

# CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS WORKSHEET

Location of board: \_\_\_\_\_

Used: from \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Message programmed by: \_\_\_\_\_

## MESSAGE 1

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## MESSAGE 2

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Timing:

Message 1 will run: \_\_\_\_\_ seconds.

Message 2 will run: \_\_\_\_\_ seconds.

## STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS FOR USE ON CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

Standard abbreviations easily understood are:

<u>WORD</u>	<u>ABBREV.</u>	<u>WORD</u>	<u>ABBREV.</u>
Boulevard	BLVD	Normal	NORM
Center	CNTR	Parking	PKING
Emergency	EMER	Road	RD
Entrance, Enter	ENT	Service	SERV
Expressway	EXPWY	Shoulder	SHLDR
Freeway	FRWY, FWY	Slippery	SLIP
Highway	HWY	Speed	SPD
Information	INFO	Traffic	TRAF
Left	LFT	Travelers	TRVLR
Maintenance	MAINT	Warning	WARN

Other abbreviations are easily understood whenever they appear in conjunction with a particular word commonly associated with it. These words and abbreviations are as follows:

<u>WORD</u>	<u>ABBREV.</u>	<u>PROMPT</u>
Access	ACCS	Road
Ahead	AHD	Fog*
Blocked	BLKD	Lane*
Bridge	BRDG	[Name]*
Chemical	CHEM	Spill
Construction	CONST	Ahead
Exit	EX, EXT	Next*
Express	EXP	Lane
Hazardous	HAZ	Driving
Interstate	I	[Number]
Major	MAJ	Accident
Mile	MI	[Number]*
Minor	MNR	Accident
Minute(s)	MIN	[Number]*
Oversized	OVRSZ	Load
Prepare	PREP	To Stop
Pavement	PVMT	Wet*
Quality	QLTY	Air*
Route	RT	Best*
Turnpike	TRNPK	[Name]*
Vehicle	VEH	Stalled*
Cardinal Directions	N, E, S, W	[Number]
Upper, Lower	UPR, LWR	Level

\* = Prompt word given first

The following abbreviations are understood with a **prompt** word by about 75% of the drivers. These abbreviations may require some public education prior to usage.

<u>WORD</u>	<u>ABBREV.</u>	<u>PROMPT</u>
Condition	COND	Traffic*
Congested	CONG	Traffic
Downtown	DWNTN	Traffic
Frontage	FRNTG	Road
Local	LOC	Traffic
Northbound	N-BND	Traffic
Roadwork	RDWK	Ahead [Distance]
Temporary	TEMP	Route
Township	TWNNSHP	Limits

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Certain abbreviations are prone to inviting confusion because another word is abbreviated or could be abbreviated in the same way. **DO NOT USE THESE ABBREVIATIONS:**

<u>ABBREV.</u>	<u>INTENDED WORD</u>	<u>WORD ERRONEOUSLY GIVEN</u>
WRNG	Warning	Wrong
ACC	Accident	Access (Road)
DLY	Delay	Daily
LT	Light (Traffic)	Left
STAD	Stadium	Standard
L	Left	Lane (Merge)
PARK	Parking	Park
RED	Reduce	Red
POLL	Pollution (Index)	Poll
FDR	Feeder	Federal
LOC	Local	Location
TEMP	Temporary	Temperature
CLRS	Clears	Color