

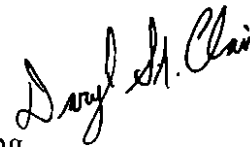
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DATE: August 13, 2008

SUBJECT: Publication 213 Revisions  
Temporary Traffic Control Signals

TO: All District Executives  
All Consultants

FROM: Daryl St. Clair, P.E., Acting Director  
Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering



The purpose of this strike-off letter is to adopt new policies and procedures for the purposes of streamlining the temporary traffic control signal permitting process. This strike-off letter has been assessed as "cost-neutral" and "time-neutral."

This policy change affects Traffic, Design, Highway Occupancy Permits (HOP), Construction, and Maintenance. Subsequently, the Districts shall apply this policy to all PS&E packages not already sent to Central Office for approval and to all new HOP approval applications.

Effective immediately, the existing PATA 26e figures (26e L, 26e PS, and 26e PL) and the entire Appendix A information in the February 2008 edition of Department Publication 213, "Temporary Traffic Control Guidelines," are to be replaced by the attachments to this policy letter. These revisions will be part of the next release of Publication 213.

The attachment, entitled "Appendix A: Temporary Traffic Control Signal Documentation," will become a new Appendix A in Department Publication 213. This information addresses additional requirements, timeframes, approval processes, and guidelines for temporary traffic control signals.

This strike-off letter provides additional design and operational guidance regarding temporary traffic control signals. It also more clearly outlines the process for obtaining approval to use these devices. In particular, some of the most significant revisions include: the development of new figures and guidance that govern long-term operations involving temporary traffic control signals on fixed supports and trailer-mounted portable traffic control signals; the development of multiple figures that govern the use of portable traffic control signals for manually-controlled applications, non-complex conditions, and complex conditions; the development of a new application, permit, and other forms; and the reduction from 15 days to three full working days prior to desired use that all required materials must be submitted to the Engineering District Office by an applicant who wants to use portable traffic control signals for a short-term operation involving non-complex conditions or a manual control mode.

If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Rowe, P.E., P.T.O.E., TEOD Chief, Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering at (717) 787-3620.

Attachments

REFERENCE GUIDE FOR PATA 26e TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL TYPICAL FIGURES

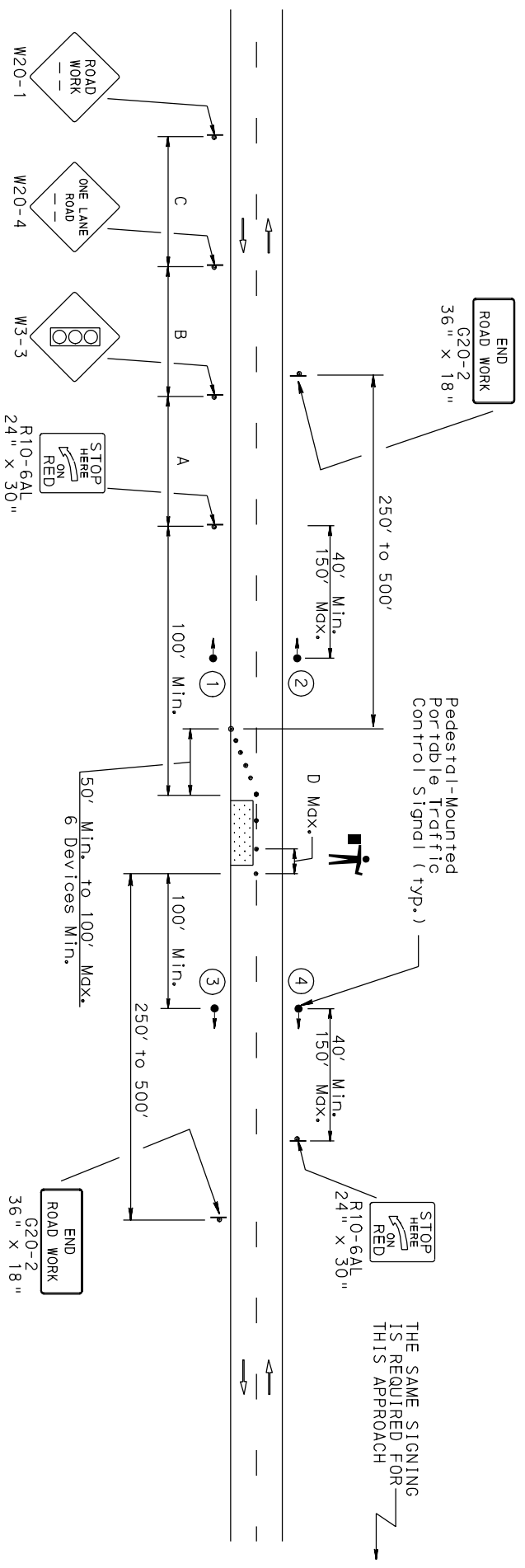
TYPE OF HIGHWAY	CONDITION	FIGURE NUMBER		
		USING FIXED SUPPORTS	USING TRAILER-MOUNTED PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS	USING PEDESTAL-MOUNTED PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS
TWO-LANE, TWO-WAY HIGHWAY WITH ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC	LONG-TERM STATIONARY OPERATION	PATA 26e L	PATA 26e PL	
	SHORT-TERM STATIONARY OPERATION MANUALLY-CONTROLLED		PATA 26e M-2	PATA 26e M-1
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APPENDIX A INDEX: TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL DOCUMENTATION

