

# WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL

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# 27,148


Work Zone Crashes in 2017



# 199 fatalities



# 27%

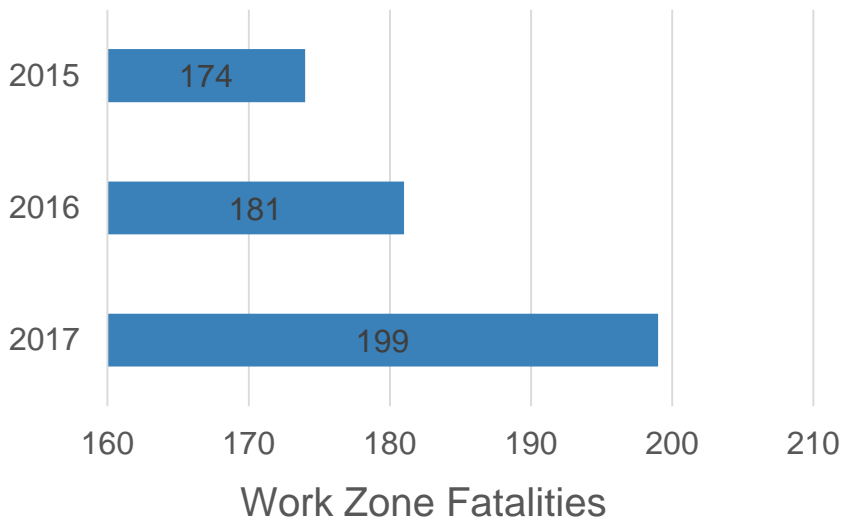


Compared to 2016



Why?

## SAFETY A CONCERN!



# Why?

## LIABILITY

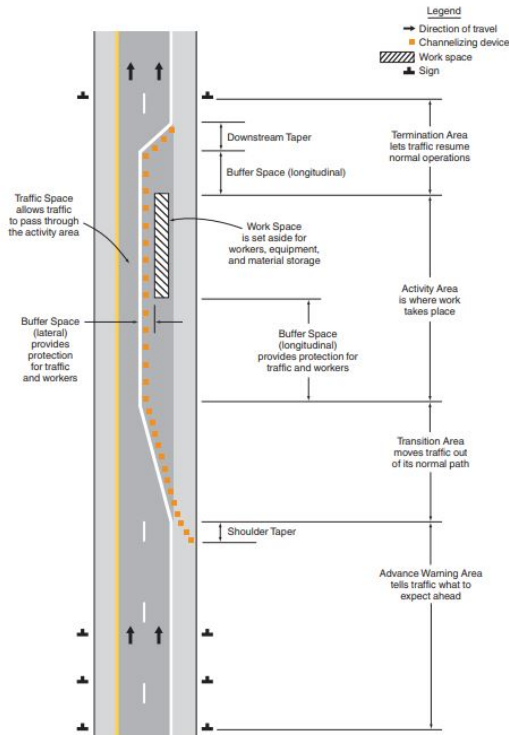
- ▶ Construction Workers, Drivers & Pedestrians
- ▶ Defendants may include:
  - ▶ Governmental agencies;
  - ▶ Corporations; and/or
  - ▶ Individuals.
- ▶ **Negligence** claims may be supported by evidence and/or argument that:
  - ▶ The TCP was inconsistent with MUTCD, AASHTO, or other governing standards;
  - ▶ The Work Zone was confusing;
  - ▶ The Work Zone did not provide positive guidance;



# WORK ZONE COMPONENTS

What goes into it?

