

While this booklet provides interpretive guidance, it does not change the intent of Part 6 of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD). The traffic control devices and distances shown in this booklet reflect desired minimums for Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) maintenance operations on state routes.

Effective traffic control is essential, not only for the safety of the traveling public, but also for WSDOT employees whose jobs often require them to be in close proximity to high-speed traffic. The traffic control guidelines in this booklet are intended to reduce field personnel's exposure to the hazards of traffic and offer road users consistent and positive guidance through work zone areas. Safety of crews and the driving public must be an integral part of WSDOT field operations.

We emphasize that these are guidelines and not absolute standards. The information provided in this manual is intended to provide consistent statewide guidance in how to address common work operations and does not address all possible work zone operations. Modifications to the plans to fit specific work operations and locations is encouraged. Some portions of the guidance such as **the bold text along with charts shown on the plan sheets refer to WSDOT policy and should be considered requirements**. If these requirements cannot be physically implemented, then **MUTCD** standards shall apply as the minimum. The traffic control plans in this booklet are to be used along with sound judgment. Proper planning, a good safety conscious attitude and full participation from the persons involved in the work zone are all prerequisites to good traffic control. Aspects of the roadway environment such as weather, time of day, traffic volumes, traffic speed, roadway geometry, roadside conditions, and your inventory of traffic control devices should all be considered when implementing the guidelines of this booklet.

If you have any questions or needs not addressed here, please consult your Regional Traffic Office staff for assistance.

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