Document Type
Temporary Traffic Control Signal Requirements and Timeframes
Process for Obtaining PennDOT Approval to Use Temporary Traffic Control Signals
Blanket Permits
Application for Permit to Operate Temporary Traffic Control Signals
Temporary Traffic Control Signal Permit
Application Instructions for Permit to Operate Temporary Traffic Control Signals
Example Problem: Application for Permit to Operate Temporary Traffic Control Signals
Guidelines for the Selection of Temporary Traffic Control Signals in Work Zones
Temporary Traffic Control Signals Non-Compliance Documentation Form
Temporary Traffic Control Signals User Comment Form

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PLAN

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 SHORT-TERM STATIONARY OPERATION - TWO-LANE, TWO-WAY ROADWAY  
 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS - MANUALLY-CONTROLLED, PEDESTAL-MOUNTED PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

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2. THIS FIGURE MAY BE USED IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED:
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  - b. THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS ARE USED TO CONTROL ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC, AND NO MORE THAN TWO APPROACHES TO THE WORK ZONE WILL BE CONTROLLED BY THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS.
  - c. THERE IS NO AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSING WITHIN THE ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC SECTION (BETWEEN STOP HERE ON RED SIGNS) AND WITHIN 300 FEET OF A PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL.
  - d. NO ROADWAY APPROACH TO THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IS ON A DOWNGRADE OF 5% OR MORE, IF THE NORMAL SPEED LIMIT IS GREATER THAN 35 MILES PER HOUR.
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3. FOR MANUAL CONTROL, A SINGLE OPERATOR MAY BE USED IF THE OPERATOR HAS AN UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW OF BOTH TRAFFIC TRAVELING THROUGH THE ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY SECTION AND TRAFFIC ON THE APPROACH TO EACH PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL UNIT. OTHERWISE, A SEPARATE OPERATOR IS REQUIRED AT EACH PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL UNIT AND COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN THE OPERATORS.
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6. ADVANCE WRITTEN APPROVAL MUST BE OBTAINED FROM PENNDOT PRIOR TO USING PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS FOR SHORT-TERM OPERATIONS ON ANY PUBLIC HIGHWAY. A PENNDOT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR SHORT-TERM OPERATIONS, AND A COPY MUST BE MAINTAINED ON-SITE DURING THE PERIOD OF PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE.
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8. REFER TO APPENDIX A OF THIS PUBLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS.
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15. WHEN NOT IN OPERATION, SIGNAL HEADS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE VIEW OF TRAFFIC OR HOODED WITH A MATERIAL THAT COVERS THE SIGNAL INDICATIONS FROM THE VIEW OF TRAFFIC. ALL INAPPROPRIATE SIGNS SHALL ALSO BE REMOVED, COVERED, FOLDED OR TURNED SO THAT THEY ARE NOT READABLE BY ONCOMING TRAFFIC WHEN THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IS NOT IN OPERATION.
16. SIGNAL MODULES MUST BE REPLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATIONS, AND A RECORD OF THIS MUST BE MAINTAINED BY THE USER.
17. ADDITIONAL SIGNS AND DEVICES SHALL BE INSTALLED AS REQUIRED IN PENNDOT PUBLICATIONS 212 AND 213, AND AS REQUIRED BASED ON ACTUAL SITE CONDITIONS.
18. PENNDOT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INSPECT EACH PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE. PENNDOT ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVOKE A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PERMIT OR TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IF THE USER SHALL AT ANY TIME WILLFULLY OR NEGLIGENCELY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE PERMIT OR PUBLICATION 213, OR FAIL TO MAKE ANY CHANGES IN THE OPERATION OF THE SIGNAL, OR REMOVE IT, WHEN SO ORDERED BY PENNDOT. THE USER SHALL NOT MAKE ANY CHANGE IN THE OPERATION OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AS DEFINED IN THE PERMIT DRAWINGS WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF PENNDOT.

