

TOWN OF STRATHMORE

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL GUIDE

1.0 Guidelines for Traffic Control Devices

1.0 Signs and Specifications

Below is a listing of common temporary traffic control signs. The sizes identified are recommended under normal conditions. Sign sizes are dictated by roadway classification or by the Municipal Works Department. Sign size, colour and shape shall be in accordance to the most current version of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada (MUTCD).

All signs, unless otherwise specified, must be retro-reflective. Retro-reflective sheeting that is classified as Engineering Grade. Reflectivity Level 2 is the minimum intensity used in temporary traffic control signage. High intensity material (Reflectivity Level 1) is recommended and is the Town standard.

1.1 Legend

Sign name (MUTCD code)

- Sign description
- Sign size
- Colour information

1.2 Regulatory Signs

Regulatory signs are used to identify a traffic regulation that is applicable at a given time or place on a road, and identify the legal requirements. The following codes are used to categorize the various regulatory signs as below:

RA: Right of way control signs RB: Road use control signs

RC: Miscellaneous regulatory signs

	Regulatory Signs
STOP	Stop Sign (RA-1) This sign indicates to drivers that they must come to a complete stop and must not proceed until it is safe to do so 750 mm x 750 mm White text and border on red background.
4 - WAY	 Multi-way Stop Tab (RA-1T4) This sign indicates there are more than two approaches controlled by stop signs 450 mm x 225 mm Black text and border on white background.
	 Yield Sign (RA-2) This sign indicates that drivers must yield the Right of Way and stop if necessary, and must not proceed until it is safe to do so 750 mm sides Red symbol and border on white background.
MAXIMUM	Maximum Speed Sign (RB-1) This sign indicates the maximum legal speed 600 mm x 750 mm Black text and border on white background.
•	 Maximum Speed Ahead Sign (RB-5) This sign provides advanced warning of a speed reduction 600 mm x 750 mm Black text and border on white background.
	Right/Left Turn Prohibited Sign (RB-11 Right or Left) This sign indicates that a right or left turn is prohibited 600 mm x 600 mm Black arrow and border, with red circle and bar on white background.
	 Entry Prohibited Sign (RB-23) This sign indicates that access to vehicular traffic is not permitted 600 mm x 600 mm Black arrow and border with red circle and bar on white background.
	 Two-Way Traffic Sign (RB-24) This sign indicates that the section of road is a two-way road 600 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on white background.
	Right (Left) Turn Only Lane Sign (RB-41R and RB41L modified) Used on approach to an intersection, this sign indicates to drivers that they must turn from the designated lane at the intersection 600 mm x 600 mm White arrow and border on black background.

Regulatory Signs (continued)



Parking Control Sign (RB-51)

- This sign indicates that parking is prohibited at all times on all days and on both sides of the sign. Various prohibitions to times, duration and coverage area can be specified
- 300 mm x 300 mm
- Black text and arrows with red circle and bar, and black border on white background.



Stopping Prohibited Sign (RB-55)

- This sign indicates that stopping is prohibited at all times on all days and on both sides of the sign. Various prohibitions to times, duration and coverage area can be specified
- 300 mm x 300 mm
- Black symbol and arrows with red circle and bar, and black border on white background.



Double Fine Area Sign (Begins/Ends)

- This sign advises motorists that speed fines double in the work area
- 600 mm x 600 mm
- Black text and border on a white background.

Temporary Traffic Control Signs

Temporary Condition Signs

Temporary condition signs are used for temporary traffic control and have an orange background with black symbol or text.



Sidewalk Closed Sign

- This sign indicates that the sidewalk is closed
- 450 mm x 600 mm
- Black text, symbol and border on an orange background.



Construction Ahead Sign (TC-1)

- This sign indicates advanced warning of a major work zone and are generally used for long-term construction projects.
- 750 mm x 750 mm
- Black text, symbol and border on an orange background.



Road Work Sign (TC-2)

- This sign indicates that activities such as minor maintenance or utility operations are in progress on or adjacent to the road.
- 750 mm x 750 mm
- Black symbol and border on an orange background.



End Construction Sign

- This sign indicates the end of the work zone
- 600 mm x 1200 mm
- Black text and border on an orange background.

Temporary Traffic Control Signs (continued) Temporary Lane Closed Ahead Sign (TC-5) Right or Left This sign indicates that a lane is closed ahead 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background. Lane Closure Arrow Sign (TC-7 modified) Right or Left This sign indicates that traffic must proceed to the left or right of the closed lane 450 mm x 600 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background. Flashing Arrow Board (TC-8) Refer to Section 4.6.6 Flashing Arrow Board (TC-9) Refer to Section 4.6.6 **Detour Ahead Sign (TC-10)** This sign indicates that traffic will be required to take another road to bypass the DETOUR construction activity 750 mm x 750 mm Black text, symbol and border on an orange background. **Detour Direction Markers (TC-11)** These signs indicate the alternate route to take as a result of a total road closure. 600 mm x 600 mm Black text, symbol and border on an orange background. **Through Traffic Prohibited Sign** NO This sign indicates a worksite ahead, but allows for local traffic up to the worksite THROUGH 600 mm x 600 mm **TRAFFIC** Black text and border on an orange background Road Closed Sign This sign indicates that access is prohibited to all traffic **ROAD** 450 mm x 900 mm CLOSED Black text and border on an orange background. **Local Traffic Only Sign** LOCAL ☐ This sign indicates that local traffic is permitted TRAFFIC ONLY 450 mm x 900 mm Black text and border on an orange background.

	Temporary Traffic Control Signs (continued)
	 Road Diversion Sign (TC13R and TC13L) This sign indicates a deviation on detour from the existing road. Detour length to be in mm. 200 mm length for sign to apply. 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.
	Road Realignment Sign (TC-15) This sign indicates the road is realigned from normal 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.
	 Lane Realignment Sign (TC-16) This sign indicates the realignment of two or more lanes from normal 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.
	 Traffic Control Person Ahead Sign (TC-21) This sign indicates that traffic is controlled by a traffic control person 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.
BE PREPARED TO STOP	Be Prepared To Stop Sign This sign indicates that the motorist may be required to stop 750 mm x 750 mm Black text and border on an orange background.
lit	 Two-way Traffic Ahead Sign (TC-24) This sign indicates the approaching section of road is a two-way road 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.
**************************************	Checkerboard Sign (TC-30R) This sign indicates the termination of a road 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.
	Chevron Alignment Sign (TC-31) This sign indicates a change in the horizontal alignment of the road 450 mm x 600 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.

	Temporary Traffic Control Signs (continued)
	Road Narrows Sign (TC-34) This sign indicates the narrowing of the road 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.
NACO NACO NACO NACO NACO NACO NACO NACO	 Grooved Pavement Sign (TC-47) This sign indicates that the road surface requires attention by motorcycle or bicycle operators 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.
	Pavement Drop-Off Sign (TC-49) This sign indicates that the approaching section of road where either or both the adjacent lane or shoulder are lower or higher than the driving lane 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.
	 Bump Sign (TC-51) This sign warns of approaching bump in the road 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.
PAVEMENT ENDS	Pavement Ends Sign (TC-50) This sign indicates that the hard surface road is about to end 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.
	Low Clearance Ahead Sign (TC-52) This sign indicates the maximum overhead clearance at bridges and other structures 750 mm x 750 mm Black dimension, arrows and border on an orange background.
TRUCK	 Truck Entrance Sign (TC-54) This sign indicates trucks entering the roadway 750 mm x 750 mm Black symbol and border on an orange background.

The following drawings show examples of typical portable sign stands.

SIGN PLATE

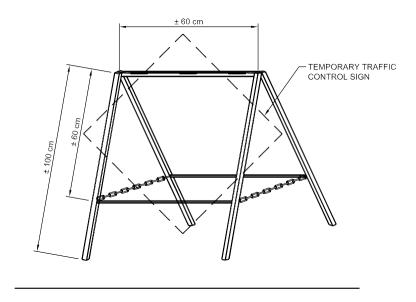
10cm X 10cm POST

2.5cm X 2.5cm BRACES

75cm

Figure 4.2.1 - Typical Portable Sign Stands

WOOD SIGN STAND



STEEL SIGN STAND

1.3 Control of Traffic Using a Traffic Control Person

Traffic control persons are required:

- 1. When two-way traffic has to be guided through a single lane
- 2. When materials or equipment are being moved across a traveled lane
- 3. To assist motorists through complex traffic control set-ups
- 4. When required by Traffic Assessment.

Traffic control persons are responsible for the safety of motorists, pedestrians, their fellow workers and equipment used on the worksite. Therefore, selecting a traffic control person must be based on the individual's experience, alertness and decisiveness. Traffic control persons shall be familiar with flagging standards and procedures as set out by the Alberta Construction Safety Association (ACSA). For more information on courses offered on flagging operations, please contact the ACSA at (1-800-661-6090) or http://www.acsa-safety.org.

A traffic control person is required to use a "Stop/Slow" paddle during the day. The paddle shall be reflectorized for night use. At night, a red lantern or flashlight must be used in addition to the paddle. A traffic control person must wear an approved hard hat, reflective safety vest and safety shoes as identified by the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Illumination should be provided for traffic control persons required to be working in areas where normal street lighting is not available during hours of darkness. Always use a "Traffic Control Person Ahead" sign (TC-21) and a "Be Prepared to Stop" sign in advance to alert motorists of a flagging operation. Traffic control persons shall stop traffic from the side of the traffic land and shall never turn their back to traffic. Traffic control persons shall never leave their post until relieved by another traffic control person in full safety apparel.

Each traffic control person shall keep in visual contact with any other traffic control persons on the job. If visual contact cannot be maintained there must be radio contact or a third traffic control person to relay signs. For example, a third traffic control person can relay signals from a position on the middle of a curve, or atop a hill (where visibility is obstructed by horizontal or vertical curves).

Where possible, traffic control persons shall co-ordinate direction of traffic flow with existing traffic signals. If co-ordination cannot be managed, contact the Municipal Works Department a minimum of two working days prior to the flagging operation to have the signals changed to an all-red flash mode.

When more than one traffic control person is required at an intersection, traffic shall be moved through the intersection one direction at a time. Use a predetermined clockwise or counter-clockwise rotation to accomplish this.

Certain situations may require the use of the Medicine Hat Police Service (MHPS). Contact the Municipal Works Department to discuss the need for police involvement. To arrange for pay duty officers, please contact the MHPS at (403) 529-8400.

1.4 Delineation (Channelization) Devices

Delineation devices are used to form curves, lines or boundaries that guide road users to the intended path. The appropriate advanced warning signs shall be used with all delineation devices.

Delineation devices include cones, glow posts delineator, construction markers, drums, tubular devices and chevron alignment sign. Delineation devices do not include barricades, concrete barriers or signs other than chevron alignment signs.

Traffic cones shall be fluorescent orange and made of rubber or similar flexible material. The minimum height required for cones is 450 mm on roadways with a speed limit of 50 km/h or less and 700 mm for speeds up to 60 km/h. For use on roadways where the speed is 70 km/h or greater, drums shall be used. Tubular markers may be used for tangent sections on roadways (70 km/h or greater) provided recommended spacing is adopted (refer to typical setups for required spacing). Refer to Transportation Association of Canada – Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices latest edition for other relevant information.

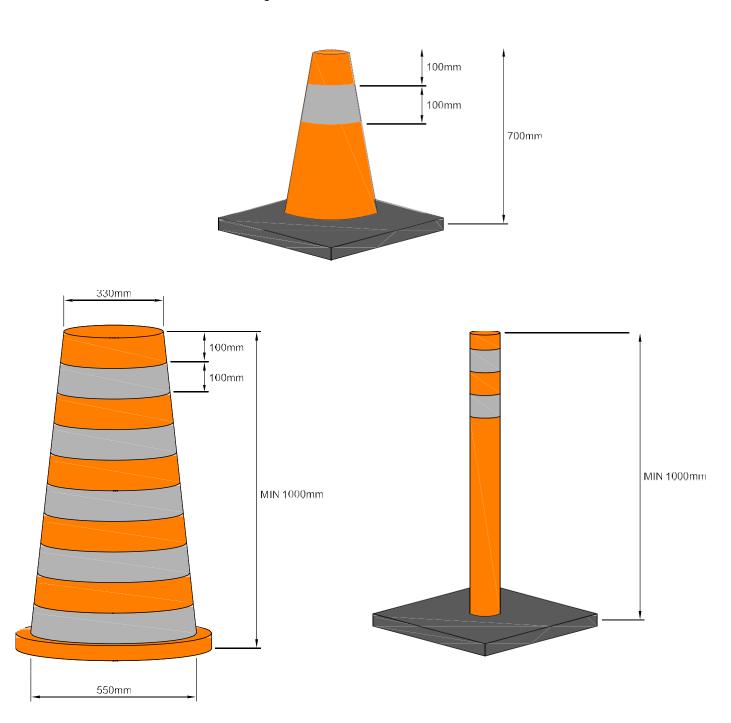


Figure 4.5.1 - Delineation Devices

Construction markers may be used for delineation devices, however, it is not recommended. Drums for high volume/high speed roadways or cones for lower speed roadways are the preferred methods as indicated above. Drums shall be constructed of a material that does not create a hazard to vehicles on impact and should be manufactured so as not to roll.

Chevron alignment signs may be used to provide additional guidance on the outside of curves or sharp turns.

Amber flashers/warning lights shall be used to identify obstructions at night. There are three main types of lights for the purpose of temporary traffic control.

Type A: Low intensity flashing lights for night time use

Type B: High intensity flashers are effective day and night.

Type C: Steady burn low-wattage lights are used at night for delineation.

Additional consideration should be given for night time work. Night time work can expedite the work, reducing the disruption of traffic. If floodlights are used for night time work, care should be taken so as to impair the vision of approaching motorists.

1.5 Barricades

Proper placement of barricades is necessary to ensure public safety, as barricades may be a potential hazard. The following provides some examples of acceptable and non-acceptable use of barricades:

4.6.1 Acceptable use of Barricades

- Barricades shall face oncoming vehicular traffic
- Barricades are used to outline hazardous work areas and to prevent vehicles and pedestrians from entering the work area
- · Barricades are used to warn of an activity area and to obstruct entry into an activity area
- Temporary signage may be placed on barricades only if necessary to accommodate a modified 'lane closure arrow', 'road closed' and 'no through traffic' signs
- Barricades shall be used to close a road.

4.6.2 Non-acceptable use of Barricades:

- Barricades shall not be used as a delineation device
- Barricades shall not be placed parallel to the flow of traffic. (For example, they are not to be used to mark the boundary between a travel lane and the work area or separate adjacent lanes of traffic.)
- Barricades shall not be placed in oncoming traffic without necessary advanced warning devices and signs.
- Barricades shall not be used instead of signposts.
- Barricades shall not be used for the placement of regulatory signs.
- Barricades shall not be located within the buffer area.

