616.8.8 (TA-8) Highway Closure - MT

SPEED	SIGN SPACING (ft.)		TAPER LENGTH (ft.)		OPTIONAL	CHANNELIZER SPACING (ft.)	
	Undivided (S)	Divided (S)	Shoulder (1) (T1)	Lane (2) (T2)	BUFFER LENGTH (ft.) (B)	Tapers	Buffer/ Work Areas
0-35	200	200	-	-	250	-	-
40-45	350	500	-	-	360	-	-
50-55	500	1000	-	-	495	-	-
60-70	SA - 1000, SB - 1500, and SC - 2640		-	-	730	-	-

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

(3) Type I barricades may be used in emergency situations.

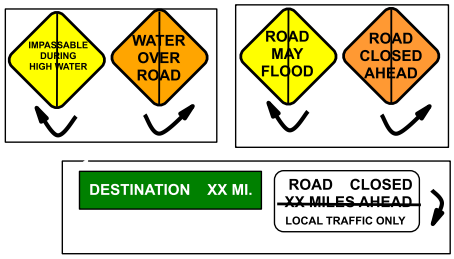
(4) ROAD CLOSED sign may be placed 7-10 feet behind the barricades and at a sign height appropriate to the type of roadway. One barricade should be required to completely close each 8-feet of pavement. Paved shoulders shall be included in the area to be closed.

(5) If used, the ROAD CLOSED XX MILES AHEAD LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY or ROAD CLOSED TO THRU TRAFFIC sign should be located at the first state route or, upon the discretion of the supervisor, any other intersection in advance of the closure. Additional barricades may be used and offsetted to facilitate access for work vehicles, local traffic, etc.

Traffic control should be removed as soon as practical after condition for the closure no longer exists.

Flags shall be used on temporary signs. For long-term operations, ROAD CLOSED AHEAD temporary signs shall have Advance Warning Rail System. Refer to EPG 616.6.2.2 Flags and Advance Warning Rail System (AWRS).

For water over road situations, permanent hinged signs may be considered at locations which experience recurring flooding. Possible sign combinations are:



For planned activities, Community Relations should be notified.

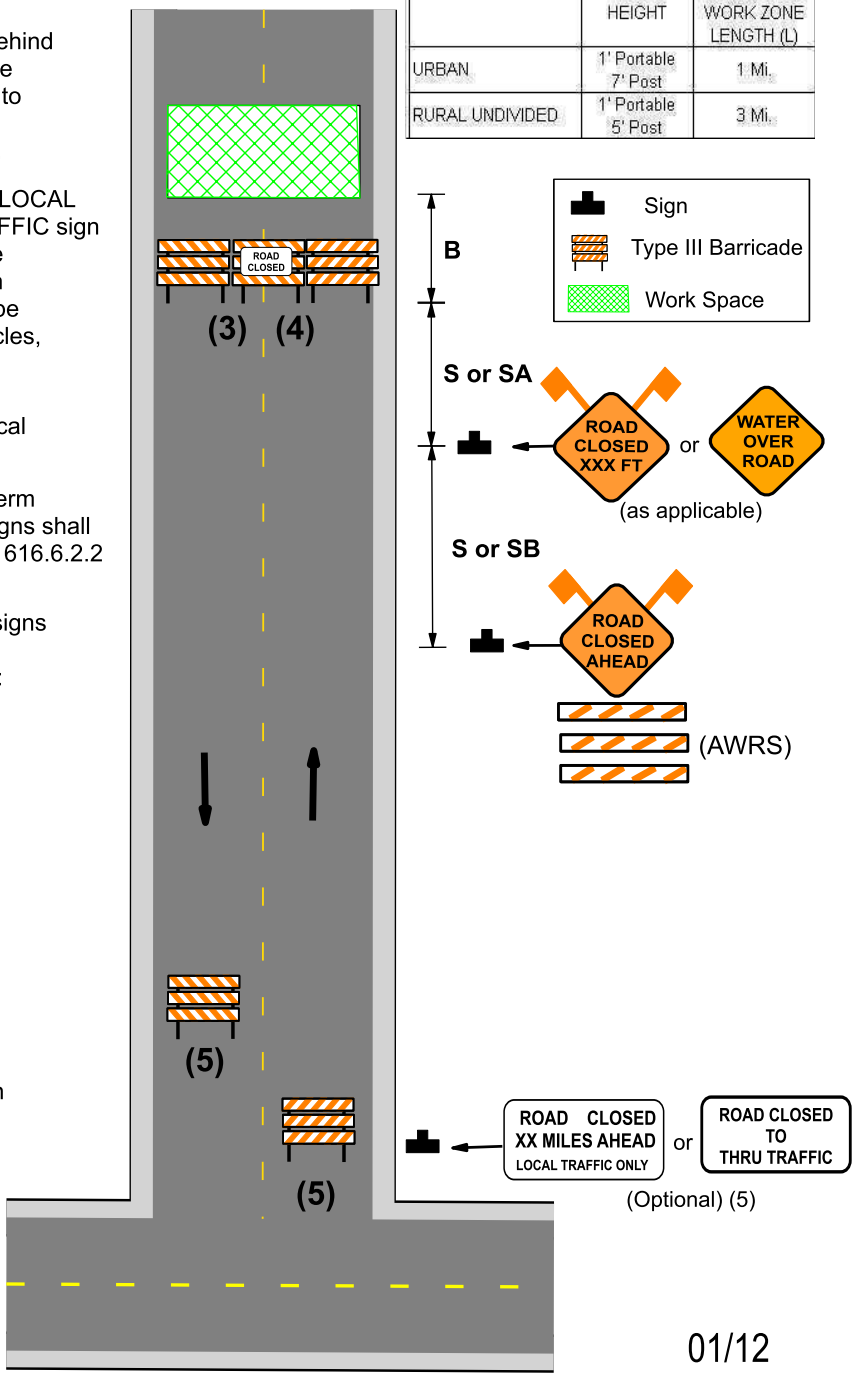
Additional warning signs should be erected at each intersection within the work zone.

Supplemental warning methods may be used to call attention to the work zone.

For long-term closure, detour signing should be considered.

For detour signing, review EPG 616.8.9 Road Closed Beyond Junction Detour.

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.



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