

ALL GENERAL NOTES SHOWN BELOW SHALL APPLY TO ALL OF THE STANDARD DRAWINGS IN TCS SERIES

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CONTRACTOR

ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IT WILL BE THE CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITY TO INSTALL THE NECESSARY TRAFFIC CONTROL BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING ALL DEVICES TO ASSURE A HIGH DEGREE OF BOTH DAY AND NIGHT VISIBILITY, WHICH WILL INCLUDE ANY WASHING, REPLACEMENT AND/OR REPOSITIONING WHERE DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE ENGINEER.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL REPAIR OR REPLACE ANY NEW OR EXISTING PERMANENT STATE OWNED SIGNS WHICH ARE DAMAGED DUE TO HIS NEGLIGENCE OR CARELESS HANDLING DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT. THIS SHALL BE DONE AT THE CONTRACTORS EXPENSE.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE AND EXISTING PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON ALL ROADWAYS OPEN TO TRAFFIC WITHIN THE PROJECT. SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR MAINTAINING PAVEMENT MARKINGS FOR PRESCRIBED DETOUR ROUTES WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE ENGINEER.

SIGN MATERIALS

ALL SIGN BLANK MATERIALS SHALL BE THE OPTION OF THE CONTRACTOR BUT SHALL BE OF SUCH MATERIAL THAT WILL RETAIN A SATISFACTORY APPEARANCE THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT.

ALL SIGNS, LIGHTS, FLAGS, ETC. SHALL CONFORM IN SIZE, SHAPE, COLOR, LEGENDS AND APPLICATIONS TO THE STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND/OR OKLAHOMA STATE STANDARD DRAWINGS FOR SIGNS. STANDARD DRAWINGS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. INTERPRETATIONS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE ENGINEER.

SIGN SHEETING

REFLECTORIZATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SHALL BE BY MEANS OF WIDE ANGLE, FLAT TOP REFLECTIVE SHEETING MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF 1999, OKLAHOMA STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.

SHEETING ON ALL SIGNS AND BARRICADES USED FOR CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC CONTROL SHALL BE TYPE II UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED IN THE PLANS.

SIGN INSTALLATION

ALL SIGNS SHALL BE SECURELY PLACED OR WEIGHTED TO PREVENT BLOWING OVER. ROCKS, BROKEN CONCRETE OR OTHER SUCH OBJECTS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR SAND BAGS WHEN USED TO OBTAIN ADDED STABILITY FOR MOVABLE SIGNS AND BARRICADES.

SPACING OF SIGNING, ON THE PLANS OR TCS STANDARDS, SHOULD BE NO LESS THAN THE DISTANCES SHOWN. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN SIGNS SHOULD BE INCREASED ON HIGH SPEED OR MORE HEAVILY TRAVELED HIGHWAYS, OR WHERE SIGHT DISTANCE IS RESTRICTED.

IN ALL CONSTRUCTION ZONES, THE 48 INCH X 48 INCH WARNING SIGNS SHALL HAVE ATTACHED THERETO FLORESCENT FLAGS AND TYPE "A" WARNING LIGHTS. THIS SHALL ALSO APPLY WHEN SIGNS ARE USED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROADWAY. ADDITIONAL FLASHING LIGHTS MAY BE REQUIRED WHEN SO DESIRED BY THE ENGINEER.

ALL DIAMOND SHAPED CONSTRUCTION WARNING SIGNS ON EXPRESSWAYS OR FREEWAYS SHALL BE 48 INCH X 48 INCH, WITH THE APPROPRIATE ADVISORY SIGN WHERE REQUIRED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED IN THE PLANS.

DUE TO THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF CONSTRUCTION, SIGNS WHICH ARE 33 S.F. AND OVER WILL HAVE NO REINFORCING STEEL IN THEIR FOOTINGS.

ALL SIGNS AND SIGN ASSEMBLIES WITH A TOTAL SURFACE AREA OF 10 S.F. OR MORE SHALL BE INSTALLED ON TWO (2) POSTS. THE EXCEPTION BEING SINGLE ROUTE MARKER ASSEMBLIES.

SIGNS MOUNTED ON BARRICADES SHALL BE MOUNTED AS HIGH AS NECESSARY TO BE VISIBLE.

BARRICADES

ONE (1) WING BARRICADE SHALL BE SET ON EACH SIDE OF THE ROADWAY 250 FEET IN ADVANCE OF THE FIRST ADVANCE WARNING SIGN. THE EXCEPTIONS ARE MINOR CROSS STREETS AND SECTION LINE ROADS WHICH INTERSECT THE WORK AREA.

WING BARRICADES SHALL BE INSTALLED ON TWO (2) POSTS.

LIGHTING

TYPE "A" WARNING LIGHTS SHALL BE USED ON BARRICADES (AS REQUIRED) AND WARNING SIGNS.