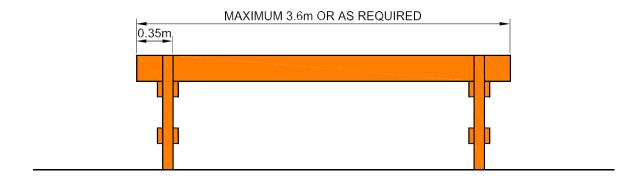
4.6.3 Light Barricades (as shown):

- A light barricade is a portable device that typically has one rail
- Light barricades may be used for road, street, lane or shoulder closures of short duration
- Light barricades should be stabilized using sandbags placed on the lower section of the frame. Under no circumstances shall they be placed over the rail of the barricade.

4.6.4 Heavy Barricades (as shown):

- A heavy barricade typically has three rails and is more permanent in nature as compared to a light barricade.
- Heavy barricades shall be used for road, street, lane or shoulder closures of long duration.
- Heavy barricades may be used for road closures of short duration.

Figure 4.6.4.1 – Typical Light Barricades (Temporary)



ELEVATION VIEW

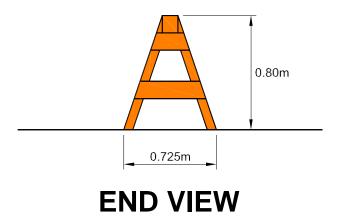
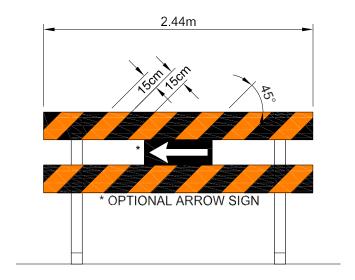


Figure 4.6.4.2 – Typical Barricades (Permanent)

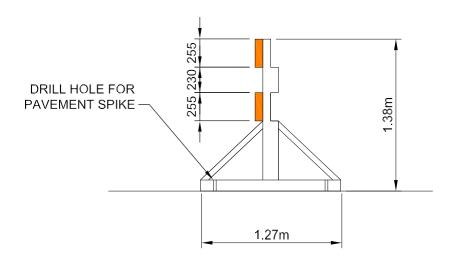


NOTE:

CHEVRON BOARDS AND ARROW SIGN TO BE REVERSED TO GUIDE TRAFFIC TO THE RIGHT.

ELEVATION VIEW

(CONFIGURATION SHOWN TO DIRECT TRAFFIC TO THE LEFT OF BARRICADE)



END VIEW



NOTE:

BRIDGE OUT AND ROAD CLOSED BOARDS MAY BE USED TO REPLACE ONE CHEVRON BOARD WHERE APPROPRIATE.

4.6.5 Traffic Barriers

Longitudinal traffic barriers are used in work zones to:

- · Limit the possibility of traffic entering the work area
- Protect the workers
- Separate traffic
- Protect the construction site
- · Separate pedestrians from vehicular traffic.

The use, placement and maintenance of longitudinal barriers should be based on acceptable engineering practices. Traffic barriers should:

- Be placed continuously without gaps between sections
- Have acceptable flare rates on the leading edge, or have appropriate end treatments for example, impact attenuators
- · Be equipped with glare screens where necessary
- Be placed 0.6 m from the edge of the driving lane
- Be used during periods of inactivity where excavations compromise safety

For information on temporary concrete barriers and acceptable barriers, refer to the following website: http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/fourthlevel/pro_res_road_nchrp350.htm.

For acceptable application and installation requirements, please refer to Chapter 9 of the "Roadside Design Guide, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, 2002".

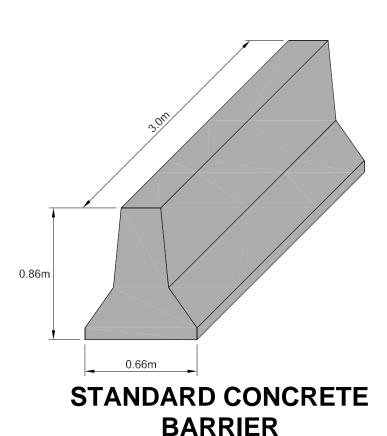


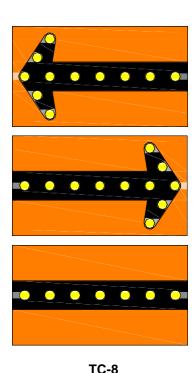
Figure 4.6.5.1. Types of Barriers

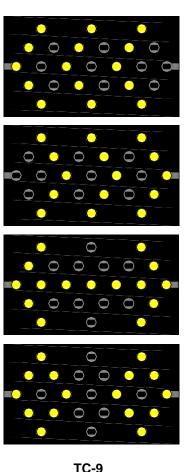
4.6.6 Flashing Arrow Boards (TC-8, TC-9)

Arrow boards are a safe and effective method of traffic control if they are not used outside their limitations. They are not to take the place of advance warning signs or delineation devices. When combined with the use of advanced warning signs and delineation devices, arrow boards are very effective. They are especially useful in situations that require higher than normal visibility. Examples where arrow boards should be used are on overnight setups, high-speed high volume roadways (70 km/h and greater) and in poor weather conditions. Arrow Boards should be a minimum size of 1500 mm x 750 mm. It is important to note that arrow boards used for night time applications should be less bright than during daytime operations so as not to impair the vision of approaching motorists (50% of daytime light output).

4.6.7 Variable Message Boards

Variable message boards are used to relay information to motorists for upcoming or existing road construction. Typically these are used where road construction is expected to cause delays on high volume roadways. For example, they are used to advise motorists to expect delays or use alternative routes where possible. Variable message boards are more effective than static signs in capturing the attention of the road users. Variable message boards should be programmed so the motorists are able to read the message twice given the posted speed.





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2.0 Temporary Traffic Control (Typical Applications)

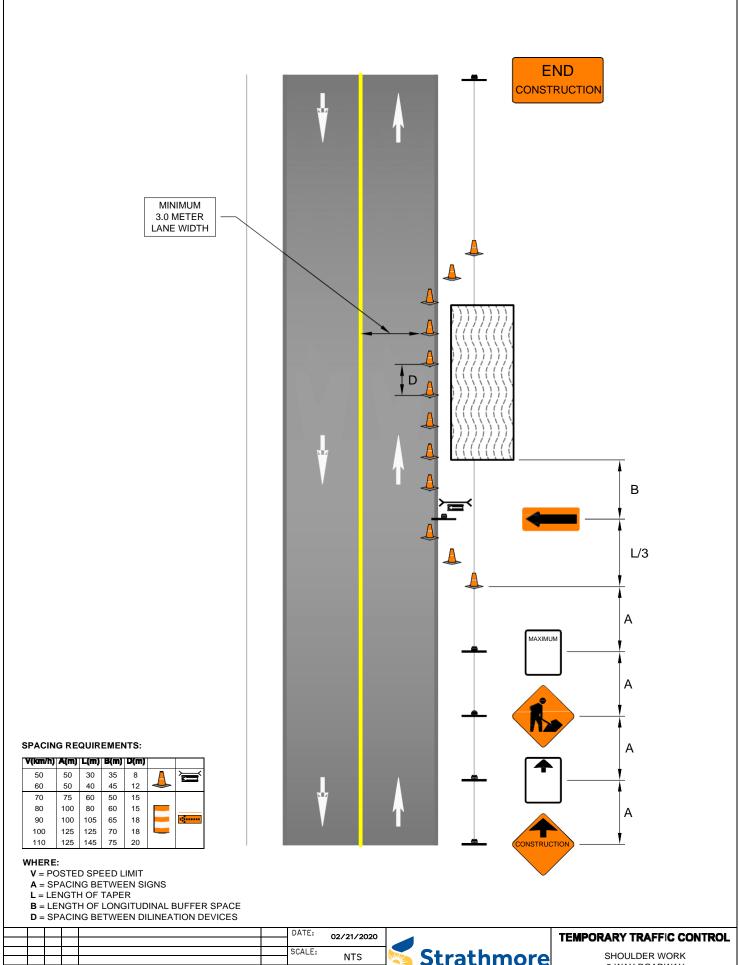
This chapter deals with how signs and devices are used for temporary conditions. The examples provided here are labelled as typical applications, since they cannot cover all site specific conditions. These typical applications provide the user with the minimum requirements for temporary traffic control.

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Special temporary traffic control applications, not covered by the typical applications noted on the drawings listed above, require special plans to be submitted with a formal Traffic Accommodation Plan (TAP). These TAP's must be approved by the Municipal Works Department before implementation.

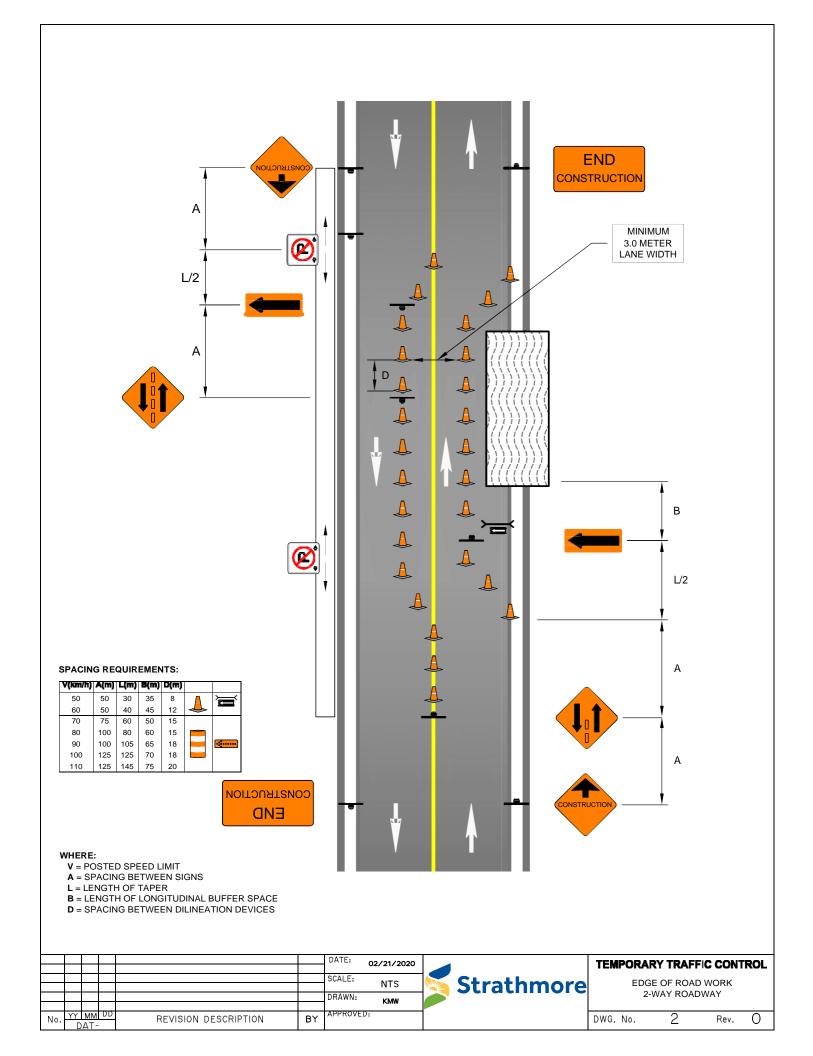


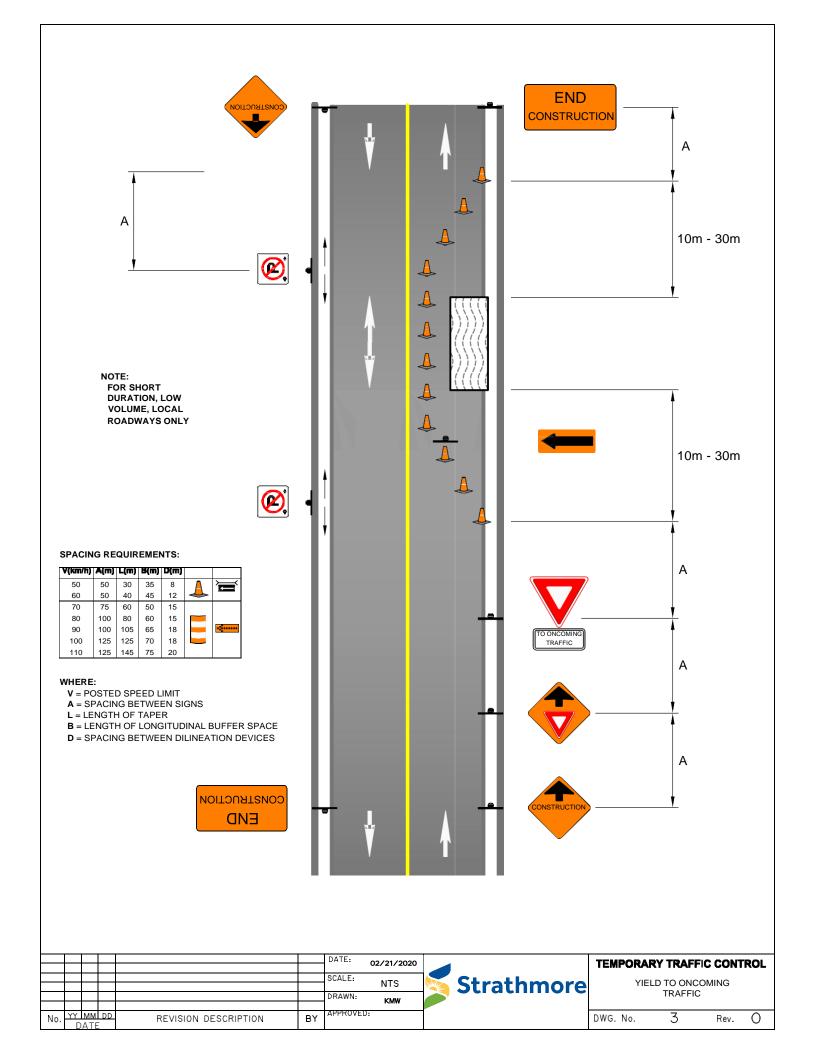
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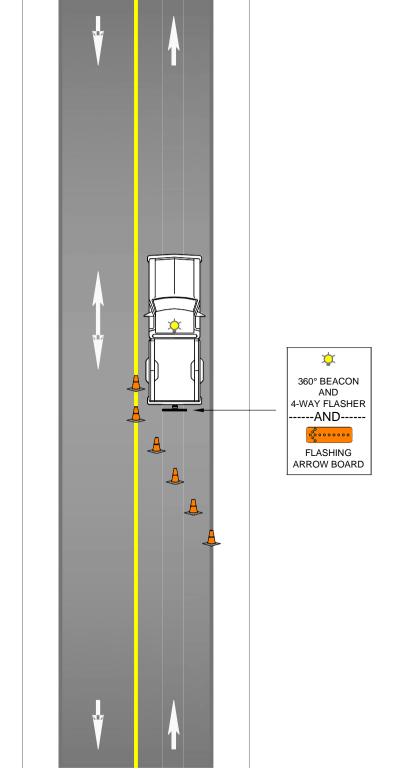


