

Warning Sign supplemental guidance:

For multilane roadways, consider the strategic use of Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMS) to supplement the standard construction warning signs. These signs may be used to provide more specific guidance and direction as appropriate for the road condition with coordination between the Traffic Control Supervisor and project inspector. Additional direction specific to motorcycles can be found in the November 2007 Work Zone Safety Bulletin on Special Warning Signs for Motorcycles and the December 2003 memorandum called Special Warning Signs for Motorcycles, copies of this information can be found on the Work Zone Safety webpage.

An example for PCMS use would be to provide a message to drivers as to which lanes are grooved, contain abrupt lane edges, steel plates or have loose gravel surfaces. When appropriate, consider the use of this PCMS for Bumps. The intent of these messages is to provide specific roadway condition related information.

Sample messages:

PCMS	
1	2
GROOVED PAVEMENT	LEFT TWO LANES
1.2 SEC	1.5 SEC

PCMS	
1	2
ABRUPT LANE EDGE	RIGHT LANE
1.5 SEC	1.2 SEC

Additional guidance is available in the WSDOT Design Manual Chapter 810, the Work Zone Guidelines Manual M54-44 and the Work Zone Safety Bulletin on Special Warning Signs for Motorcycles."