

MoDOT's Strategy for Law Enforcement in Work Zones

MoDOT is on a mission to provide a work zone that is safe for both motorists and workers. Providing enough advanced warning of the work zone or queues forming is critical to this mission. Lack of awareness creates a high-risk situation for workers in the work zone and other motorists, especially if a queue is present. These high-risk situations can be minimized with the use of law enforcement.

Goals and Priorities

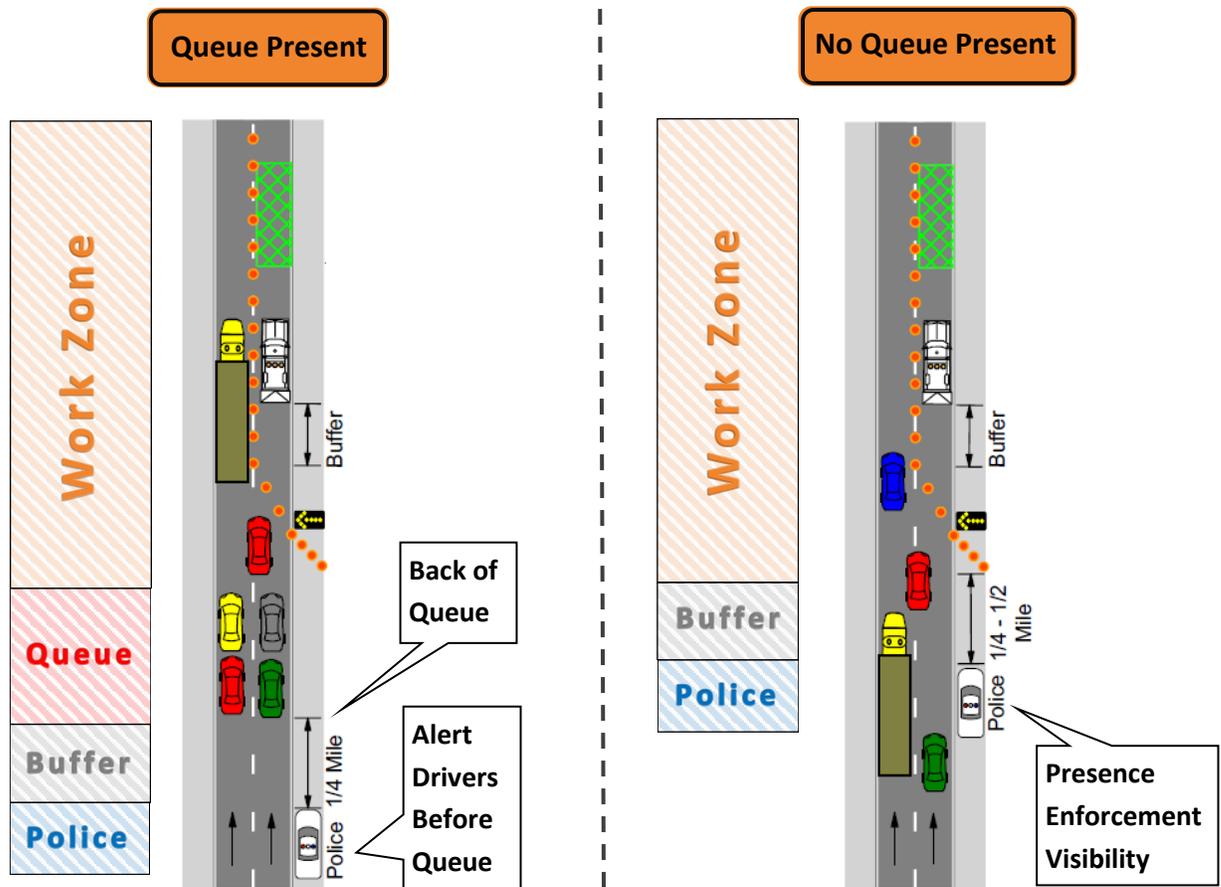
- Work Zone Awareness
- Minimize Queue
- Queue Protection (Minimize High-Speed Rear-End Crashes)
- Quality Traffic Control
- Speed Enforcement

DO's:

- Monitor Queue Lengths
- Relocate Beyond the Work Zone if Creating Queue
- Protect From High-Speed Rear-End Crashes when Queue Exists

DON'Ts:

- Inadvertently Cause a Queue
- Park in Tapers or Lane Shifts
- Park in Buffer Spaces



A critical component to promoting a safe work zone environment is the placement of the law enforcement vehicle in different road alignments. When a hill or curve is present, it is important that the officer is placed before the hill or curve, so drivers are aware and not caught off guard.

Blank Work Zone

The number of lanes for active work zones may vary and discussions on the best placement for law enforcement should be discussed between all participating parties.