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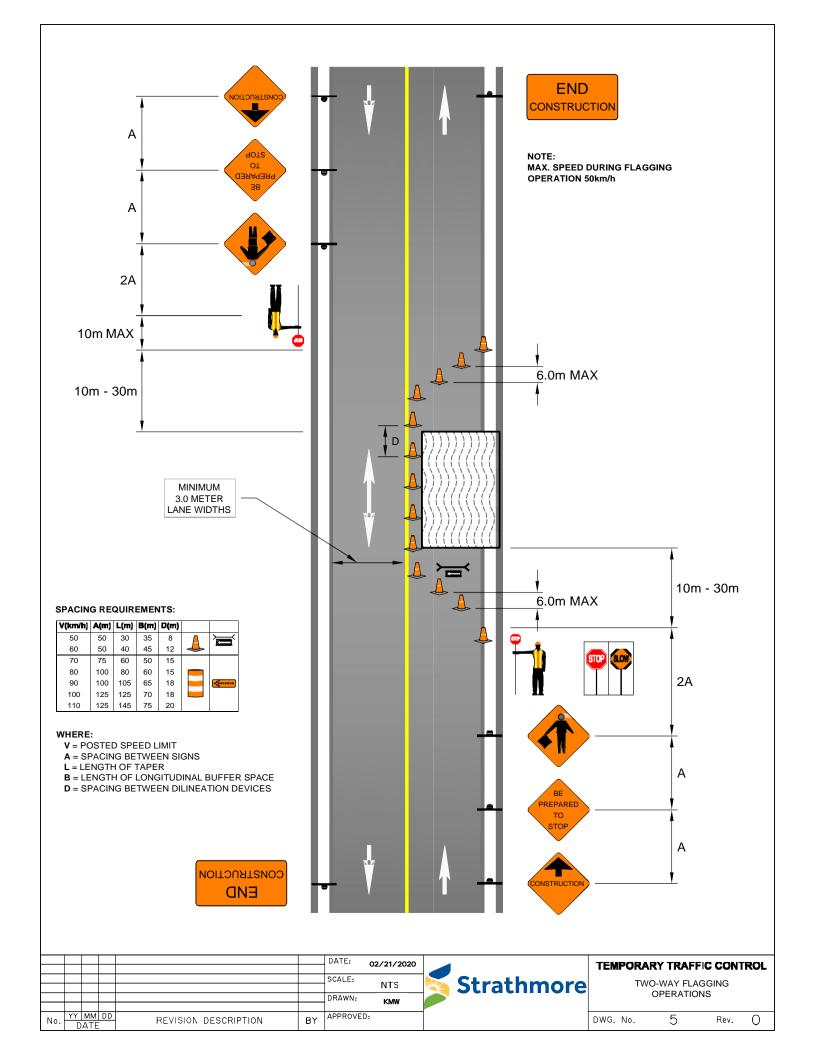


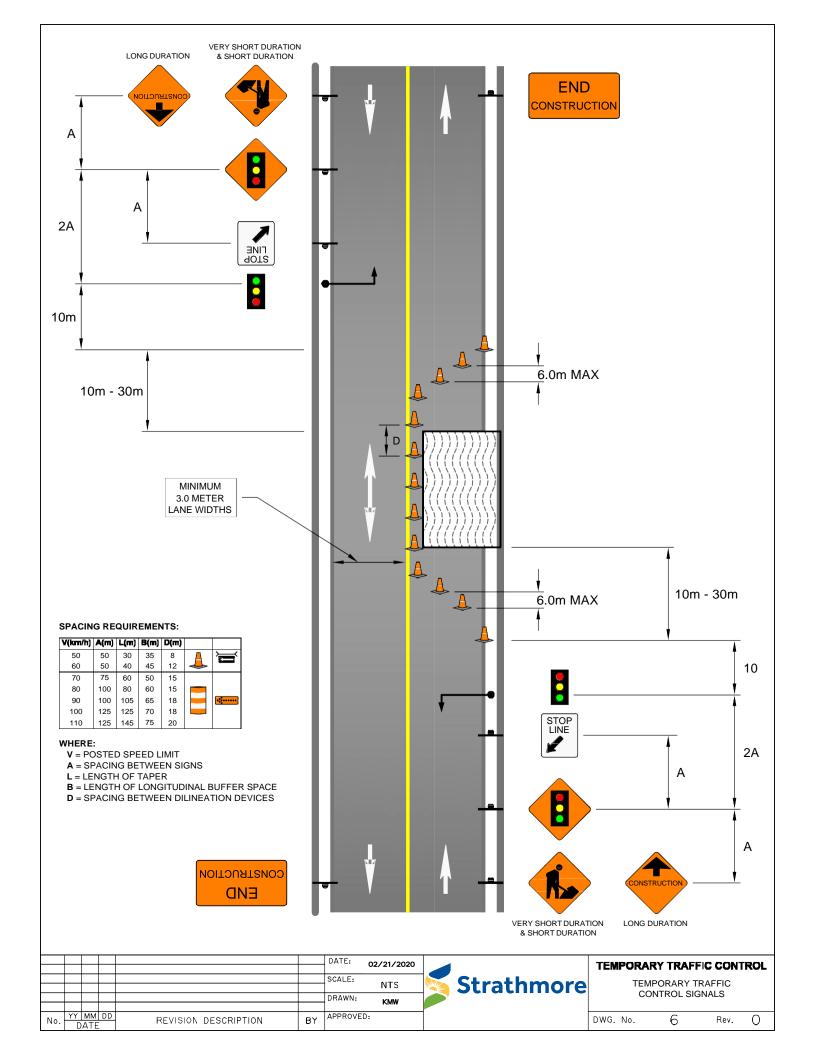


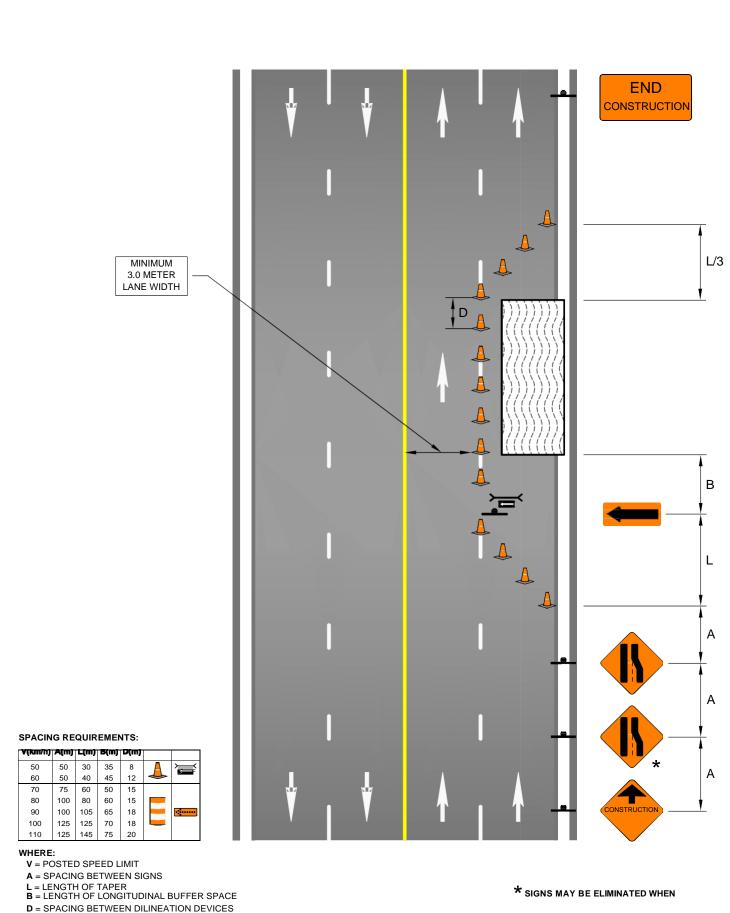


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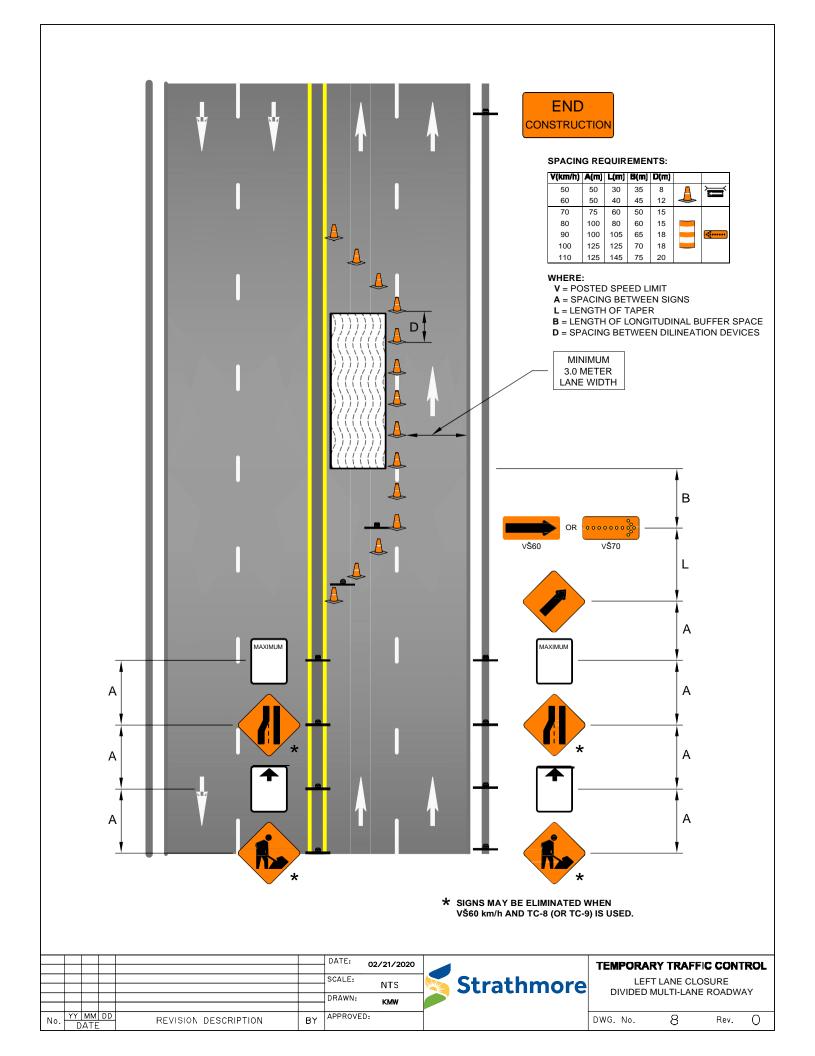


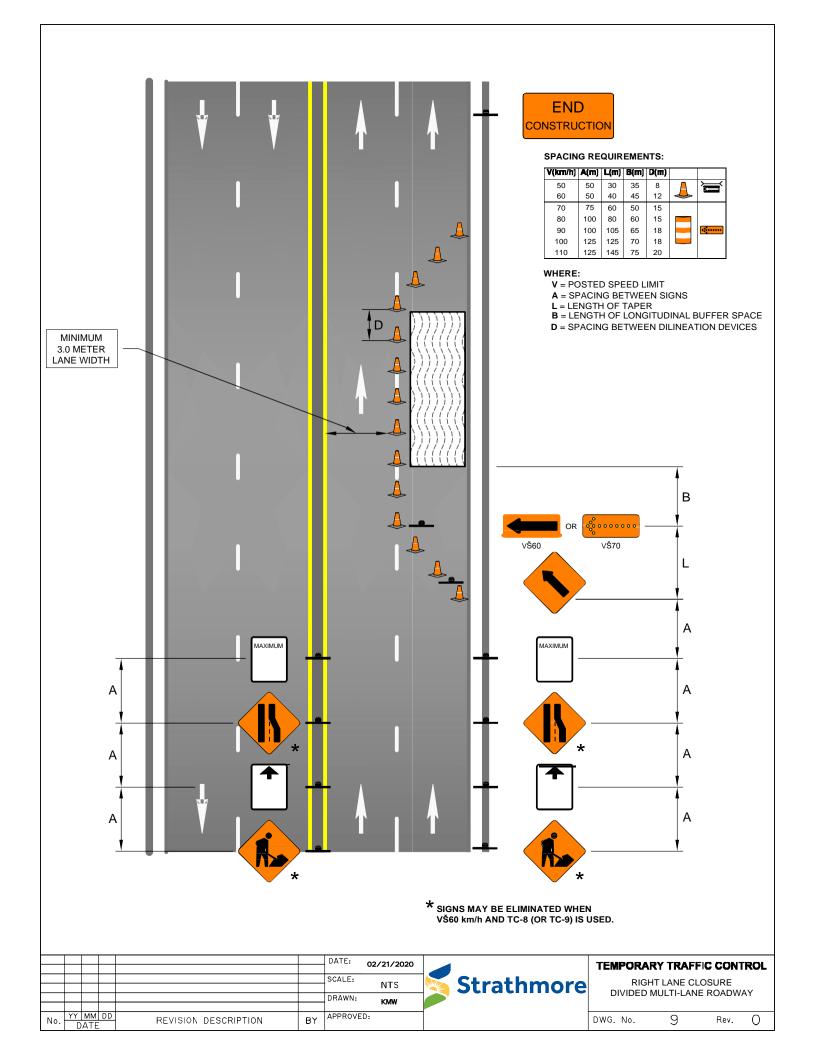
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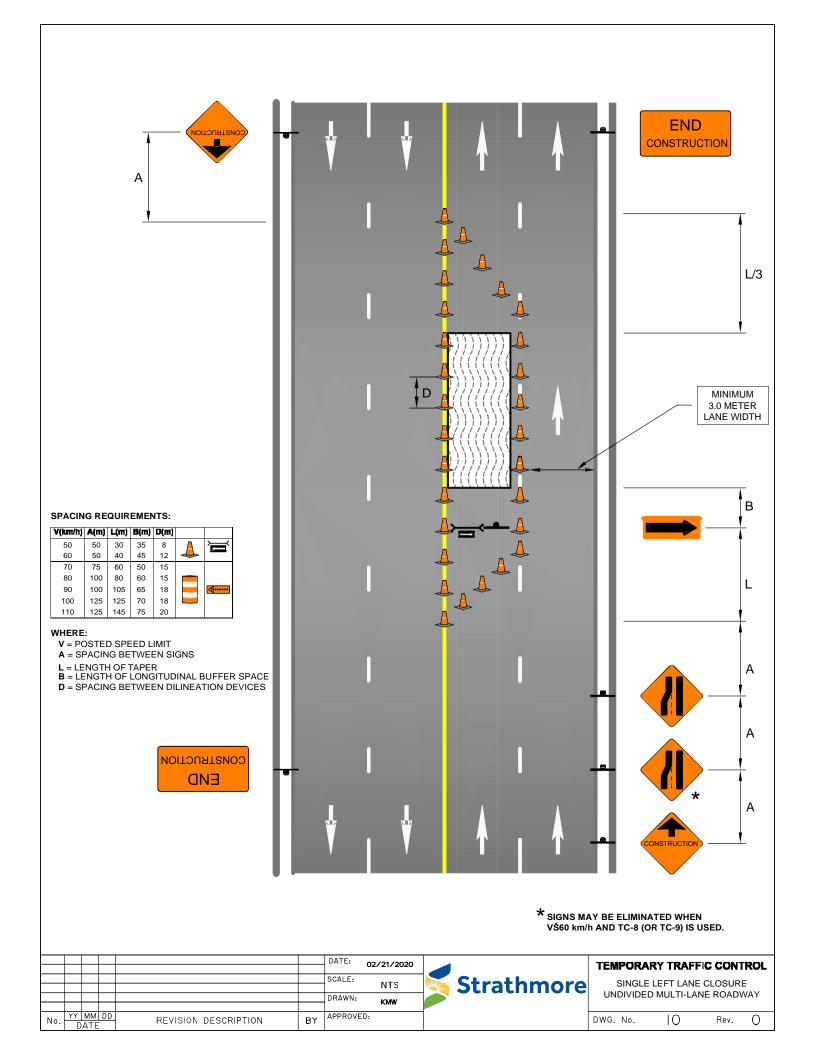