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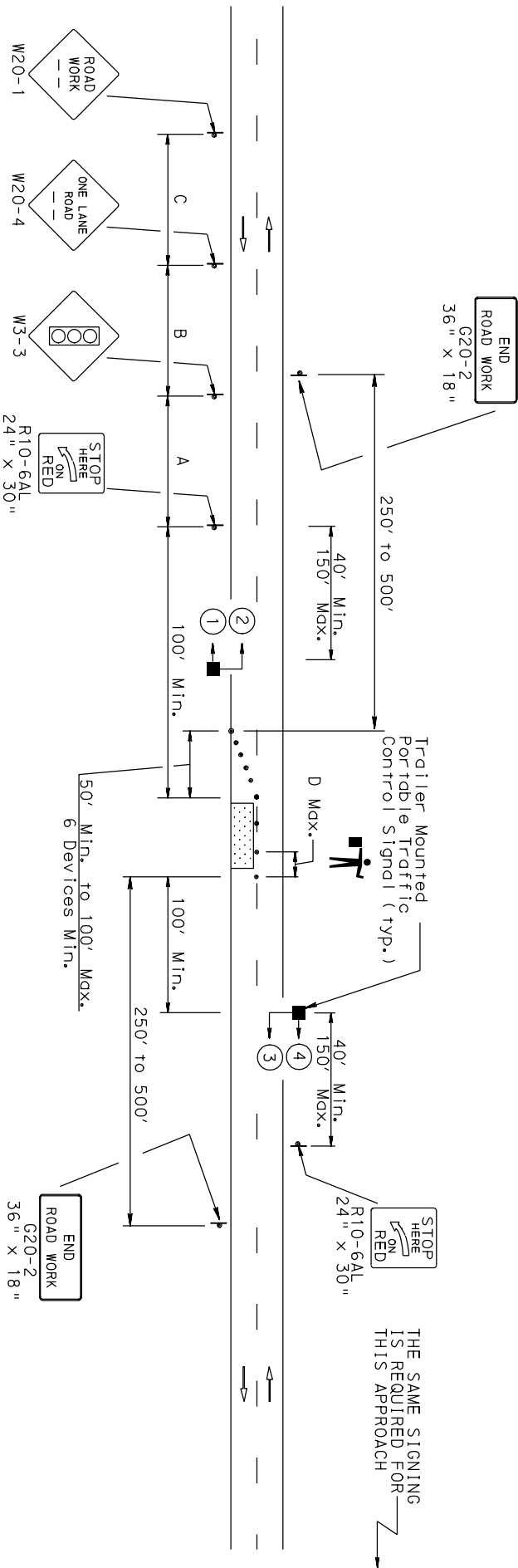
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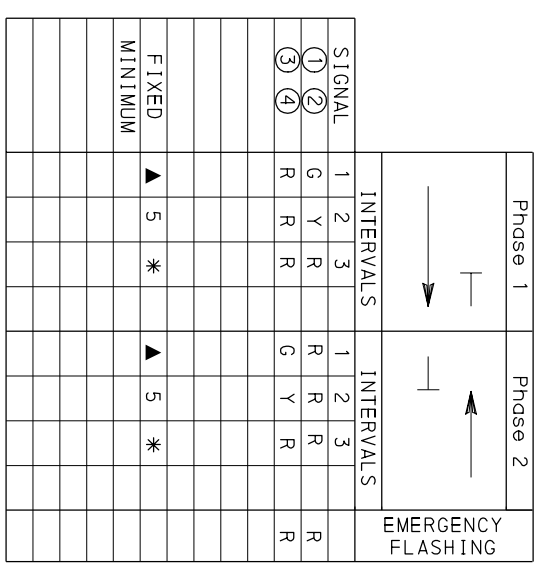
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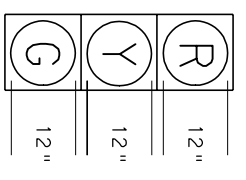
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 ▲ INTERVAL DETERMINED BY OPERATOR.

All-Red Clearance Interval Calculations (See Note 14)

Length of One-Lane, Two-Way Traffic Section between STOP HERE ON RED SIGNS (FT)	Required Minimum Length of All-Red Clearance Interval (SEC)		
	15 MPH	20 MPH	25 MPH
1,000	45	34	27
950	43	32	26
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850	39	29	23
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750	34	26	20
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NOTE:  
ALL SIGNALS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH BACKPLATES.

Signal Face Visibility (See Note 12)	Minimum Visibility (FT)
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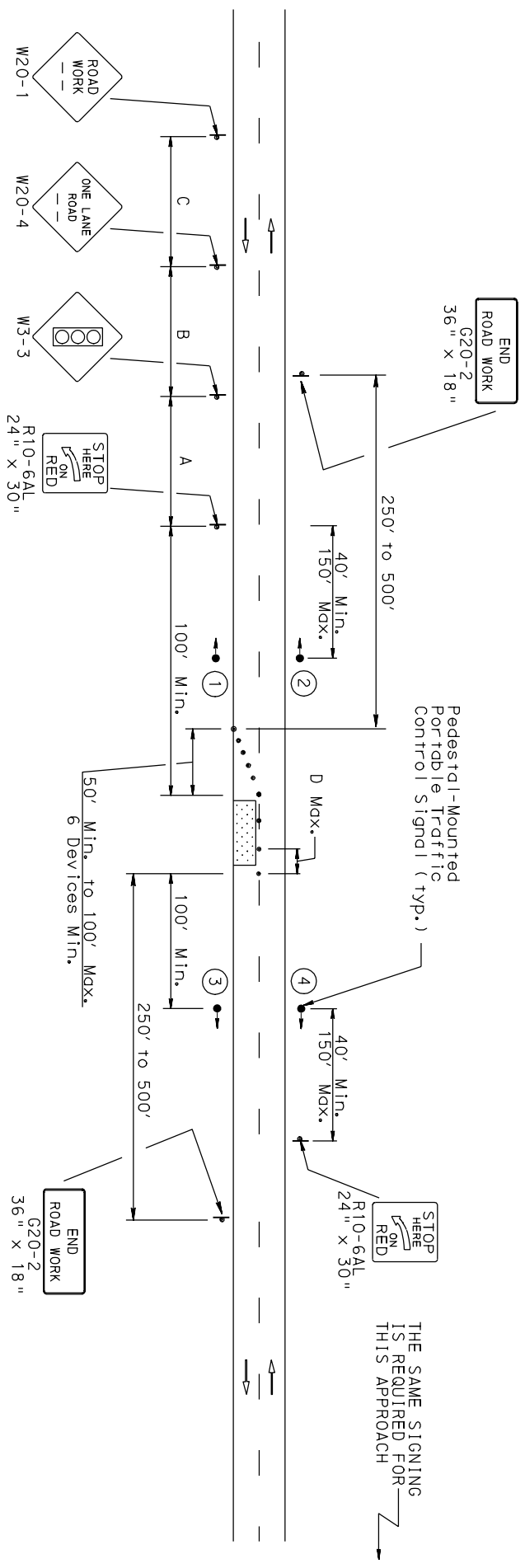
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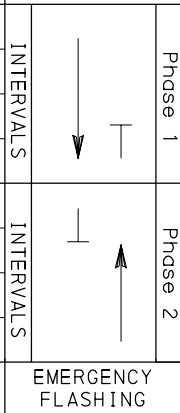
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③	R	R	R	G	Y	R	R
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PASSAGE	3			3			
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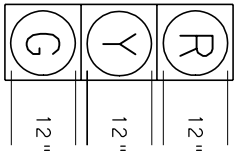
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All-Red Clearance Interval (See Note 11)