TYPE "C" WARNING LIGHTS SHALL BE USED ON CHANNELIZING DEVICES AND VERTICAL PANELS (AS REQUIRED).

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

SHOULD THE REQUIRED WORK ON ANY PROJECT, INCLUDING ANY TRAFFIC CONTROL, OVERLAP OR OTHERWISE INTERFERE WITH THE ON-GOING WORK OR TRAFFIC CONTROL OF ANOTHER PROJECT, IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RESPECTIVE CONTRACTORS TO COORDINATE THEIR WORK ACTIVITIES TO FACILITATE THE SAFE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC THROUGHOUT OR AROUND THEIR COLLECTIVE WORK AREAS. ANY SUCH RECOMMENDED CHANGES SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO EACH PROJECT RESIDENT ENGINEER FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

ALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES NOT REQUIRED FOR THE SAFE CONDUCT OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE SHALL BE PROMPTLY REMOVED, COMPLETELY COVERED, TURNED AWAY FROM TRAFFIC OR OTHERWISE TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE. DEVICES SHALL NOT BE STORED ALONG THE ROADWAY WITHIN 15 FEET (15') OF AN OPEN DRIVING LANE, EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THEY ARE TO BE USED UNLESS PROTECTED BY GUARDRAIL, BRIDGE RAIL AND/OR BARRIERS INSTALLED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. THESE DEVICES SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE WHEN THE ENGINEER DETERMINES THEY ARE NO LONGER NEEDED. WHERE THERE IS INSUFFICIENT RIGHT-OF-WAY TO PROVIDE FOR THIS 15 FEET (15') SETBACK, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL DETERMINE ALTERNATE LOCATIONS AND REQUEST THE ENGINEERS APPROVAL TO USE THEM.

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, WARNING DEVICES, AND BARRIERS SHALL BE KEPT IN CORRECT POSITION, PROPERLY DIRECTED, CLEARLY VISIBLE AND CLEAN AT ALL TIMES. DAMAGED, DEFACED OR DIRTY DEVICES OR BARRICADES SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE REPAIRED, REPLACED OR CLEANED BY THE CONTRACTOR AND APPROVED FOR USE BY THE ENGINEER.

NO EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLES BELONGING TO THE CONTRACTOR, HIS SUB-CONTRACTORS OR EMPLOYEES SHALL BE PARKED OR STOPPED WITHIN 30 FEET (30') OF A LANE CARRYING TRAFFIC, AT ANY TIME, UNLESS REQUIRED BY ONGOING WORK OPERATIONS.

ALL DETOURS AND DIVERSIONS SHOULD BE IN PLACE WITH SIGNING, STRIPING AND CHANNELIZING DEVICES, AS SHOWN IN THE PLANS OR STANDARD DRAWINGS, BEFORE THEY ARE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

WHEN IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE ROAD TO THROUGH TRAFFIC, NO LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE CLOSURE, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS OR AGENCIES DESCRIBING THE AFFECTED ROAD AND THE APPROXIMATE DURATION OF THE CLOSURE. THOSE TO BE NOTIFIED INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO 1) LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, 2) LOCAL FIRE OFFICIALS, 3) AMBULANCE SERVICES, 4) LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, 5) UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, AND 6) CITY OR COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT.

ARROW DISPLAY

USE OF AN ARROW DISPLAY, IN THE ARROW OR CHEVRON MODE, SHALL BE LIMITED TO STATIONARY OR MOVING LANE CLOSURES.

AN ARROW DISPLAY, IN THE CAUTION MODE, SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR SHOULDER WORK, BLOCKING THE SHOULDER, ROADSIDE WORK NEAR THE SHOULDER, OR FOR MOBILE OPERATIONS (I.E. STRIPING).

AN ARROW DISPLAY IN THE ARROW OR CHEVRON MODE, SHALL NOT BE USED ON A TWO-LANE, TWO-WAY ROADWAY FOR TEMPORARY ONE-LANE OPERATION.

AN ARROW DISPLAY SHALL NOT BE USED ON A MULTI-LANE ROADWAY TO LATERALLY SHIFT TRAFFIC.

CHANNELIZING DEVICES

IN THOSE AREAS WHERE DRIVERS ARE ASKED TO MAKE A DECISION OR MUST BE GUIDED THROUGH A PRECISE MOVEMENT, BY USE OF CHANNELIZING DEVICES, IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE A CLEARLY DEFINED PATH. EXAMPLES OF THIS COULD BE IN DELINEATING A TEMPORARY GORE OR TURNING RADIUS. IN SUCH AREAS THE SPACING OF CHANNELIZING DEVICES MAY BE REDUCED TO 10 FEET FOR SPEEDS OF 40 M.P.H. OR LESS, AND 20 FEET FOR SPEEDS GREATER THAN 40 M.P.H.