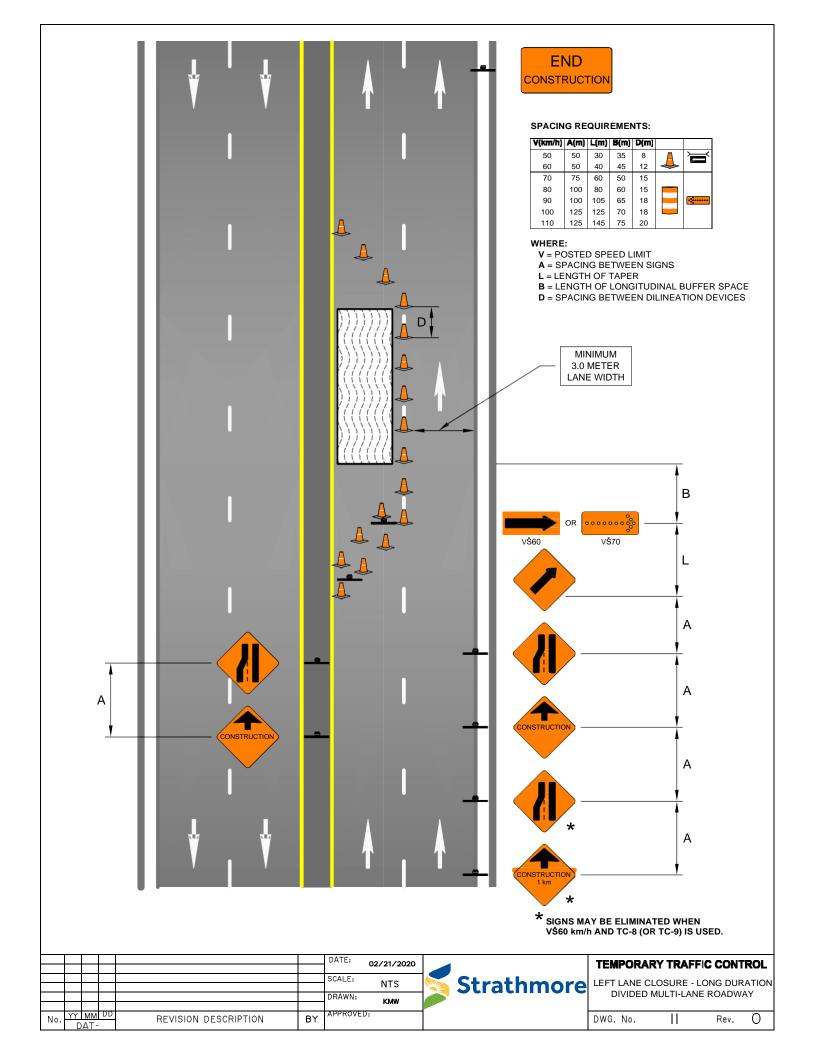
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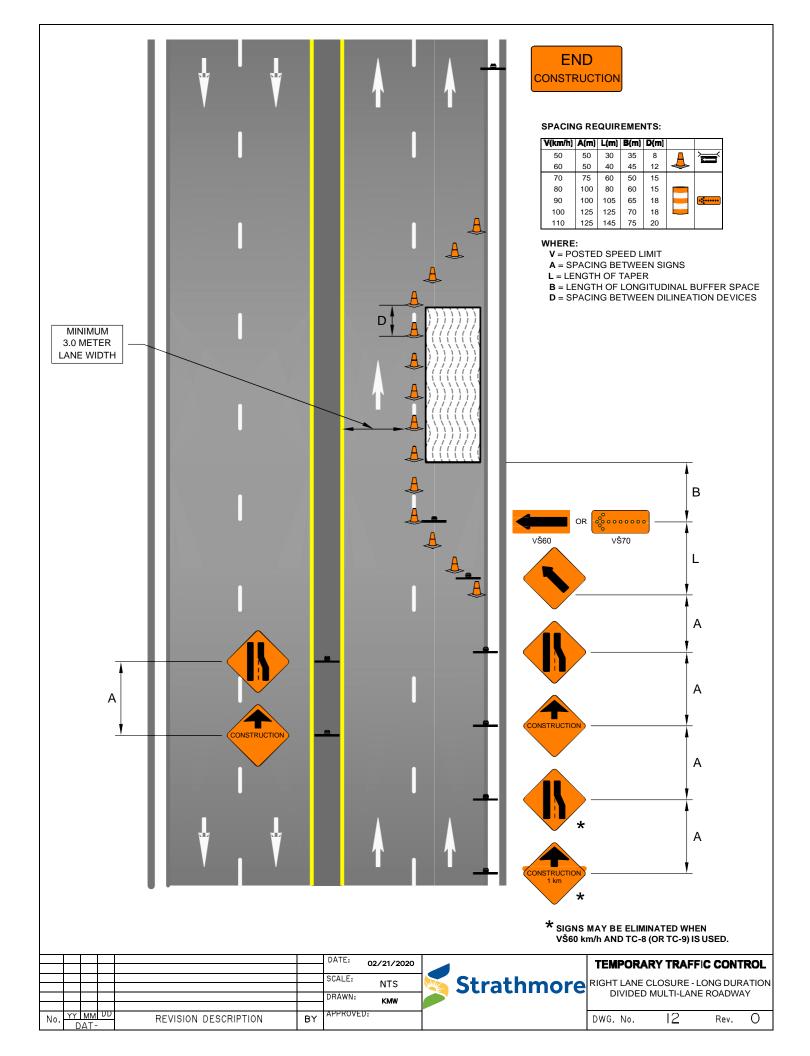
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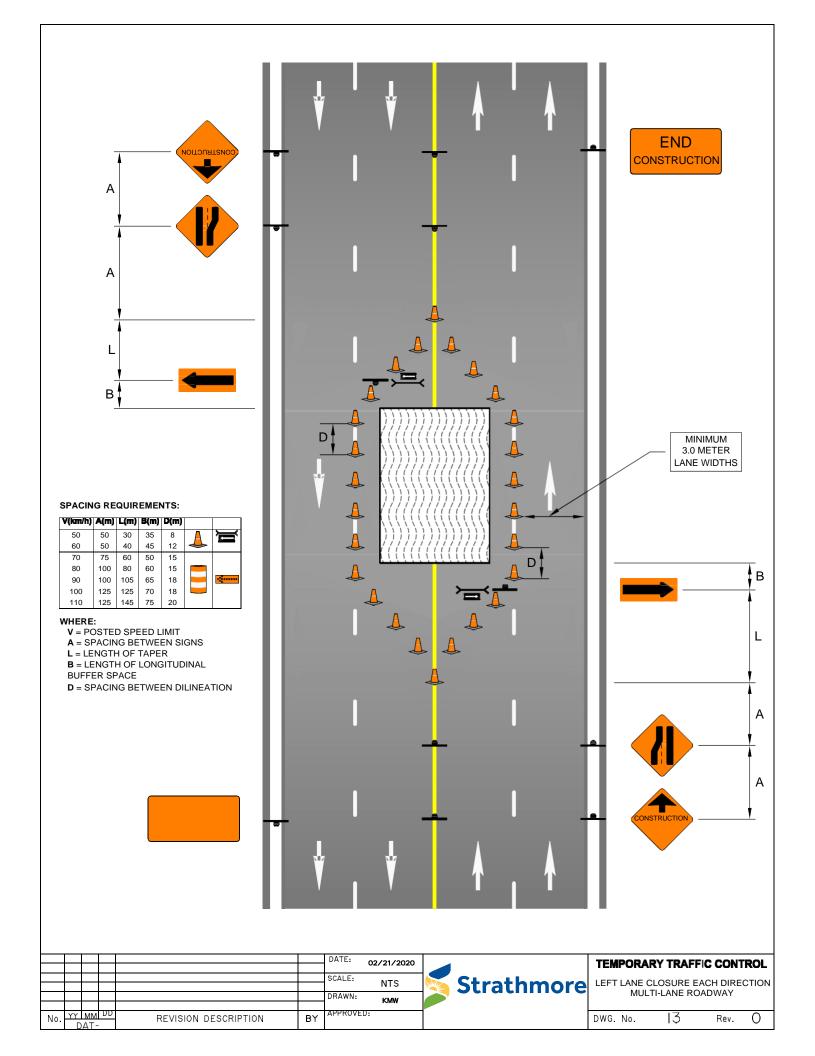