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 SHORT-TERM STATIONARY OPERATION - TWO-LANE, TWO-WAY ROADWAY  
 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS - PEDESTAL-MOUNTED PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS FOR NON-COMPLEX CONDITIONS

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NOTES

1. THE USE OF PEDESTAL-MOUNTED PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS IN PENNSYLVANIA FOR SHORT-TERM STATIONARY OPERATIONS WITH NON-COMPLEX CONDITIONS SHALL COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF THIS FIGURE.
2. THIS FIGURE MAY BE USED IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED:
  - d. THE OPERATION IS A STATIONARY, SHORT-TERM OPERATION AS DEFINED IN PENNDOT PUBLICATIONS 212 AND 213.
  - b. THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS ARE USED TO CONTROL ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC, AND NO MORE THAN TWO APPROACHES TO THE WORK ZONE WILL BE CONTROLLED BY THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS.
  - c. THERE IS NO AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSING WITHIN THE ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC SECTION (BETWEEN STOP HERE ON RED SIGNS) AND WITHIN 300 FEET OF A PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL.
  - d. NO ROADWAY APPROACH TO THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IS ON A DOWNGRADE OF 5% OR MORE, IF THE NORMAL SPEED LIMIT IS GREATER THAN 35 MILES PER HOUR.
  - e. THERE ARE NO INTERSECTIONS OR UNCONTROLLED COMMERCIAL DRIVEWAYS WITHIN THE ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC SECTION. THE PROPOSED METHOD OF TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR NON-COMMERCIAL DRIVEWAYS SHALL BE ACCEPTABLE TO PENNDOT.
  - f. THE ROADWAY ADT (AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC) IS 10,000 VEHICLES PER DAY OR LESS, AND THE LENGTH OF THE ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC SECTION (BETWEEN STOP HERE ON RED SIGNS) IS 1,000 FEET OR LESS.
3. ADVANCE WRITTEN APPROVAL MUST BE OBTAINED FROM PENNDOT PRIOR TO USING PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS FOR SHORT-TERM OPERATIONS ON ANY PUBLIC HIGHWAY. A PENNDOT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR SHORT-TERM OPERATIONS, AND A COPY MUST BE MAINTAINED ON-SITE DURING THE PERIOD OF PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE.
4. SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO OPERATE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS TO THE APPROPRIATE PENNDOT ENGINEERING DISTRICT OFFICE SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED AT LEAST 3 FULL WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE DESIRED BEGINNING TIME OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE, EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY WORK AS DEFINED IN PENNDOT PUBLICATION 212.
5. REFER TO APPENDIX A OF THIS PUBLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS.
6. THE DESIGN AND APPLICATION OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF PENNDOT PUBLICATIONS 212, 213, AND 149M.
7. SIGNAL SUPPORTS SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF 2 FEET OFF THE EDGE OF TRAVEL WAY. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE SUPPORTS SHALL BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED BY BARRIER, GUIDERAIL, OR CHANNELIZING DEVICES.
8. THE BOTTOM OF THE HOUSING OF A SIGNAL FACE THAT IS NOT MOUNTED OVER THE ROADWAY SHALL BE AT LEAST 8 FEET, BUT NOT MORE THAN 15 FEET ABOVE THE SIDEWALK OR, IF THERE IS NO SIDEWALK, ABOVE THE PAVEMENT GRADE AT THE CENTER OF THE ROADWAY.
9. A MINIMUM OF TWO SIGNAL FACES ON EACH APPROACH SHOULD BE CONTINUOUSLY VISIBLE TO APPROACHING TRAFFIC FROM A POINT MEETING THE SIGNAL VISIBILITY DISTANCES SPECIFIED IN THE TABLE ON SHEET 2 OF 3.
10. THE LENGTH OF YELLOW CHANGE INTERVALS IS NORMALLY IN THE RANGE FROM ABOUT 3 SECONDS TO 6 SECONDS. USE A 5-SECOND YELLOW CHANGE INTERVAL, OR AN APPROPRIATE ALTERNATE VALUE FROM PENNDOT PUBLICATION 149M BASED ON ACTUAL SITE CONDITIONS.

