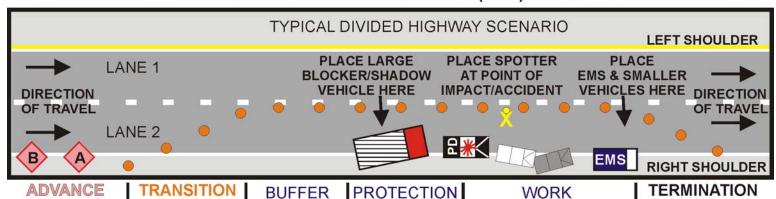
WARNING

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VEHICLE

INCIDENT MAGNITUDE				
MAGNITUDE	DURATION	STEPS TO TAKE		
Minor	<30 Minutes	 Notify TOC if incident is on roadway where a minor delay can create significant traffic impact Establish Advance Warning Area and other TTC Components as time/personnel permits 		
Intermediate	30 minutes - 2 hours	Notify Transportation Operations Center (TOC) Establish TTC Components Consider DOT Response Notify Transportation Operations Center (TOC) Request DOT Response Early Establish Full Work Zone (Same as Non-Emergency)		
Major	2+hours			

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ACTIVITY AF					
		ADVANCE WARNING AREA		TRANSITION AREA	
Έ	SPEED	SIGN DISTANCE	TAPER LENGTH	TYPICAL #CONES	
ay where a minor impact and other TTC ermits	40	A 350	320 ft.	8	
Center (TOC)	55	A 750	660 ft.	16	
Center (TOC) as Non-Emergency)	65	A/B 1000/1500	780 ft.	18	

RULES OF THUMB: 1. Travel lanes numbered from left-to-right. 2. Skip line is 10 ft. long with 30 ft. between skips. Taper cones at start of each skip line (40 ft.) 3. Length of Advance Warning Area = 8 x Roadway MPH. Use 12x factor for rural roads due to limited sight distance. Sign distance is from start of taper/transition.



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Safe and Effective Traffic Control is the Responsibility of On-Scene Responders:

INITIAL ACTION ITEMS: (Within first 15 minutes)

- Estimate magnitude/expected duration of incident
- Estimate vehicle queue (backup) length
- Establish Incident Command/Unified Command Post Assign Traffic Control Officer
- Identify the need for and request secondary response agencies: TOC, HazMat, Towing/Recovery, DPW, DOT, Accident Reconstruction, Medical Examiner, etc.
- □ Set-up appropriate TTC Components based on estimates. Upgrade TTC every 15 minutes.
- Set initial taper in direction of traffic travel

o Remove taper in opposite direction of traffic travel

- Limit number of responding vehicles
- Stage unnecessary vehicles off roadway
- Park ALL vehicles on same side of roadway
- Position apparatus to protect responders
- Minimize emergency lighting
- Create work area large enough to accommodate apparatus and responders SAFELY!

PERSONNEL:

- ALL responders Identifiable & in High Visibility Apparel
- Always: Be alert Minimize exposure Face traffic As of: 1/19/11
- Place spotter at incident scene

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Communicate-Coordinate-Cooperate

CONSIDERATIONS:

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AHEAD

- Time of the incident and amount of traffic congestion
- Can vehicles be moved from roadway? Steer it. Clear it.
 - Can all lanes remain open?
 - o For Limited Access Highways:
 - 1 minute of lane closure = 1 mile of backup
 - Determine emergency vehicle access route(s)
 - Will closures create backups on other roadways?
 - How guickly can lanes reopen? Minimize on-scene time.
 - o Post incident Recovery:
 - 1 minute of initial delay = 8 minutes to return to normal traffic How can we avoid secondary accidents?

 - What can we do to make the scene SAFER?
 - Update TOC periodically and as incident changes (escalation, termination, etc.)

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