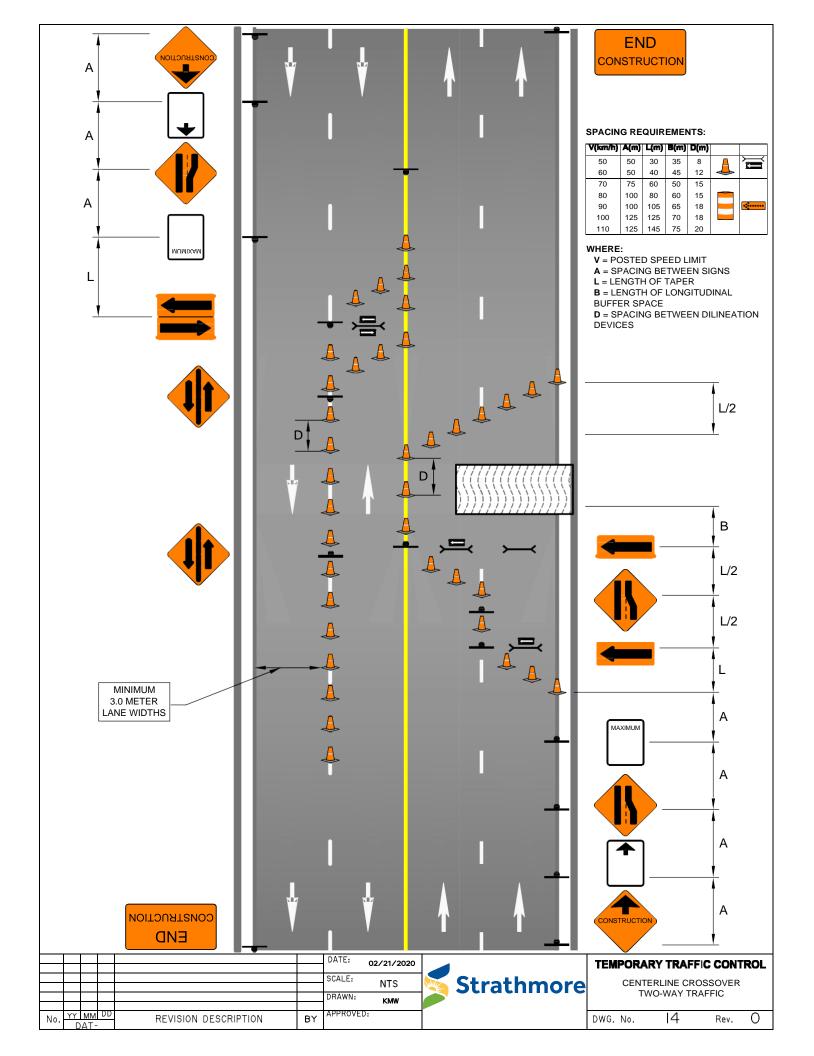


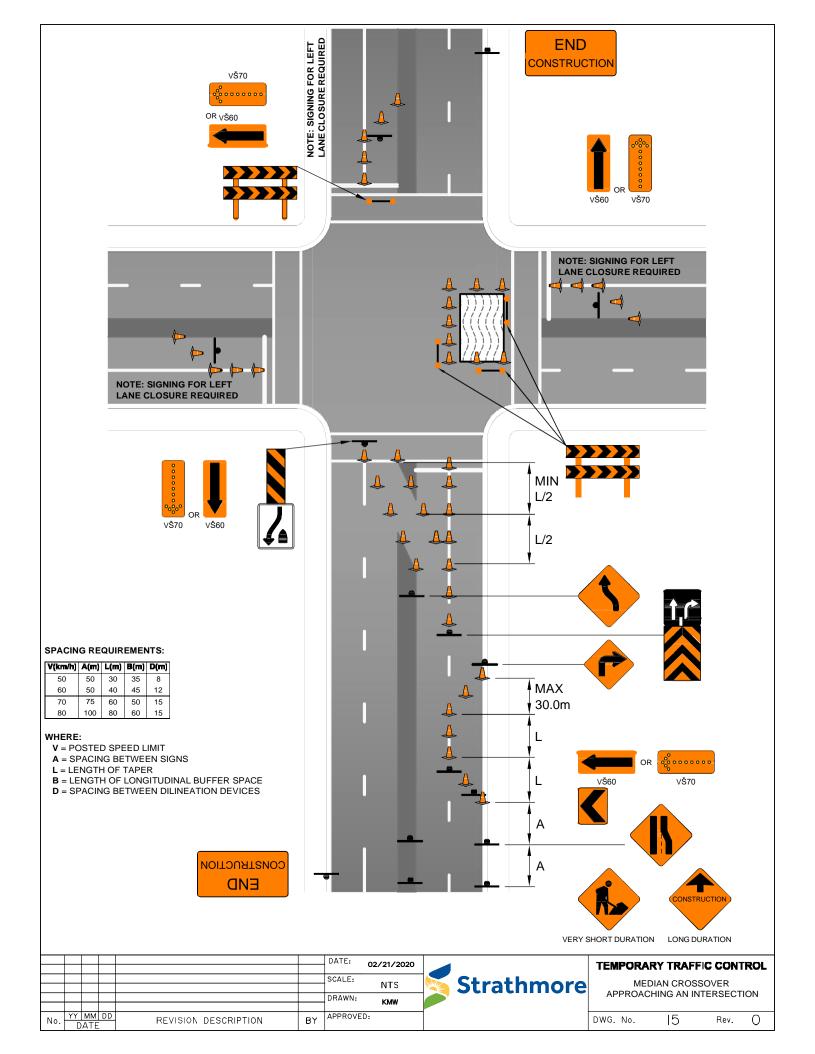


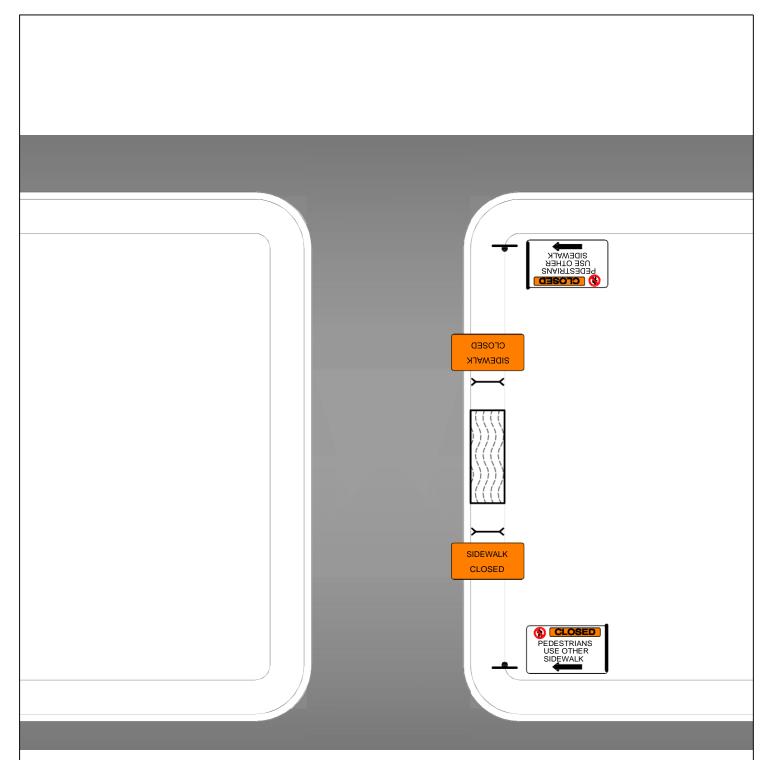










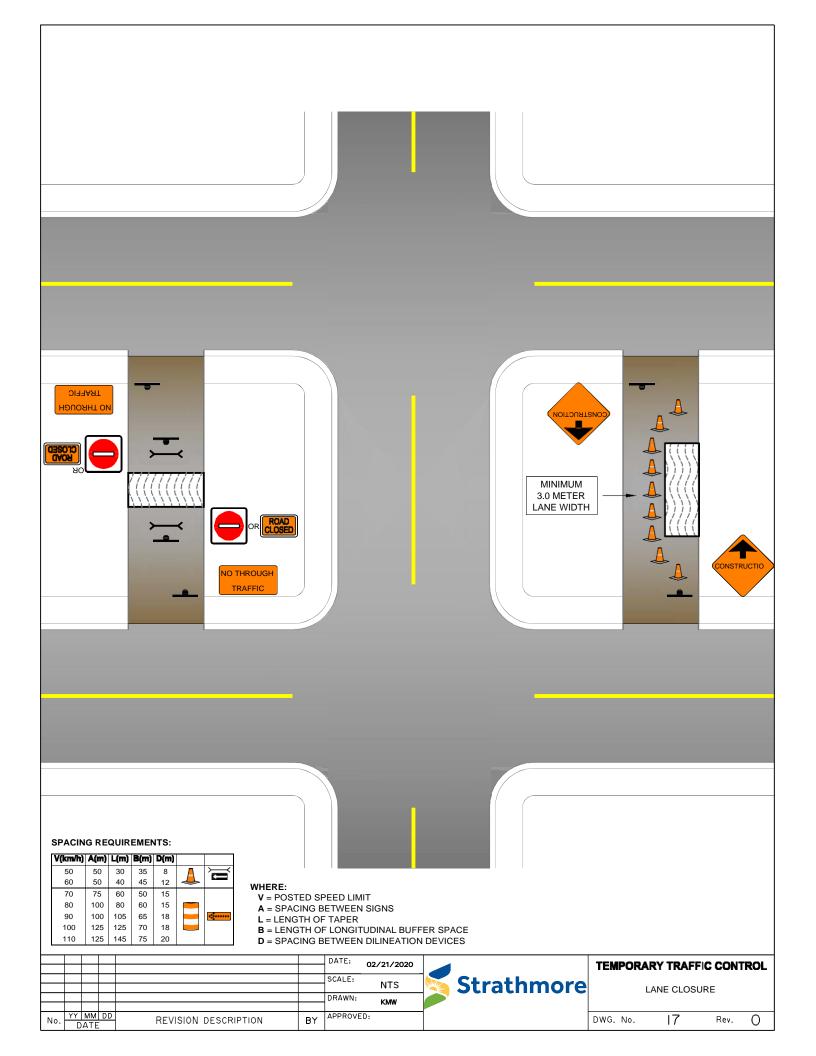


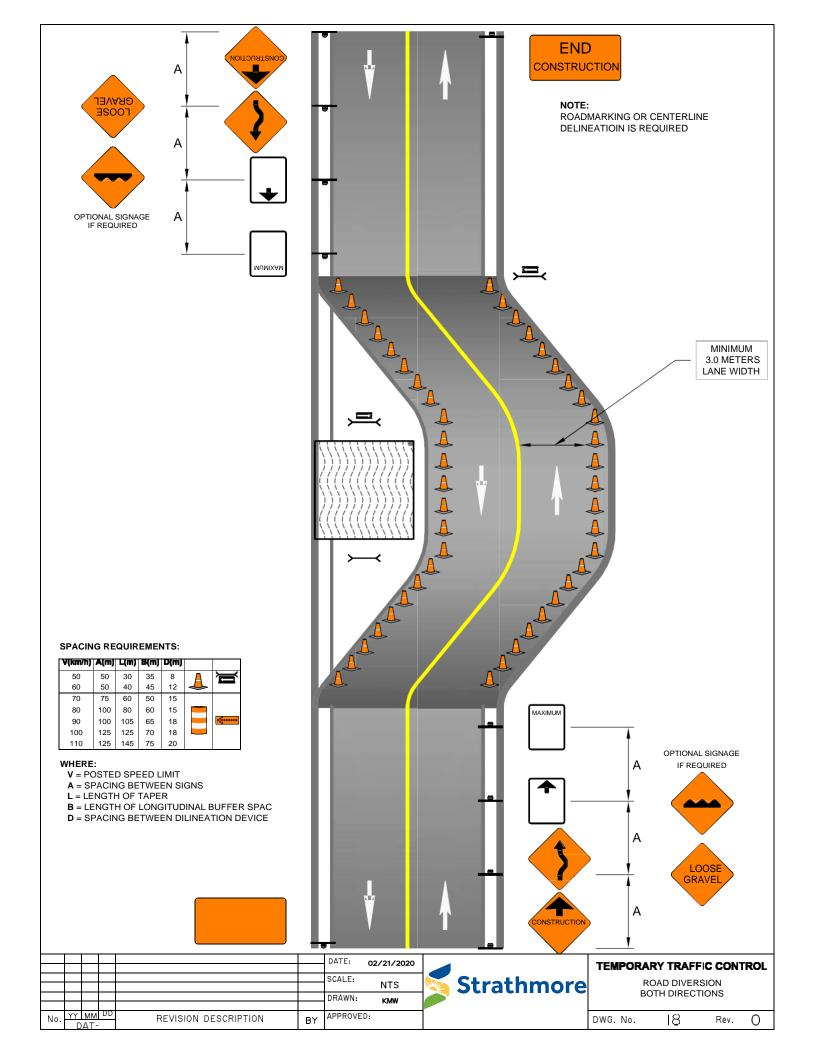
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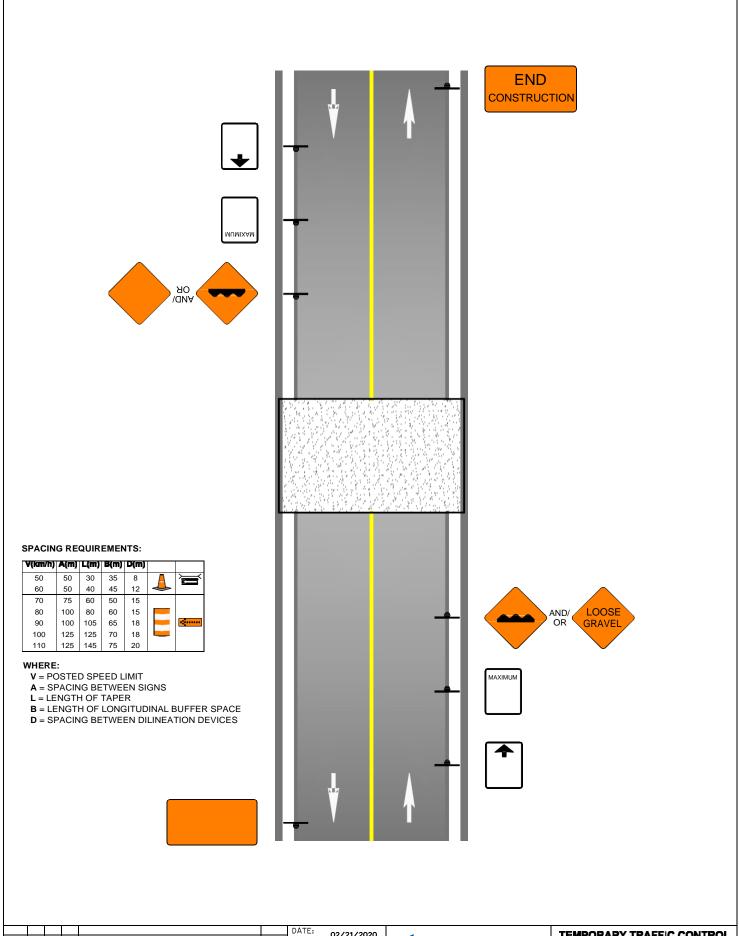
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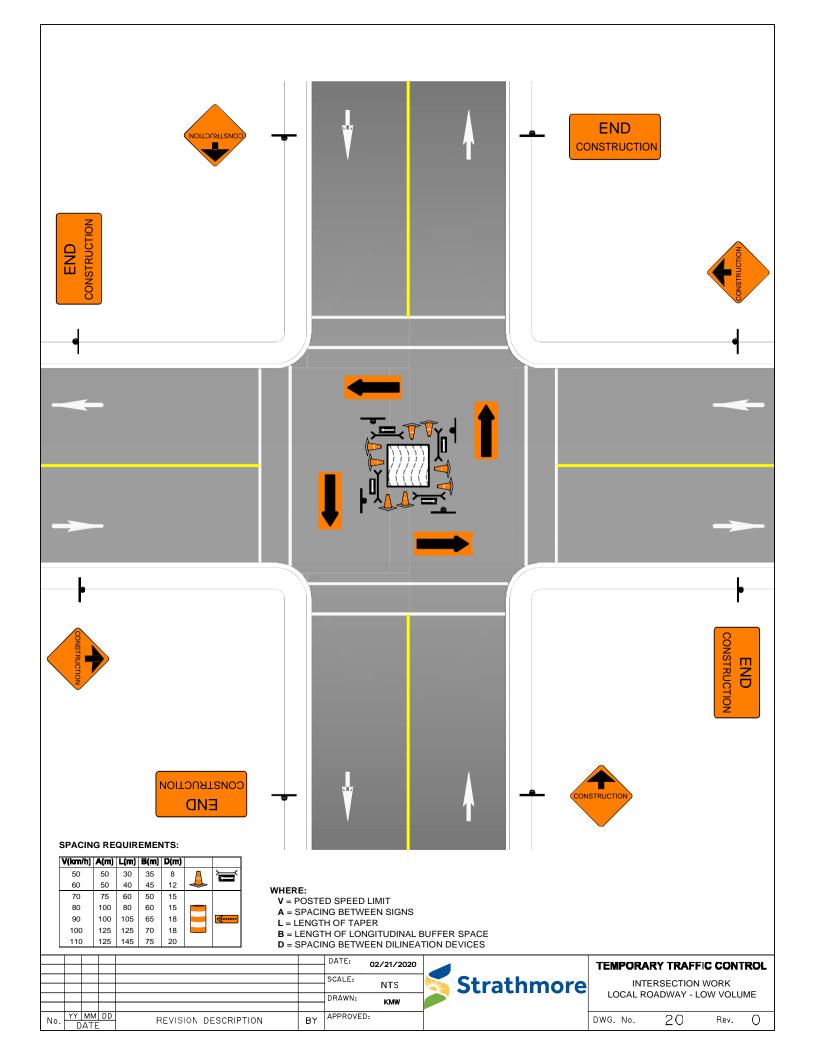
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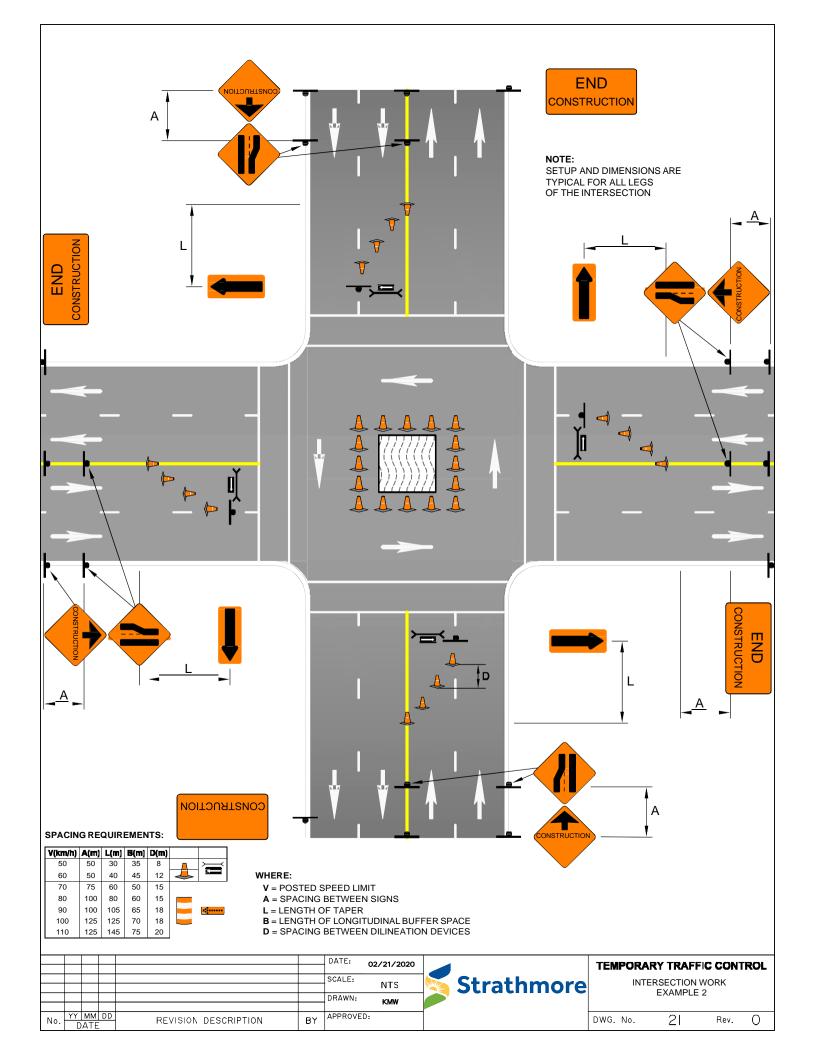


