

Railroad Maintenance and Construction Temporary Traffic Control Guidelines

WHY

State laws require railroads, or their contractors, to install and maintain Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) during construction, maintenance and repair of tracks or crossings.

RCW [81.53.400](#)

Traffic control devices during construction, repair, etc. of crossing or overpass—Required.

Whenever any railroad company engages in the construction, maintenance, or repair of a crossing or overpass, the company shall install and maintain traffic control devices adequate to protect the public and railroad employees, subject to the requirements of RCW [81.53.410](#) and [81.53.420](#).

For additional information, please see the Manual of Uniform Control Devices Section 8A.13.

The Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) has established rules under [WAC 480-62-230](#).



HOW

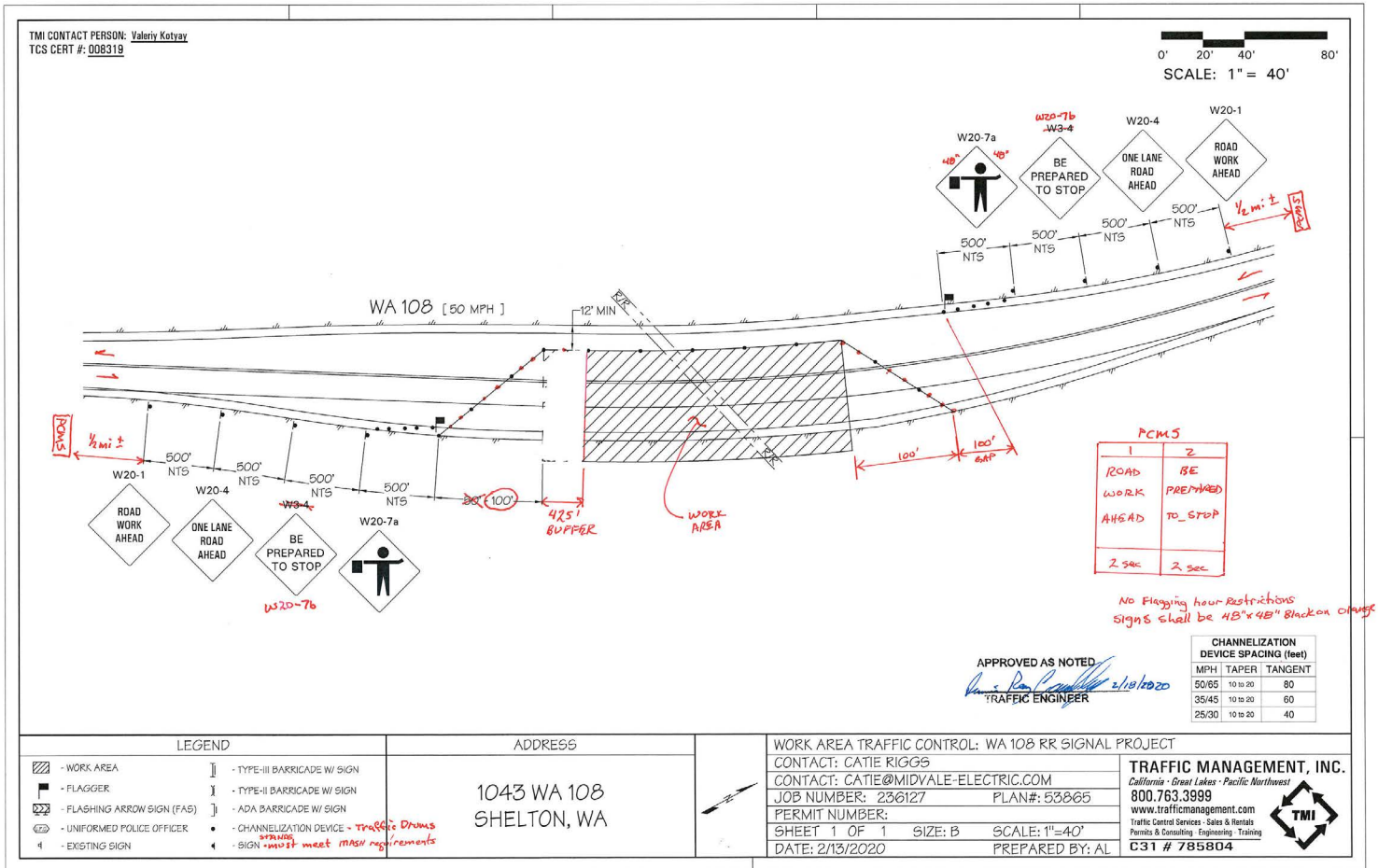
WSDOT's role, as a partner to the railroad industry, is to help by providing review and acceptance of TTC (for impacts to state highways). WSDOT would appreciate at least 10 days notice to review TTC, but we also understand that circumstance change. If that is the case we can, in most instances, provide an expedited review.

WSDOT has created Typical Traffic Control plans that are in accordance with MUTCD.

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/engineering-standards/all-manuals-and-standards/plan-sheet-library/work-zone-typical-traffic-control-plans-tcp>

These plans can be adapted quickly to fit your specific site and needs. The plan is submitted to WSDOT for review and acceptance. WSDOT reviewers may specifically tell you what corrections are needed – or sometimes staff will make the change and ask the railroad or their contractors to follow what was changed and approved.

This is an example of plan that were reviewed, edited and returned to the contractor with instructions.



WSDOT may also check to see if any other work (WSDOT, Utility, local agency) is proposed in the general area. WSDOT uses the Workzone Database to communicate agency wide.