WHEN CHANNELIZING DEVICES ARE USED TO DIRECT TRAFFIC ACROSS EXISTING LANE LINES OR EDGE LINES, THE SPACING BETWEEN CHANNELIZING DEVICES SHALL BE REDUCED 50%. SPACING SHOULD ALSO BE REDUCED WHEN CHANNELIZING DEVICES ARE PLACED ON CURVES, HILLS, OR NEXT TO POTENTIAL HAZARDS.

FLAGGERS

FLAGGERS MUST BE CLEARLY VISIBLE TO APPROACHING TRAFFIC FOR A DISTANCE SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT PROPER RESPONSE BY MOTORISTS TO THE FLAGGING INSTRUCTIONS, AND TO PERMIT TRAFFIC TO REDUCE SPEED OR STOP BEFORE ENTERING THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE. FLAGGERS SHALL BE POSITIONED TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM COLOR CONTRAST BETWEEN THE FLAGGER'S REFLECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT AND THE WORK AREA BACKGROUND.

DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS, FLAGGER STATIONS SHALL BE ILLUMINATED SUCH THAT THE FLAGGER WILL BE CLEARLY VISIBLE TO APPROACHING TRAFFIC. LIGHTS TO BE USED FOR ILLUMINATING THE STATION SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER. REFLECTORIZED PADDLES AND REFLECTORIZED VESTS, SHIRTS OR JACKETS SHALL BE USED FOR NIGHTTIME FLAGGING.

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE PLANS, THE COST OF FLAGGING OPERATIONS SHALL BE INCLUDED IN OTHER ITEMS OF WORK.

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

- (1) WARNING LIGHTS (TYPE A FLASHERS AND TYPE C STEADY BURN)
 - (A) NOT LESS THAN NINETY (90) PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIGHTS BEING USED AT ANY ONE TIME SHALL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL.
 - (B) NOT MORE THAN THREE (3) LIGHTS ADJACENT TO ONE ANOTHER SHALL BE FAILING.
- (2) ARROW DISPLAY
 - (A) WHEN IN ARROW MODE, NO MORE THAN TWO (2) LAMPS IN THE STEM AND ZERO (0) LAMPS IN THE HEAD SHALL BE FAILING. THE DIMMING FUNCTION SHALL BE OPERATING PROPERLY.
 - (B) WHEN IN CAUTION MODE (CORNERS), A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) LAMPS SHALL BE OPERATIONAL. THE DIMMING FUNCTION SHALL BE OPERATING PROPERLY.
 - (C) ANY LAMP WHICH IS LIGHTED BUT IMPROPERLY ALIGNED SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED OPERATIONAL.
- (3) CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS
 - (A) NOT LESS THAN NINETY (90) PERCENT OF THE PIXELS SHALL BE FUNCTIONAL IN EACH CHARACTER MODULE.
- (4) PAVEMENT MARKING TAPE
 - (A) NOT MORE THAN TEN (10) PERCENT OF ALL TAPE, PAINT, MESSAGE OR SYMBOL SHALL BE MISSING
 - (B) NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE DASHED LINES SHALL BE MISSING.
 - (C) NOT MORE THAN FIFTY (50) CONTINUOUS FEET OF A SOLID LINE SHALL BE MISSING.
- (5) CONSTRUCTION ZONE PAVEMENT MARKERS
 - (A) NOT MORE THAN TEN (10) PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MARKERS SHALL BE MISSING.
 - (B) NOT MORE THAN THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE MARKERS SHALL BE MISSING.

STRIPING

WHENEVER THE WORK CAUSES THE OBLITERATION OF PAVEMENT MARKINGS, EITHER TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT MARKINGS SHALL BE IN PLACE PRIOR TO OPENING THE ROADWAY TO TRAFFIC. CENTERLINE PAVEMENT MARKINGS SHALL BE PROVIDED AT ALL TIMES FOR ROADWAYS OPEN TO TRAFFIC.

THE APPLICATION SURFACES FOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS SHALL BE FREE OF DUST, DIRT, MOISTURE OR OTHER FOREIGN MATTER WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH ADHESION. INSTALLATION OF ALL PAVEMENT MARKINGS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATIONS.

ALL TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKINGS SHALL BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY AHEAD OF THE PERMANENT STRIPING OPERATIONS OR RE-STRIPING FOR FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION PHASES.

WHEN REMOVABLE PAVEMENT MARKINGS TAPE IS TO BE INSTALLED ON NEW CONCRETE PAVEMENT, THE CURING COMPOUND SHALL BE REMOVED PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

IF REMOVABLE PAVEMENT MARKING TAPE IS INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURERS SPECIFICATIONS AND FAILS DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF SERVICE, IT SHALL BE REPLACED AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE. REPLACEMENT SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A TIMELY MANNER UPON BEING NOTIFIED, BY THE ENGINEER, OF SUCH FAILURE.