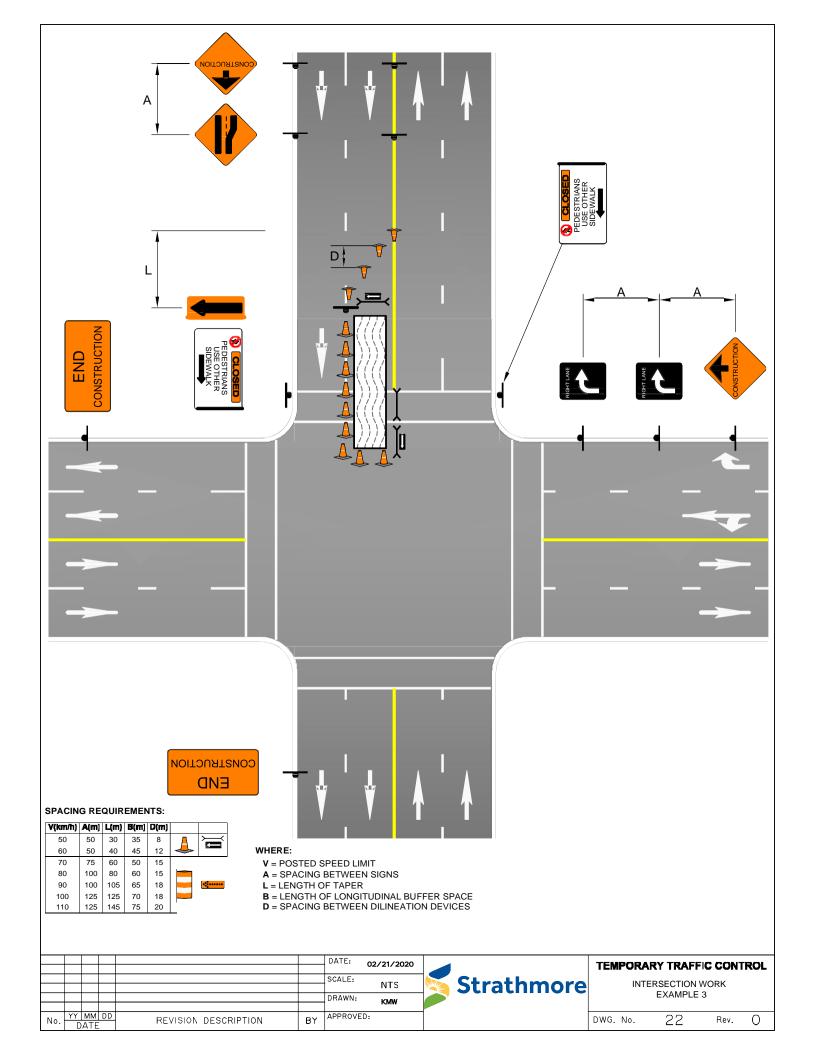


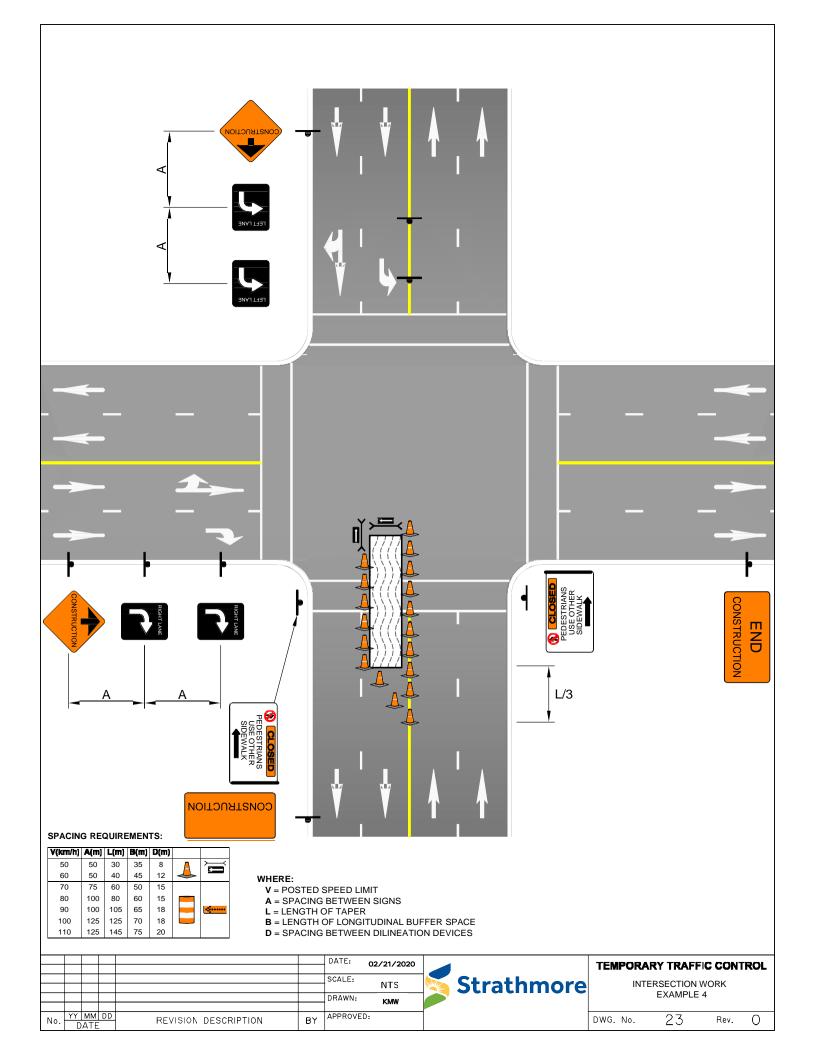


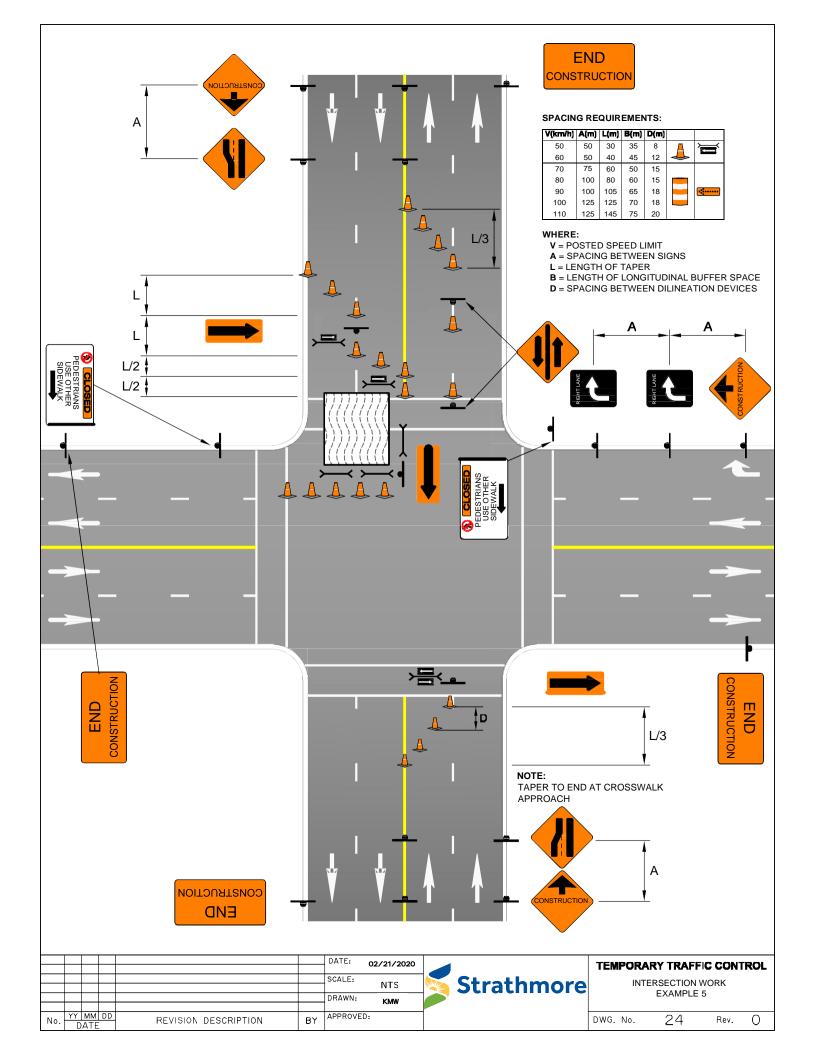
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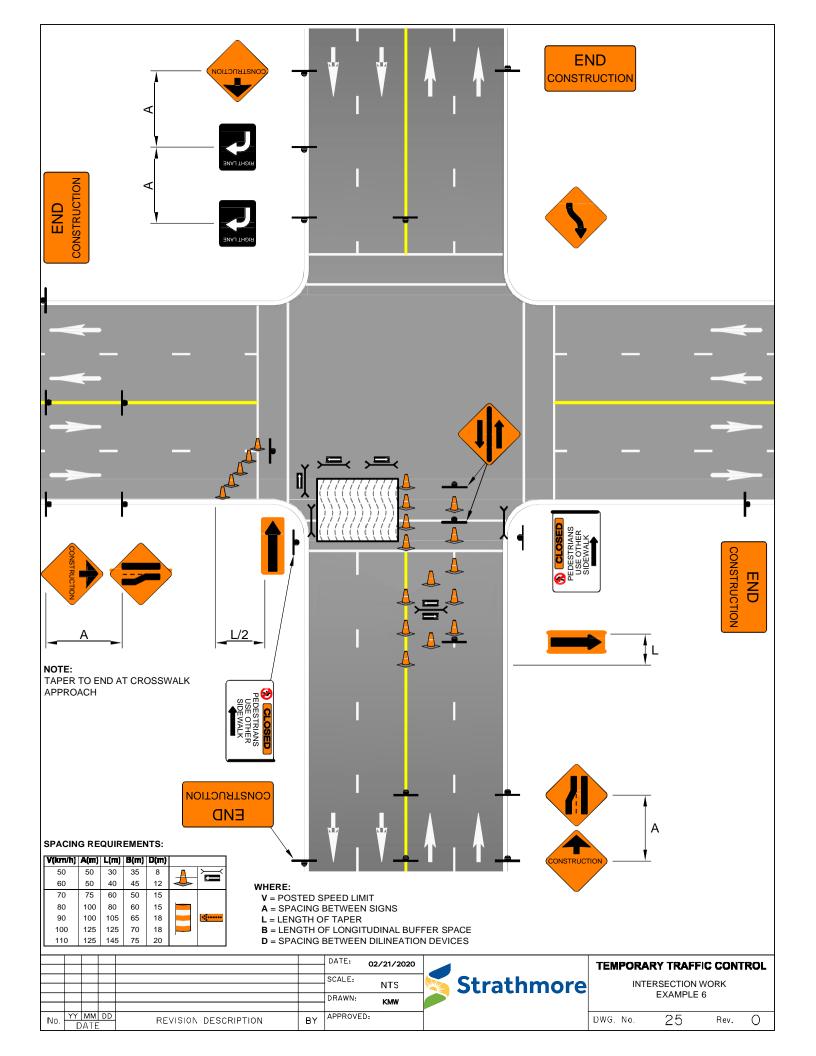