Figure 6C-1. Component Parts of a Temporary Traffic Control Zone



▶ **Termination Area**  
Road users **Redirected to normal path** (TMUTCD, Sec 6C.07)

▶ **Activity Area**

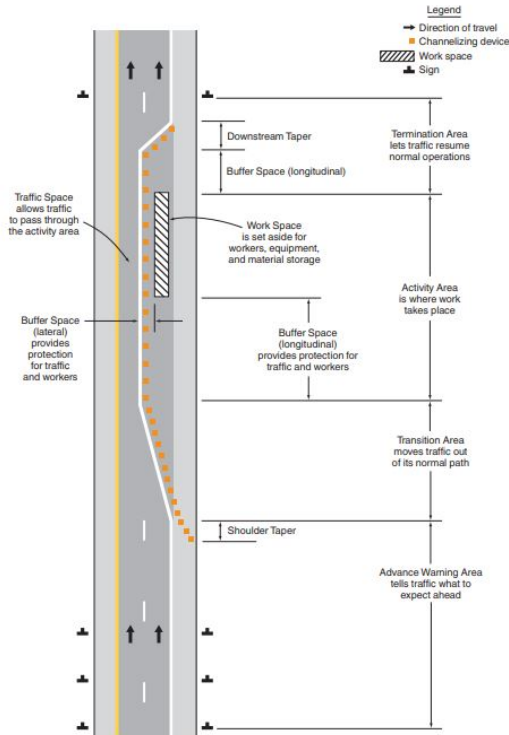
▶ **Transition Area**  
Road users **Redirected from normal path** (TMUTCD, Sec 6C.05)

▶ **Advanced Warning Area**  
Road users **Informed** (TMUTCD, Sec 6C.04, Table 6c-1)

# Work Zone Components

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Figure 6C-1. Component Parts of a Temporary Traffic Control Zone



## Advanced Warning Area

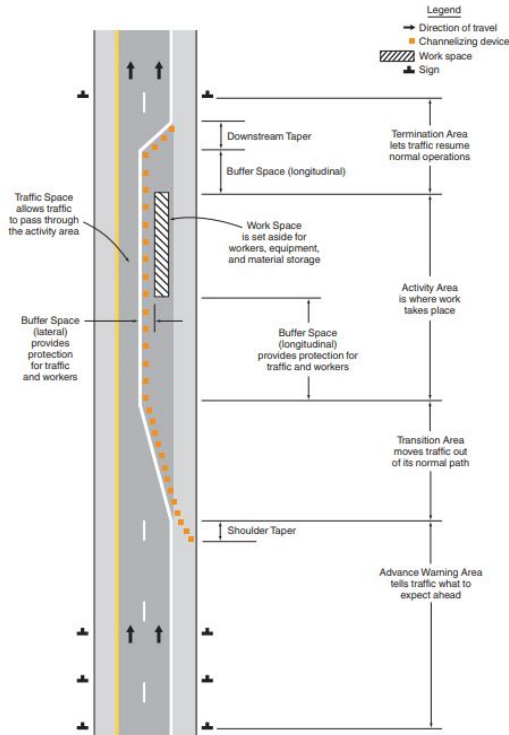
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# Work Zone Components

Source: TMUTCD

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▶ **Transition Area**  
 Road users **Redirected from normal path** (TMUTCD, Sec 6C.05)

# Work Zone Components



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## Transition Area

Source: TMUTCD



# Work Zone Components

## Transition Area

Source: TMUTCD

**Table 6C-3. Taper Length Criteria for Temporary Traffic Control Zones**

Type of Taper	Taper Length
Merging Taper	at least L
Shifting Taper	at least 0.5 L
Shoulder Taper	at least 0.33 L
One-Lane, Two-Way Traffic Taper	50 feet minimum, 100 feet maximum
Downstream Taper	50 feet minimum, 100 feet maximum