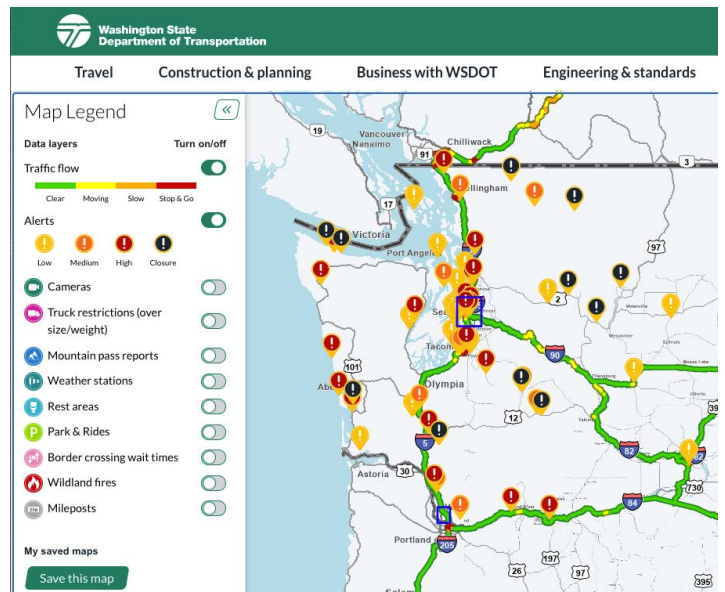
Work Zone List

Region	County	State Route	Start Date	End Date	
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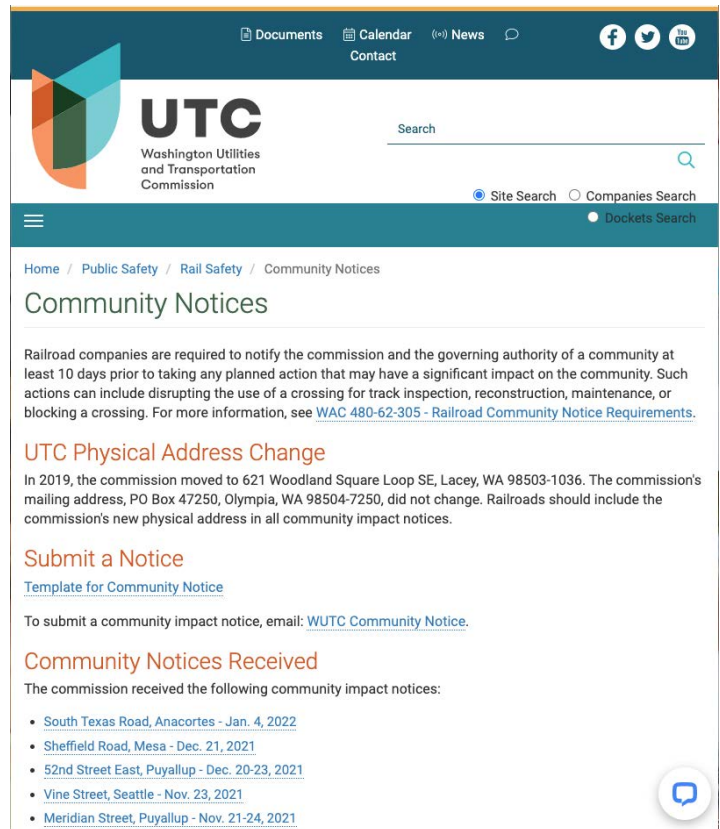
Name	Type	Status	SR	Direction	Milepost	Common Name	Contract No	Start Date	End Date	Action
Access Permit #51157 (Love's Travel Stop)	Other	Active	090	Eastbound	174.5 - 176.6	Mae Valley / Hansen Rd - Interchange		6/21/2021	1/28/2022	View
Bridge	Maintenance	Active	012	Eastbound	15.56 - 15.92	Satsop		1/10/2022	1/10/2022	View
Bridge Flushing	Maintenance	Active	305	Both Directions	7 - 7.5	Agate pass		2/14/2022	2/20/2022	View
Bridge Maintenance	Maintenance	Active	101	Southbound	327.23	Lillwaup River		12/20/2021	2/28/2022	View
Cable Rail Repair	Maintenance	Active	016	Westbound	19 - 19			1/13/2022	1/13/2022	View
Chehalis Signal Project XL6041	Maintenance	Pending	101	Southbound	83.32 - 83.22	Chehalis Bridge		1/12/2022	1/12/2022	View
Chico Creek and Trib - Remove Fish Barriers	Contract	Active	003	Southbound	40.71 - 41.3	SFS Chico Way Vicinity	9475	1/7/2022	1/9/2022	View
City of Soap Lake Water and Sewer Phase 3 Improvements	Other	Active	017	Both Directions	75.5 - 68.6	Daisy St		1/10/2022	4/30/2022	View
Drill	Maintenance	Active	005	Northbound	109 - 109.62			1/10/2022	1/10/2022	View
Grant County	Utilities	Active	017	Both	44.49 -			1/3/2022	1/14/2022	View

WSDOT has an extensive public outreach program to notify the traveling public of impacts related to road, utility or railroad work. Below is traffic information on the WSDOT website. Notifying the public as far in advance of traffic impacts, detours and workzones create a safer environment for everyone.



ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

In addition to notifying the road authority of work zones, closures of the crossing may require public notification through the UTC.



THE RESULT

The result of the combined efforts for ensuring proper TTC is to create a safer work environment for all modes of transportation, better awareness within communities and improved relations between railroads and road authorities.

FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING WSDOT SITE

[Highway-Railroad Coordination Informational Webpage](#)

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