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 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS - PEDESTAL-MOUNTED PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS FOR NON-COMPLEX CONDITIONS

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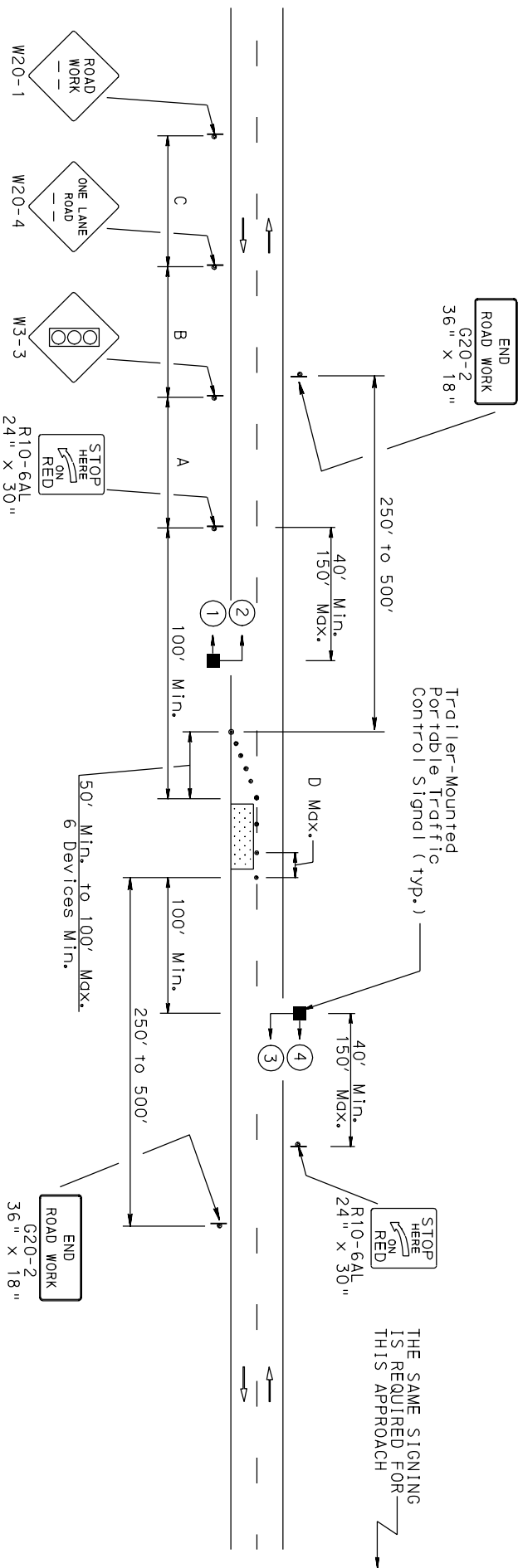
11. AN ALL-RED CLEARANCE INTERVAL MUST BE USED. THE LENGTH OF THE ALL-RED CLEARANCE INTERVAL IS BASED ON THE LENGTH OF THE ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC SECTION CONTROLLED BY THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AND THE SPEED OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THAT SECTION. MONITOR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIOD OF PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE AND ADJUST THE LENGTH OF THE ALL-RED CLEARANCE INTERVAL TO ACCOUNT FOR SITE CONDITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BY PENNDOT, THE MINIMUM LENGTH OF ALL-RED CLEARANCE INTERVALS SHALL BE AS INDICATED ON THE TABLE ON SHEET 2 OF 4.
12. FOR FIXED TIME AND ACTUATED OPERATIONS, THE MINIMUM GREEN INTERVAL PROVIDED FOR EACH APPROACH SHALL BE 10 SECONDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BY PENNDOT. THE LENGTH OF GREEN INTERVALS SHOULD BE SUCH AS TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS. USE GREEN INTERVALS AS INDICATED ON THE PERMIT DRAWING. IF THERE IS NO PERMIT DRAWING, MONITOR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS AS TRAFFIC VOLUMES CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE AND ADJUST GREEN INTERVALS TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS.
13. WHEN NOT IN OPERATION, SIGNAL HEADS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE VIEW OF TRAFFIC OR HOODED WITH A MATERIAL THAT COVERS THE SIGNAL INDICATIONS FROM THE VIEW OF TRAFFIC. ALL INAPPROPRIATE SIGNS SHALL ALSO BE REMOVED, COVERED, FOLDED, OR TURNED SO THAT THEY ARE NOT READABLE BY ONCOMING TRAFFIC WHEN THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IS NOT IN OPERATION.
14. SIGNAL MODULES MUST BE REPLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATIONS, AND A RECORD OF THIS MUST BE MAINTAINED BY THE USER.
15. ADDITIONAL SIGNS AND DEVICES SHALL BE INSTALLED AS REQUIRED IN PENNDOT PUBLICATIONS 212 AND 213, AND AS REQUIRED BASED ON ACTUAL SITE CONDITIONS.
16. PENNDOT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INSPECT EACH PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE. PENNDOT ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVOKE A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PERMIT OR TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IF THE USER SHALL AT ANY TIME WILLFULLY OR NEGLIGENTLY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE PERMIT OR PUBLICATION 213, OR FAIL TO MAKE ANY CHANGES IN THE OPERATION OF THE SIGNAL, OR REMOVE IT, WHEN SO ORDERED BY PENNDOT. THE USER SHALL NOT MAKE ANY CHANGE IN THE OPERATION OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AS DEFINED IN THE PERMIT DRAWINGS WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF PENNDOT.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PLAN

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THE SAME SIGNING IS REQUIRED FOR THIS APPROACH

Distance plaques on Advance Warning signs shall be the same series type.

Example: either all XXX ft. or all "AHEAD"

CONDITION 1: All Highways (except Freeways and Expressways)

A = 500 ft.

B = 500 ft., W20-4 sign distance plaque to read 1000 ft.

C = 500 ft., W20-1 sign distance plaque to read 1500 ft.