Note: Use Table 6C-4 to calculate L

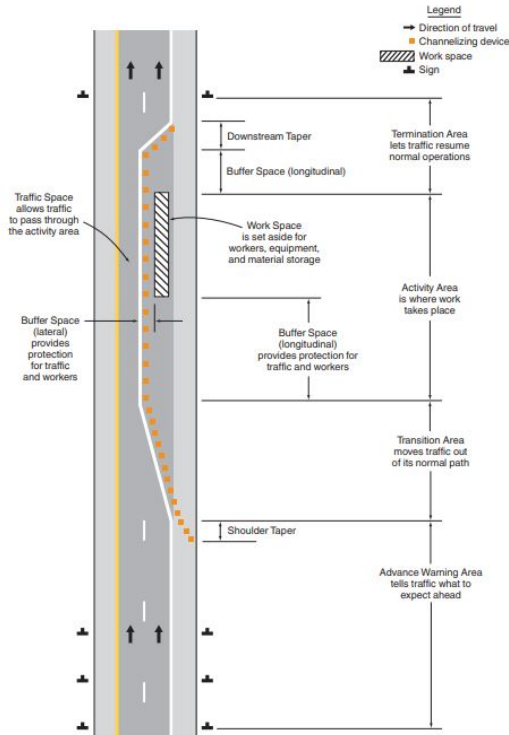
**Table 6C-4. Merging Taper Lengths and Spacing of Channelizing Devices**

Posted Speed	Formula	* Minimum Desirable Taper Lengths			Suggested maximum Spacing of Channelizing Devices	
		10' Offset	11' Offset	12' Offset	On a taper	On a tangent
30	$L = \frac{WS^2}{60}$	150'	165'	180'	30'	60'
35		205'	225'	245'	35'	70'
40		265'	295'	320'	40'	80'
45	L = WS	450'	495'	540'	45'	90'
50		500'	550'	600'	50'	100'
55		550'	605'	660'	55'	110'
60		600'	660'	720'	60'	120'
65		650'	715'	780'	65'	130'
70		700'	770'	840'	70'	140'
75		750'	825'	900'	75'	150'
80		800'	880'	960'	80'	160'

\* Taper lengths have been rounded off.

L = Length of Taper (Feet) W = Width of Offset (Feet) S = Posted Speed (MPH)

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▶ **Termination Area**  
 Road users **Redirected to normal path** (TMUTCD, Sec 6C.07)

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## Work Zone Components

## Termination Area

Source: TMUTCD



# WORK ZONE

# DESIGN SCENARIOS

How do we design it?

## Traffic Control Design Options

### ▶ Traffic Control Narrative

General phasing/detour requirements

Contractor responsible for submitting detailed plans prior to construction

### ▶ Traffic Control Plan

Detailed plans depicting all phases of construction

Prepared by consultant as part of design scope

Contractor submits plans only if they want to deviate from approved plans







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# WORK ZONE

# CASE SCENARIOS

How do we do it?