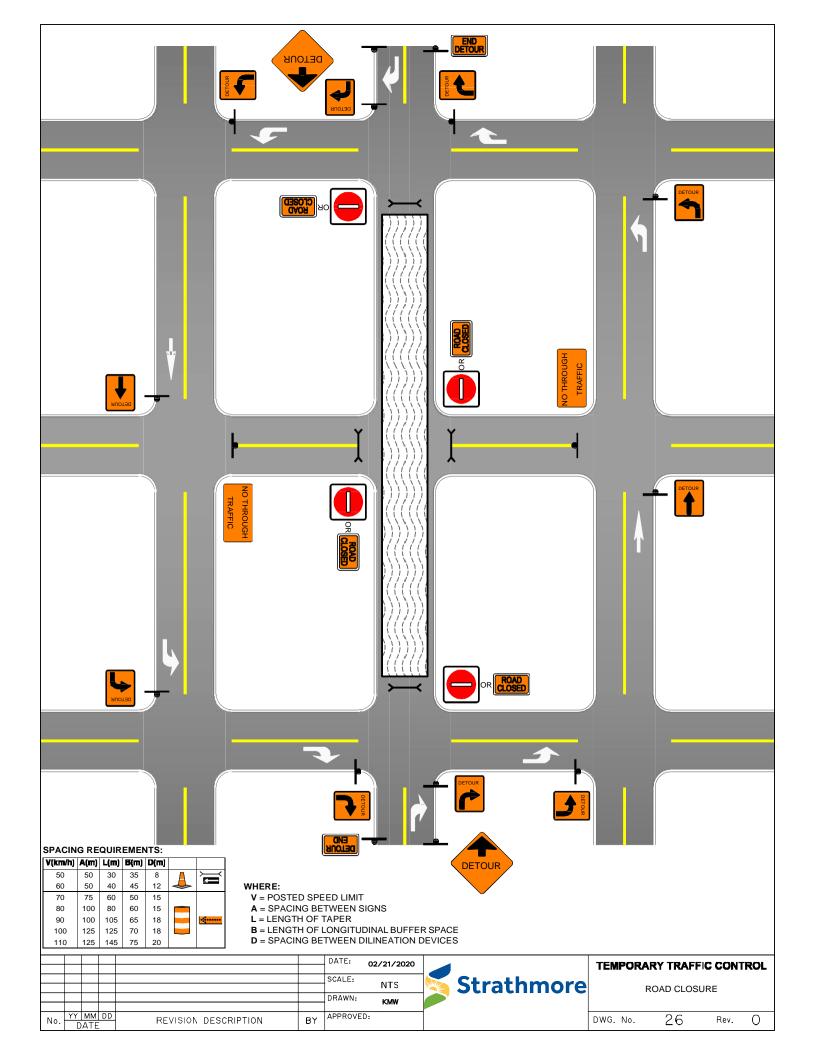


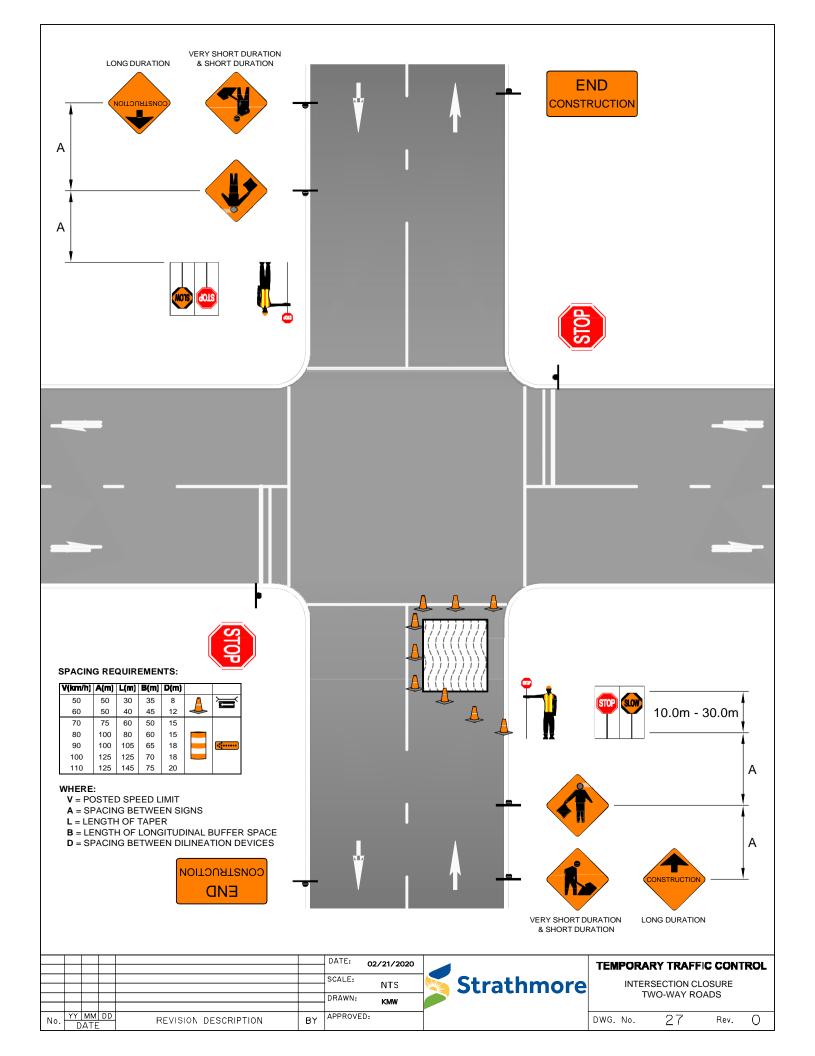


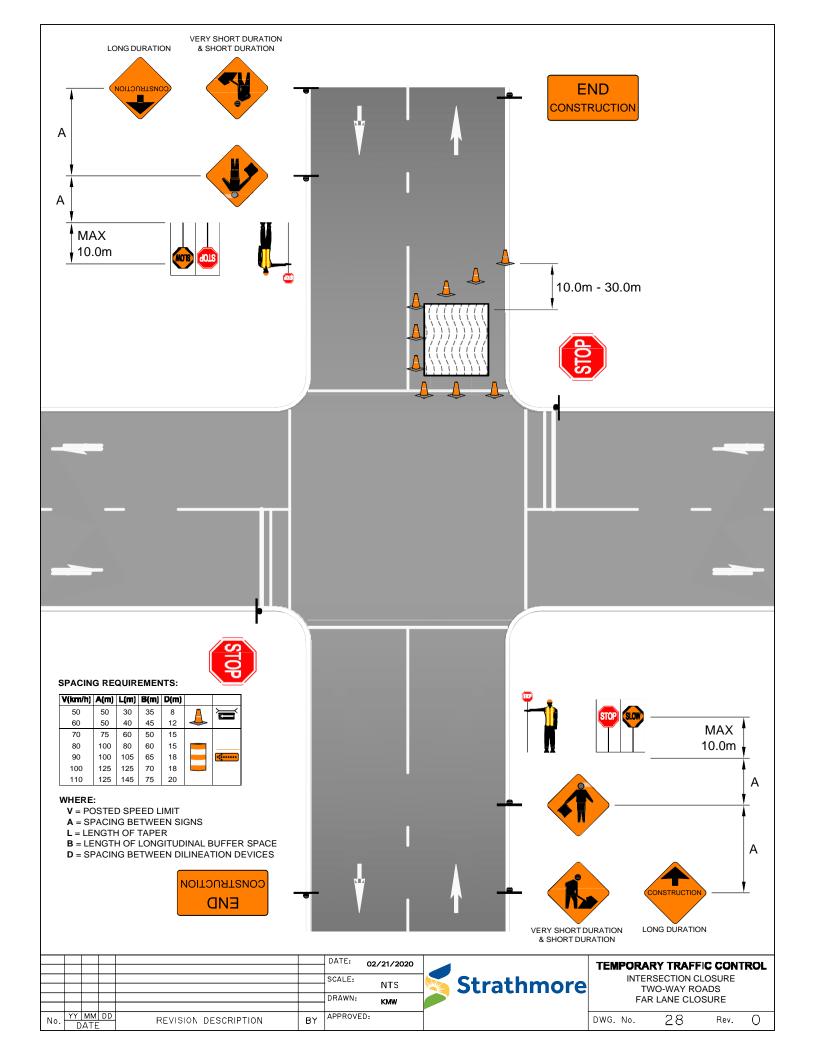


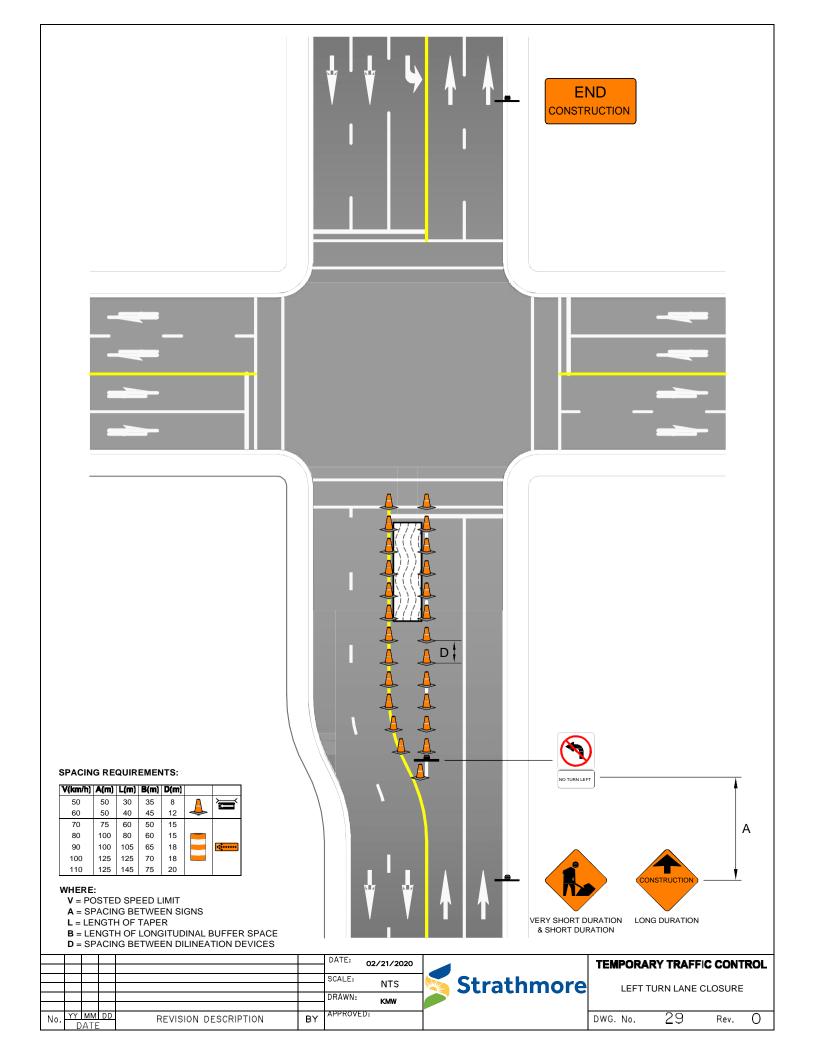


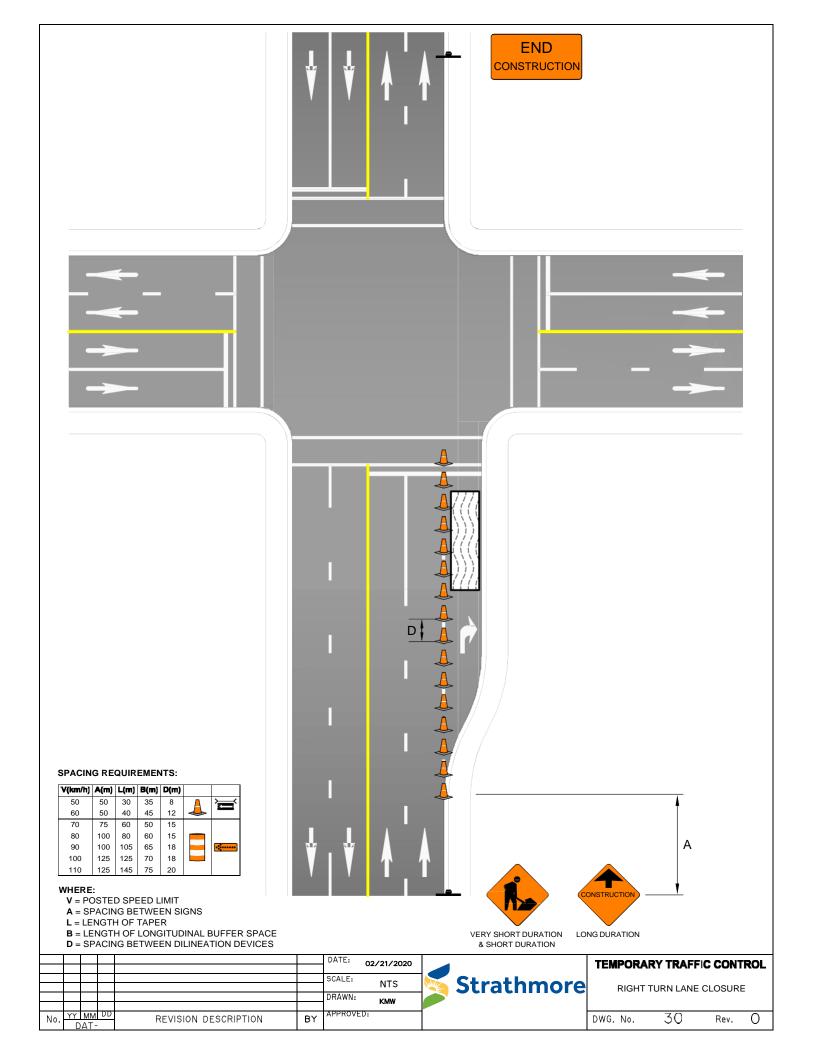


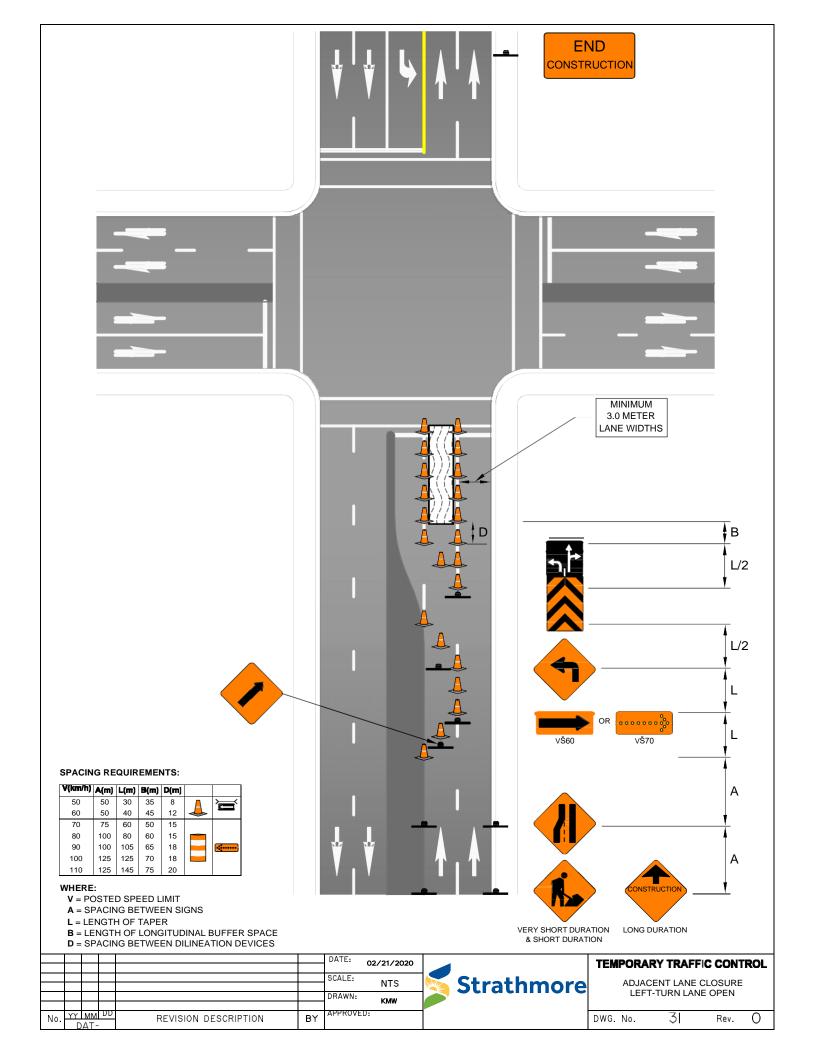


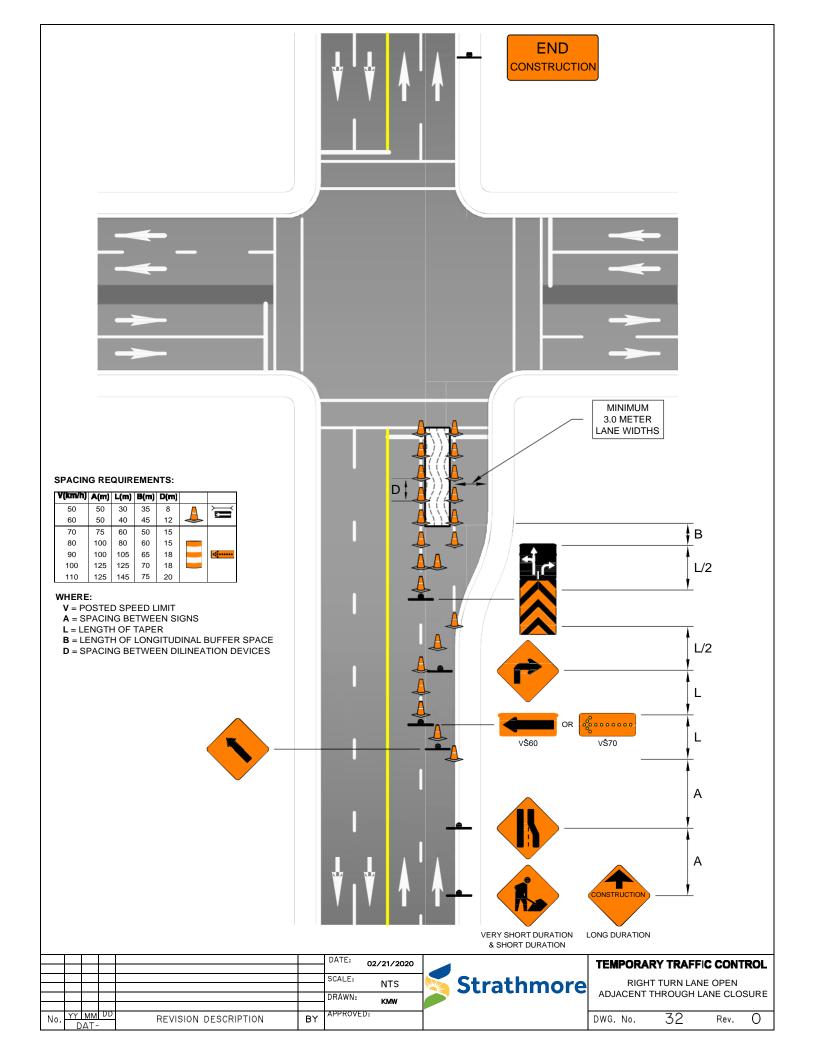


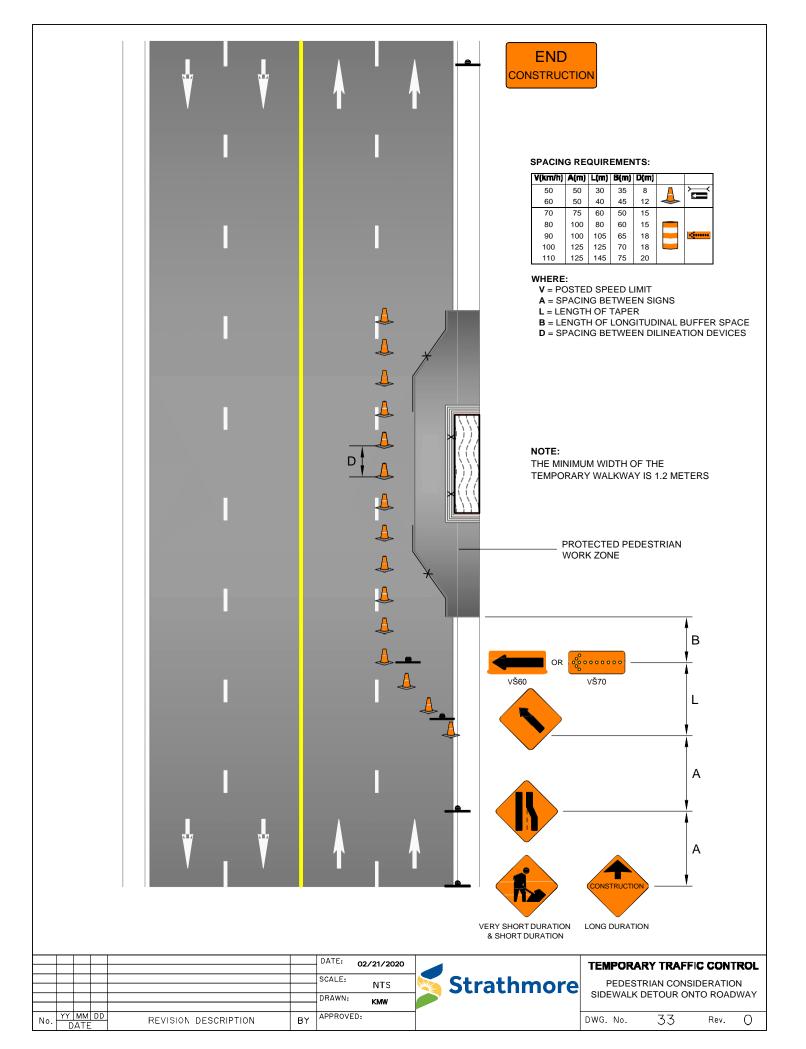


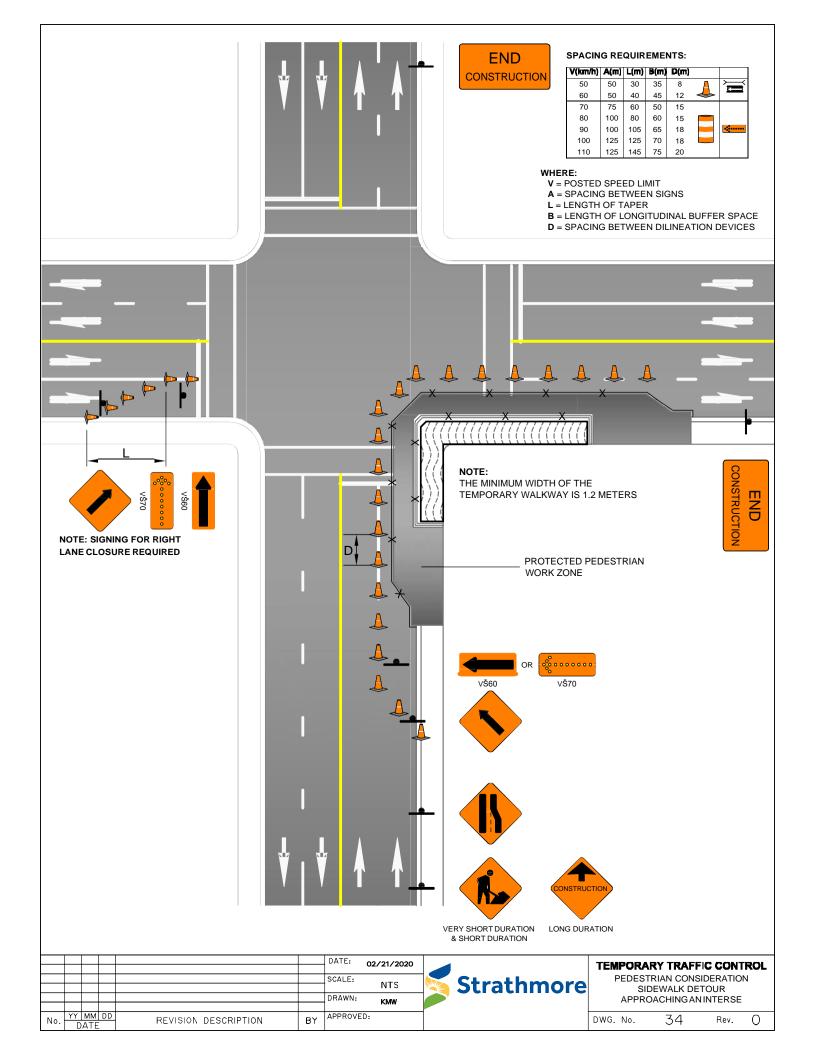


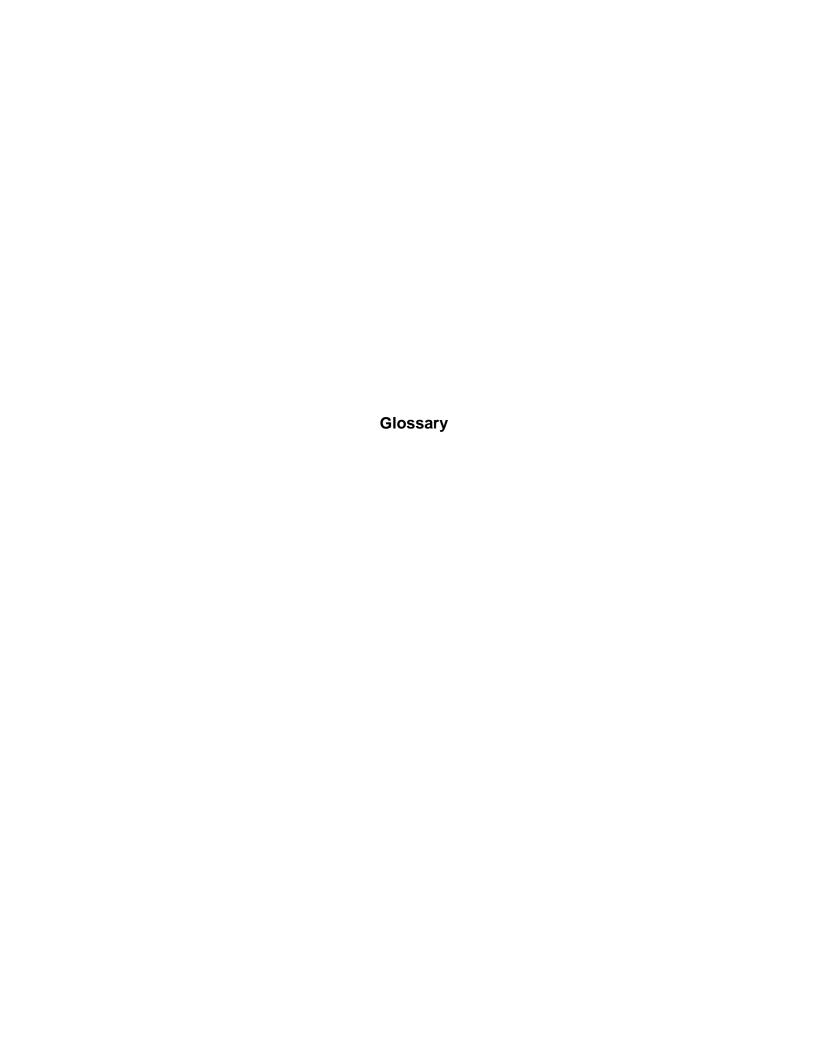












GLOSSARY

Acceleration Lane:

An auxiliary lane to enable vehicle to increase speed when merging with through traffic.

Activity area:

The activity area is the section of roadway where the work activity takes place. It is comprised of the work space and the traffic space, and may contain one or more buffer spaces.

Advance Warning Area:

In the advance warning area, drivers are informed of what to expect in the downstream work zone or incident area.

Advance Warning Signs:

Signs to give motorists and pedestrians advance notice of disruptions in normal traffic flow. These signs indicate the nature of traffic disruption, and the required action on the part of motorists and pedestrians.

Agency or Contractor:

Any Town department, private contractor, or public utility agency who has permission and necessary permits to undertake work on, or adjacent to, TOWN OF STRATHMOREpublic roadways.

Arrow Displays or Arrow Boards:

Flashing arrow displays/boards are traffic control devices, which can provide an illuminated flashing display of a left arrow, a right arrow, or combination of the left-right arrow, sequencing arrow modes, or a bar, which inform the driver to either change lanes or proceed with caution. An arrow display/board shall be used in combination with the appropriate signs, barricades or other traffic control devices.

Auxiliary Lane

A lane in addition to, and placed adjacent to, a through lane.

Average Daily Traffic (ADT):

The total volume of traffic passing a designated point, (in both directions) in one day.

Breakaway Device:

A design feature that allows a device such as a sign to yield or separate upon impact.

Bridging:

A method to enable vehicles to pass over narrow and shallow trenches by fastening sheet steel to the roadway to form a bridge. It is used at peak congestion times to accommodate traffic when backfilling is not practical.

Buffer Space:

The buffer space is the area that separates traffic flow from the work activity or a potentially hazardous area and provides recovery space for an errant vehicle. Neither work activity nor storage of equipment, vehicles, or material should occur in this space. Buffer spaces may be positioned longitudinally and laterally, with respect to the direction of traffic flow.

Buffer Vehicle:

A vehicle positioned in a stationary work zone or in a mobile work operation, to provide protection for workers against errant vehicles (also referred to as a shadow vehicle). These vehicles should be equipped with an arrow display/board, and a truck mounted attenuator.

Decision Sight Distance (DSD):

The distance for a driver to detect a layout, recognize it, and manoeuvre safely.

Delineation Devices (or Tapering Devices):

Devices used to form curves, lines, or boundaries that indicate the alignment of the roadway and outline the required vehicle path through the temporary traffic control zone. They include, but are not limited to, cones, drums, tubular markers, barricades and chevrons and shall be used in combination with, or be supplemental to, other traffic control devices.

Detour:

A detour is a temporary route where a driver or pedestrian is required to depart completely from the normal route to bypass the activity area.

Diversion:

Traffic is directed onto a temporary roadway or alignment placed in or next to the Right of Way.

Downstream:

The area past the TTC work zone in the direction of traffic flow.

Gore Area:

An area of pavement delineated by paint lines or delineation devices, between the edge line of the through road and the entry or exit ramp.

Hoarding:

A form of fencing or barrier or combination of these, designed to separate pedestrians and/or motorists from a construction site.

Intersection Sight Distance (ISD):

The line of sight between intersecting roadways.

Lateral Buffer Space:

A lateral buffer space is used to separate the traffic space from the work space, or a potentially hazardous area, such as an excavation or pavement drop-off. The width of the lateral buffer space should be determined by engineering judgement.

Longitudinal Barrier:

A barrier whose primary function is to prevent a collision and redirect an errant vehicle.

Longitudinal Buffer Space:

The longitudinal buffer space is placed in the initial portion of a closed lane in advance of the work space.

May:

A permissive condition.

Median:

A reserve, including shoulders between through lanes.

Variable message Boards (Portable Changeable Message signs):

A traffic control device with the flexibility to display a variety of messages.

Regulatory Sign:

Signs used to identify a traffic regulation that is applicable at a given time or place on a road and identify the legal requirements.

Rigid Barrier:

A form of longitudinal barrier that is intended to redirect an errant vehicle with minimum deflection. It usually consists of a continuous concrete mass, for example a concrete safety shaped barrier such as the New Jersey barrier.

Semi-Rigid Barrier:

A form of longitudinal barrier intended to redirect an errant vehicle by rail tension and bending. Examples are the blocked W-Beam or Thrie-Beam.

Stopping Distance:

The distance travelled by a vehicle from the instant the driver decides to stop, until stopped.

Stopping Sight Distance (SSD):

The distance between vehicle and object for which the driver decides to stop, at the instance the object comes in view. This includes the distance traveled during perception and reaction times plus the braking distance.

Tangent:

A straight section of roadway. In TTC setups it is the distance between the end of one taper and the beginning of the next taper.

Taper:

The gradual narrowing of a lane using channelization devices, which is intended to safely guide drivers into the adjacent lane. The following identifies various types of tapers used in temporary traffic control.

Merging Taper:

A merging taper requires the drivers to merge with an adjacent lane of traffic. The taper should be long enough to enable drivers to adjust their speeds and merge into a single lane before the end of the transition. A merging taper requires a full lane shift.

One-Lane, Two-way (Traffic) Taper;

The one-lane, two-way traffic taper is used where the portion of road is used alternately by traffic in each direction. These are typically used when traffic is controlled by traffic control persons.

Shifting Taper:

A shifting taper is used where a lateral shift (not a full lane merge/diverge) is required and includes a parallel lane shift (lane encroachment) or a shoulder shift taper (shoulder encroachment).

Shoulder Taper:

A shoulder taper can be used on roadways with improvement shoulders that may be mistaken for driving lanes.

Termination (Downstream) Taper:

The downstream taper may be useful in termination areas to provide a visual clue to the driver that access is available to the original lane path that was closed.

Temporary Traffic Control (TTC):

Provides for the movement of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrian traffic and public transit, when the normal function of a roadway is suspended.

Termination Area:

Is used for traffic to make the transition back to the normal path of the road. It extends downstream from the end of the workspace to the point where the speed is re-gazetted.

Traffic Control Person:

A trained and certified person responsible for controlling traffic.

Transition Area:

The section of roadway where road users are redirected form their normal path.

Traffic Control Devices:

Devices to direct vehicle and pedestrian movement through an area in which normal traffic flow has been disrupted. This includes all signs, delineators, barricades and arrow boards.

Traffic Control Zone:

The zone where normal traffic flow is disrupted by guiding traffic around an obstruction. This zone includes the work area and all areas affected by temporary traffic control devices.

Transition Area:

When redirection of the driver's normal path is required, traffic must be channelized from the normal path to a new path. This redirection is intended to occur at the beginning for the transition area.

Upstream:

The area before the TTC work zone warning signs:

Warning Signs:

Warning signs indicate in advance conditions on or adjacent to a road that will normally require a reduction in speed.

Worksite or Work Area:

The area around which traffic is being diverted to enable work to be done. It is usually bound, on one or more sides, by traffic control setup. It includes an area for use of equipment, stockpiling materials and the excavation or building site.