D = 2 times the normal speed limit

CONDITION 2: For Urban Streets

A, B and C = 200 ft., and sign distance plaque to read "AHEAD"

D = 2 times the normal speed limit

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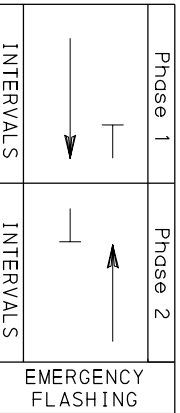
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS - TRAILER-MOUNTED PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS FOR NON-COMPLEX CONDITIONS

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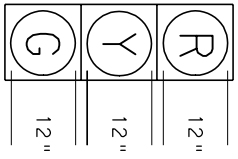
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MINIMUM**	10			10			
PASSAGE	3			3			
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ANY FIELD ADJUSTMENT OF "STOP HERE ON RED SIGNALS" REQUIRES NEW CALCULATION OF CLEARANCE INTERVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PENNDOT SPECIFICATIONS.

\* SEE TABLE AND NOTE 11.

\*\* SEE NOTE 12.

SIGNAL REQUIREMENTS



SIGNAL NO'S.  
1-2-3-4

NOTE:  
ALL SIGNALS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH BACKPLATES.

All-Red Clearance Interval (See Note 11)

Length of One-Lane, Two-Way Traffic Section between STOP HERE ON RED SIGNS (FT)	Required Minimum Length of All-Red Clearance Interval (SEC)		
	15 MPH	20 MPH	25 MPH
1,000	45	34	27
950	43	32	26
900	41	31	25
850	39	29	23
800	36	27	22
750	34	26	20
700	32	24	19
650	30	22	18
600	27	20	16
550	25	19	15
500	23	17	14
450	20	15	12
400	18	14	11
350	16	12	10
300	14	10	8

Signal Face Visibility (See Note 9)	
Normal Speed Limit (MPH)	Minimum Visibility (FT)
25	215
30	270
35	325
40	390
45	460
50	540
55	625

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 SHORT-TERM STATIONARY OPERATION - TWO-LANE, TWO WAY ROADWAY  
 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS - TRAILER-MOUNTED PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS FOR NON-COMPLEX CONDITIONS

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1. THE USE OF TRAILER-MOUNTED PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS IN PENNSYLVANIA FOR SHORT-TERM STATIONARY OPERATIONS WITH NON-COMPLEX CONDITIONS SHALL COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF THIS FIGURE.
2. THIS FIGURE MAY BE USED IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED:
  - a. THE OPERATION IS A STATIONARY, SHORT-TERM OPERATION AS DEFINED IN PENNDOT PUBLICATIONS 212 AND 213.
  - b. THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS ARE USED TO CONTROL ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC, AND NO MORE THAN TWO APPROACHES TO THE WORK ZONE WILL BE CONTROLLED BY THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS.
  - c. THERE IS NO AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSING WITHIN THE ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC SECTION (BETWEEN STOP HERE ON RED SIGNS) AND WITHIN 300 FEET OF A PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL.
  - d. NO ROADWAY APPROACH TO THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IS ON A DOWNGRADE OF 5% OR MORE, IF THE NORMAL SPEED LIMIT IS GREATER THAN 35 MILES PER HOUR.
  - e. THERE ARE NO INTERSECTIONS OR UNCONTROLLED COMMERCIAL DRIVEWAYS WITHIN THE ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC SECTION. THE PROPOSED METHOD OF TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR NON-COMMERCIAL DRIVEWAYS SHALL BE ACCEPTABLE TO PENNDOT.
  - f. THE ROADWAY ADT (AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC) IS 10,000 VEHICLES PER DAY OR LESS, AND THE LENGTH OF THE ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC SECTION (BETWEEN STOP HERE ON RED SIGNS) IS 1,000 FEET OR LESS.
3. ADVANCE WRITTEN APPROVAL MUST BE OBTAINED FROM PENNDOT PRIOR TO USING PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS FOR SHORT-TERM OPERATIONS ON ANY PUBLIC HIGHWAY. A PENNDOT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR SHORT-TERM OPERATIONS, AND A COPY MUST BE MAINTAINED ON-SITE DURING THE PERIOD OF PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE.
4. SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO OPERATE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS TO THE APPROPRIATE PENNDOT ENGINEERING DISTRICT OFFICE SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED AT LEAST 3 FULL WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE DESIRED BEGINNING TIME OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE, EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY WORK AS DEFINED IN PENNDOT PUBLICATION 212.
5. REFER TO APPENDIX A OF THIS PUBLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS.
6. THE DESIGN AND APPLICATION OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF PENNDOT PUBLICATIONS 212, 213, AND 149M.
7. SIGNAL SUPPORTS SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF 2 FEET OFF THE EDGE OF TRAVEL WAY. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE SUPPORTS SHALL BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED BY BARRIER, GUIDERAIL, OR CHANNELIZING DEVICES.
8. THE BOTTOM OF THE HOUSING OF A SIGNAL FACE SUSPENDED OVER THE ROADWAY SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 15 FEET, BUT NOT MORE THAN 19 FEET ABOVE THE PAVEMENT. THE BOTTOM OF THE HOUSING OF A SIGNAL FACE THAT IS NOT MOUNTED OVER THE ROADWAY SHALL BE AT LEAST 8 FEET, BUT NOT MORE THAN 15 FEET ABOVE THE SIDEWALK OR, IF THERE IS NO SIDEWALK, ABOVE THE PAVEMENT GRADE AT THE CENTER OF THE ROADWAY.
9. A MINIMUM OF TWO SIGNAL FACES ON EACH APPROACH SHOULD BE CONTINUOUSLY VISIBLE TO APPROACHING TRAFFIC FROM A POINT MEETING THE SIGNAL VISIBILITY DISTANCES SPECIFIED IN THE TABLE ON SHEET 2 OF 3.
10. THE LENGTH OF YELLOW CHANGE INTERVALS IS NORMALLY IN THE RANGE FROM ABOUT 3 SECONDS TO 6 SECONDS. USE A 5-SECOND YELLOW CHANGE INTERVAL, OR AN APPROPRIATE ALTERNATE VALUE FROM PENNDOT PUBLICATION 149M BASED ON ACTUAL SITE CONDITIONS.

