direction of Traffic
- (1) PCMS= Portable Changeable(Variable) Message Sign
- (2) PRS= Portable Regulatory Sign- Speed Limit When Flashing
- (2) RSUD= Radar Speed Display Unit
- (1) SLEO= Speed and Law Enforcement Officer (Do Not Bid)

**GENERAL NOTES**

1. At lane closures where workers are present, reduce the posted speed limit (speed limit that existed prior to construction) by 10 MPH using the Portable Regulatory Sign (PRS), but not less than 55 MPH or to a speed warranted by geometric condition, whichever is lower. Taper lengths, buffer space and device spacing shall be selected using the posted speed, not the reduced speed.
2. All Arrow Panels, Portable Changeable Message Signs, Portable Regulatory Signs and Radar Speed Display Trailers, shall be turned off and moved outside the clear zone or be shielded by a barrier or crash cushion when not in use.
3. Work operations shall be confined to one traffic lane, leaving the adjacent lane(s) open to traffic.
4. All vehicles, equipment, workers and their activities are restricted to one side of the roadway.
5. When work is performed in the median lane on divided highways the barricading plan is inverted and left lane closed and lane reduction signs substituted for the right lane closed and lane reduction signs.
6. When work is being performed on a multilane undivided roadway the signs and traffic control devices normally placed in the median (as shown) shall be omitted.
7. When paved shoulders having a width of 8 ft. or more are closed, channelizing devices shall be used to close the shoulder in advance of the merging taper to direct vehicular traffic to remain within the travel way. See Index No. 612 for shoulder taper formulas.
8. For general TCZ requirements and additional information refer to Index No. 600.

When Buffer Space cannot be attained due to geometric constraints, the greatest attainable length shall be used, but not less than 200 ft.

For lateral transitions other than 12', use formula for L shown in the notes column. Where:  
 L= Length of taper in feet  
 W= Width of lateral transition in feet  
 S= Posted speed limit (mph)

**CONDITIONS**

The MAS is intended to be used on multilane facilities with posted speeds of 55 MPH or greater where the work operations require a lane closure and workers are present.

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