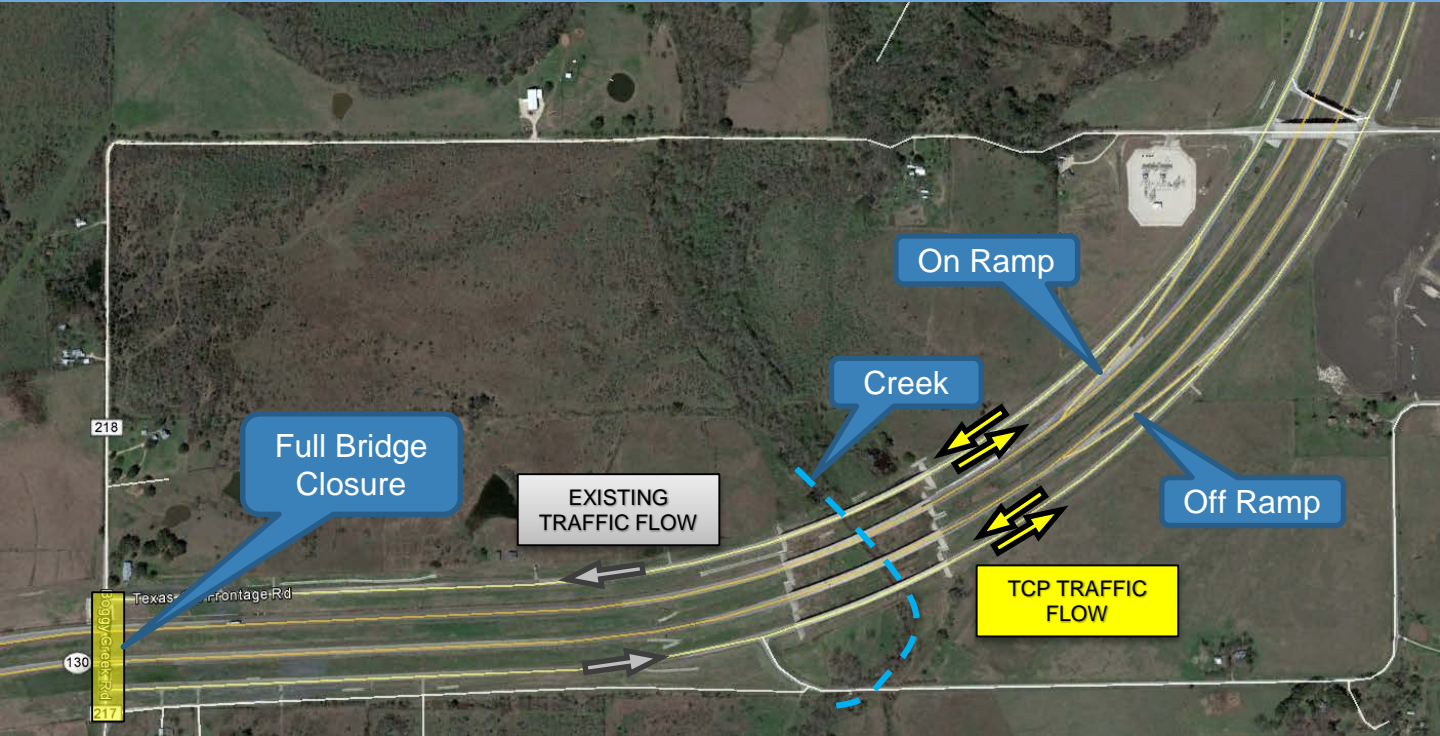
# 1-Lane Closure



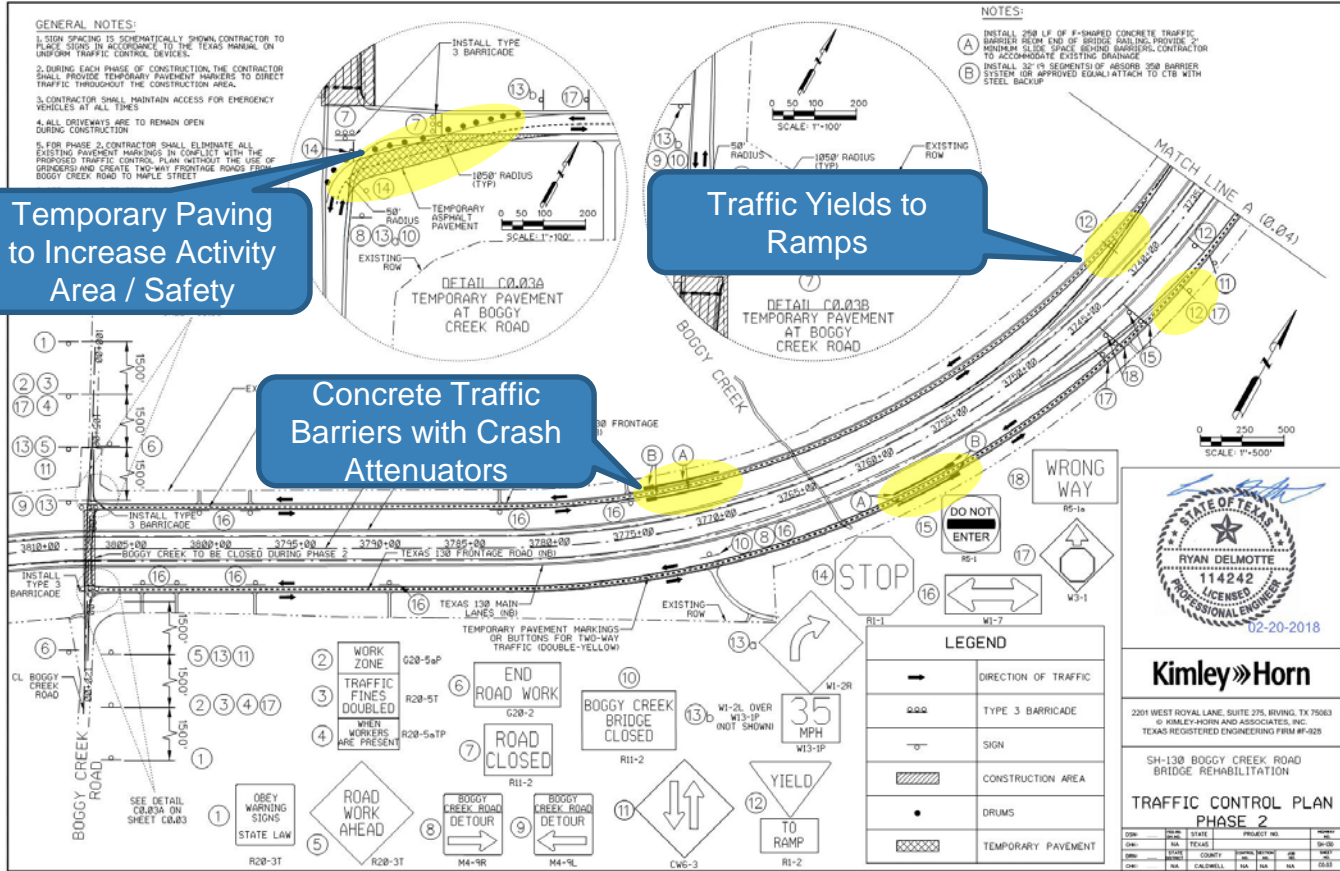




# One -Way to Two -Way Traffic



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Temporary Paving to Increase Activity Area / Safety

Traffic Yields to Ramps

Concrete Traffic Barriers with Crash Attenuators







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# WORK ZONE

## PRACTICAL STEPS

How do we implement it?



## ACTION PLAN

- ▶ **DRAFT YOUR TCP**
  - ▶ REVIEW YOUR TCP
  
- ▶ **COMMUNICATE YOUR TCP**
  - ▶ REVIEW YOUR TCP
  
- ▶ **IMPLEMENT YOUR TCP**
  - ▶ REVIEW YOUR TCP

# ACTION PLAN

## ► COMMUNICATE YOUR TCP

The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook post from the page 'Mesquite Texas City Hall', dated March 14. The post text reads: 'Starting March 15, a portion of Scyene Road (Clay Mathis Road to Airport Boulevard) will be closed for a period of approximately six months. The closure is due to the Scyene Road reconstruction project approved by City Council in 2017. Learn more about the road closure in this episode of Mesquite in Motion.' Below the text is a video player thumbnail with the title 'Mesquite IN MOTION' and a subtitle '► SCYENE AND BERRY ROAD CLOSURES'. The video player shows a play button icon. Below the video player, the post has 32 reactions (likes, loves, wow, haha, sad, angry), 22 comments, 41 shares, and 3.9K views. At the bottom of the post, there are buttons for 'Like', 'Comment', and 'Share', along with a small profile picture icon.

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IN MOTION

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## ACTION PLAN

### ▶ IMPLEMENT YOUR TCP

#### BEFORE

- REVIEW
- PLAN FOR CONTINGENCIES

## ACTION PLAN

### ► IMPLEMENT YOUR TCP

#### **DURING**

- BE READY TO TWEAK

## ACTION PLAN

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#### BEFORE

- REVIEW
- PLAN FOR CONTINGENCIES

#### DURING

- BE READY TO TWEAK

#### AFTER

- DOCUMENT YOUR SUCCESSES (& FAILURES)



# WORK ZONE QUESTIONS



# THANKS!

**Any questions?**

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