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11. AN ALL-RED CLEARANCE INTERVAL MUST BE USED. THE LENGTH OF THE ALL-RED CLEARANCE INTERVAL IS BASED ON THE LENGTH OF THE ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC SECTION CONTROLLED BY THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AND THE SPEED OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THAT SECTION. MONITOR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIOD OF PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE AND ADJUST THE LENGTH OF THE ALL-RED CLEARANCE INTERVAL TO ACCOUNT FOR SITE CONDITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BY PENNDOT, THE MINIMUM LENGTH OF ALL-RED CLEARANCE INTERVALS SHALL BE AS INDICATED ON THE TABLE ON SHEET 2 OF 4.
12. FOR FIXED TIME AND ACTUATED OPERATIONS, THE MINIMUM GREEN INTERVAL PROVIDED FOR EACH APPROACH SHALL BE 10 SECONDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BY PENNDOT. THE LENGTH OF GREEN INTERVALS SHOULD BE SUCH AS TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS. USE GREEN INTERVALS AS INDICATED ON THE PERMIT DRAWING. IF THERE IS NO PERMIT DRAWING, MONITOR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS AS TRAFFIC VOLUMES CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE AND ADJUST GREEN INTERVALS TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS.
13. WHEN NOT IN OPERATION, SIGNAL HEADS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE VIEW OF TRAFFIC OR HOODED WITH A MATERIAL THAT COVERS THE SIGNAL INDICATIONS FROM THE VIEW OF TRAFFIC. ALL INAPPROPRIATE SIGNS SHALL ALSO BE REMOVED, COVERED, FOLDED, OR TURNED SO THAT THEY ARE NOT READABLE BY ONCOMING TRAFFIC WHEN THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IS NOT IN OPERATION.
14. SIGNAL MODULES MUST BE REPLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATIONS, AND A RECORD OF THIS MUST BE MAINTAINED BY THE USER.
15. ADDITIONAL SIGNS AND DEVICES SHALL BE INSTALLED AS REQUIRED IN PENNDOT PUBLICATIONS 212 AND 213, AND AS REQUIRED BASED ON ACTUAL SITE CONDITIONS.
16. PENNDOT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INSPECT EACH PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE. PENNDOT ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVOKE A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PERMIT OR TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IF THE USER SHALL AT ANY TIME WILLFULLY OR NEGLIGENTLY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE PERMIT OR PUBLICATION 213, OR FAIL TO MAKE ANY CHANGES IN THE OPERATION OF THE SIGNAL, OR REMOVE IT, WHEN SO ORDERED BY PENNDOT. THE USER SHALL NOT MAKE CHANGE IN THE OPERATION OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AS DEFINED IN THE PERMIT DRAWINGS WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF PENNDOT.

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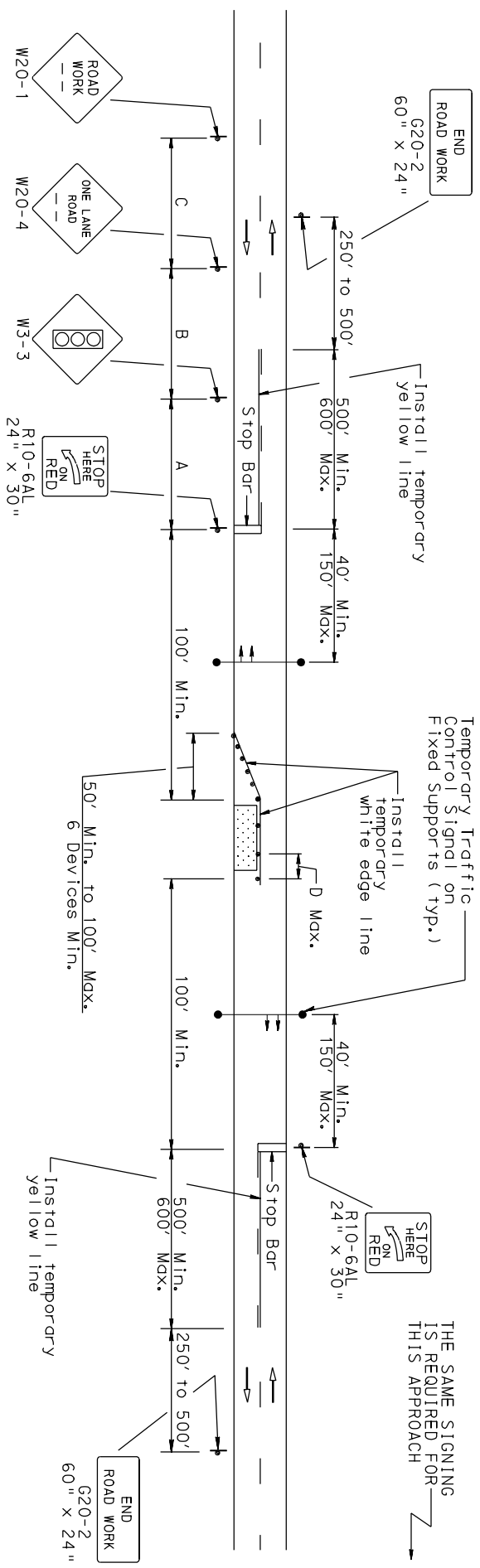
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LONG-TERM STATIONARY OPERATION - TWO-LANE, TWO-WAY ROADWAY  
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS USING FIXED SUPPORTS



Normal Speed Limit (MPH)	Minimum Visibility Distance (FT)
25	215
30	270
35	325
40	390
45	460
50	540
55	625

Distance plaques on Advance Warning signs shall be the same series type.