PILOT CAR

WHEN LANE CLOSURES ARE REQUIRED ON TWO-LANE / TWO-WAY ROADWAYS, THE CONTRACTOR MAY, AT HIS OPTION, UTILIZE A PILOT CAR. IF THE CONTRACTOR ELECTS TO USE A PILOT CAR, CHANNELIZING DEVICES ALONG THE CENTERLINE WILL NOT BE REQUIRED. THE PILOT CAR OPERATOR SHALL BE IN RADIO CONTACT WITH PERSONEL IN THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE. MAXIMUM SPEED OF THE PILOT CAR THROUGH THE WORK AREA SHALL BE 25 M.P.H. FULL COMPENSATION FOR FURNISHING AND OPERATING THE PILOT CAR, (INCLUDING DRIVER, RADIOS, AND ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT OR LABOR REQUIRED) SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS INCLUDED IN THE COST OF OTHER ITEMS OF WORK.

MISCELLANEOUS

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS MAY NECESSITATE CHANGES IN THE USE AND/OR QUANTITIES OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AS SHOWN IN THE PLANS OR IN THE STANDARDS. ANY SUCH CHANGES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE ENGINEER.

ALL CHANNELIZING DEVICES PROVIDED ON THIS PROJECT SHALL BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND SHALL BE APPROVED FOR USE ON THIS PROJECT BY THE ENGINEER.

THE REGULATORY SPEED LIMITS THROUGH THE WORK ZONE MAY BE ADJUSTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ENGINEER WITH THE DOCUMENTED APPROVAL OF THE DIVISION ENGINEER IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 47 OF THE OKLAHOMA MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS.

IF THE REGULATORY SPEED LIMIT THROUGH A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE HAS BEEN REDUCED, A SPEED LIMIT SIGN, R2-1 (APPROPRIATE SIZE), SHOULD BE INSTALLED 300 FEET PAST THE CG20-2A (END ROAD WORK) SIGN. THE PURPOSE OF THIS SIGN IS TO ADVISE MOTORISTS THAT THEY MAY RETURN TO THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

THE CONSTRUCTION SIGNING AND BARRICADE CONTRACTOR SHOULD AFFIX THEIR COMPANY NAME AND/OR LOGO INCONSPICUOUSLY ON EACH TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE.

NCHRP REPORT 350 CRASHWORTHY REQUIREMENTS

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SHALL MEET THE EVALUATION CRITERIA IN NCHRP REPORT 350 AS SUPPLEMENTED BY FHWA MEMORANDUM "IDENTIFYING ACCEPTABLE HIGHWAY SAFETY FEATURES", DATED JULY 25, 1997 (AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/roadside_hardware.htm).

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL :

1. CERTIFY THAT ALL CATEGORY 1 DEVICES (AS DEFINED IN THE FHWA MEMORANDUM) WERE PURCHASED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1998, OR IF THE DEVICES WERE PURCHASED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1998, INCLUDE A COPY OF THE MANUFACTURER'S SELF CERTIFICATION STATING THAT THEY ARE NCHRP REPORT 350 COMPLIANT.
2. CERTIFY THAT ALL CATEGORY 2 DEVICES (AS DEFINED IN THE FHWA MEMORANDUM) WERE PURCHASED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2000, OR IF THE DEVICES WERE PURCHASED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000, INCLUDE A COPY OF THE ENTIRE FHWA ACCEPTANCE LETTER FOR EACH OF THE DEVICES STATING THAT THEY ARE NCHRP REPORT 350 COMPLIANT.
3. CERTIFY THAT THE TRUCK MOUNTED ATTENUATORS (TMAs) WHICH ARE DEFINED AS CATEGORY 3 DEVICES BY THE FHWA MEMORANDUM WERE PURCHASED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1998, AND INCLUDE A COPY OF THE ENTIRE FHWA ACCEPTANCE LETTER STATING THAT THE TMAs ARE NCHRP REPORT 230 COMPLIANT; OR IF THE DEVICES WERE PURCHASED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1998, INCLUDE A COPY OF THE ENTIRE FHWA'S ACCEPTANCE LETTER STATING THAT THE TMAs ARE NCHRP REPORT 350 COMPLIANT.

ALL CATEGORY 1 AND 2 DEVICES PURCHASED PRIOR TO THE ABOVE DATES MAY BE USED UNTIL THE END OF THEIR SERVICEABLE LIVES OR OCTOBER 1, 2002, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. TMAs PURCHASED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1998, MAY BE USED UNTIL THE END OF THEIR SERVICEABLE LIVES.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL CONSTRUCTION NOTES

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