

616.8.10a (TA-10a) Lane Closure on Two-Lane Highways Without Edgelines Using Flaggers - MT

SPEED Posted (mph)	SIGN SPACING (ft.)		TAPER LENGTH (ft.)		OPTIONAL BUFFER LENGTH (ft.) (B)	CHANNELIZER SPACING (ft.)	
	Undivided (S)	Divided (S)	Shoulder (1) (T1)	Lane (2) (T2)		Tapers	Buffer/ Work Areas
0-35	200	-	-	-	280	-	40
40-45	350	-	-	-	400	-	80
50-55	500	-	-	-	560	-	80
60-70	1000	-	-	-	840	-	120

1 Shoulder taper length based on 10 ft. (standard shoulder width) offset. 2 Lane taper length based on 12 ft. (standard lane width) offset.

A protective vehicle may be used while work is in progress. The protective vehicle may be equipped with a TMA and flashing arrow panel and positioned at least 150 ft. in advance of the work space.

TYPE OF ROADWAY	SIGN HEIGHT	MAXIMUM WORK ZONE LENGTH (L)
URBAN	1' Portable 7' Post	1 Mi.
RURAL UNDIVIDED	1' Portable 5' Post	3 Mi.

- Channelizer
- Sign
- Truck or Trailer Mounted Arrow Panel
- Flagger
- Protective Vehicle
- Truck Mounted Attenuator (TMA)
- Work Space

If a flashing arrow panel is used, the caution mode may be displayed.

When a temporary road closure is needed, both directions may be stopped at the same time up to a maximum of 20 minutes.

Where operational conditions warrant, channelizing devices may be eliminated.

For short duration operations, signs and channelizers may be reduced or eliminated. The protective vehicle may be eliminated if adequate sight distance exists and the work vehicle uses activated rotating lights or strobe lights.

Vehicle hazard warning signals shall not be used instead of the vehicle's rotating lights or strobe lights.

For mobile operations where workers are on foot and move with the operation, channelizers may be reduced or eliminated. If Channelizers are eliminated, a protective vehicle should be used while work is in progress. The protective vehicle may be equipped with a TMA and/or flashing arrow panel and positioned at least 150 ft. in advance of the work space.

Additional warning signs shall be erected at each intersection with another state highway within the work zone. Upon the discretion of the supervisor, additional warning signs may be erected at other intersections within the work zone.

For mobile operations, spacing between flagger and FLAGGER AHEAD signs shall not exceed one mile.

At night, flagger stations shall be illuminated.

For long-term operations, refer to EPG 616.6.2.2 Flags and Advance Warning Rail System.

If rumble strips are used, review EPG 616.6.87 RUMBLE STRIPS.

For work zone located in the vicinity of a railroad grade crossing, refer to EPG 616.8.46 (TA-46) Work in the Vicinity of a Grade Crossing.

SEE EPG 616.12 WORK ZONE SPEED LIMITS FOR SPEED LIMIT GUIDELINES.