Example: either all XXX ft. or all "AHEAD"

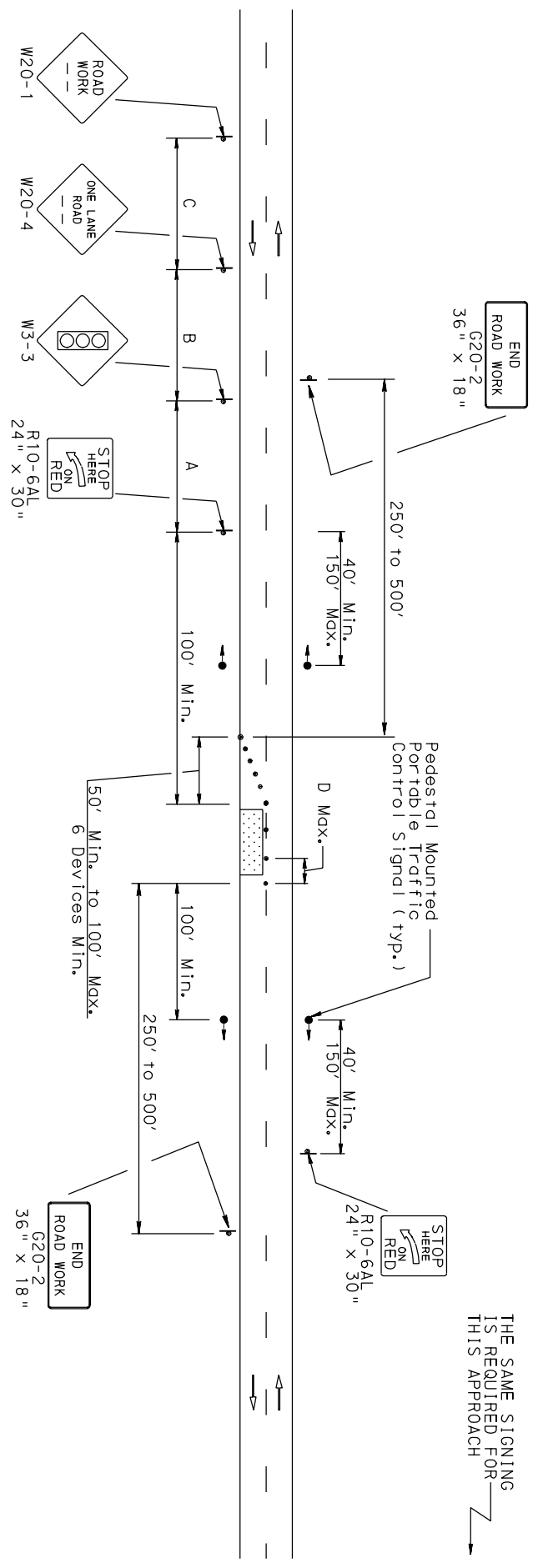
CONDITION 1: All Highways (except Freeways and Expressways)  
 A = 500 ft.  
 B = 500 ft., W20-4 sign distance plaque to read 1000 ft.  
 C = 500 ft., W20-1 sign distance plaque to read 1500 ft.  
 D = 2 times the normal speed limit

CONDITION 2: For Urban Streets  
 A, B and C = 200 ft. and sign distance plaque to read "AHEAD"  
 D = 2 times the normal speed limit

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LONG-TERM STATIONARY OPERATION - TWO-LANE, TWO-WAY ROADWAY  
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS USING FIXED SUPPORTS

NOTES

1. THE USE OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS ON FIXED SUPPORTS IN PENNSYLVANIA FOR LONG-TERM STATIONARY OPERATIONS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS FIGURE.
2. REFER TO APPENDIX A OF THIS PUBLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS ON FIXED SUPPORTS.
3. THE DESIGN AND APPLICATION OF THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS ON FIXED SUPPORTS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF PENNDOT PUBLICATIONS 212, 213, AND 149M.
4. REMOVE CONFLICTING PAVEMENT MARKINGS.
5. STOP BARS SHALL BE INSTALLED WITH TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS ON FIXED SUPPORTS FOR LONG-TERM STATIONARY OPERATIONS. EXISTING CONFLICTING PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS BETWEEN STOP BARS SHALL BE REMOVED. AFTER TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS ARE REMOVED, THE STOP BARS SHALL BE REMOVED AND THE PERMANENT PAVEMENT MARKINGS RESTORED.
6. ADVANCE WRITTEN APPROVAL MUST BE OBTAINED FROM PENNDOT PRIOR TO USING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS ON FIXED SUPPORTS FOR LONG-TERM STATIONARY OPERATIONS ON ANY PUBLIC HIGHWAY. A PENNDOT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PERMIT AND SITE-SPECIFIC DRAWING ARE REQUIRED FOR LONG-TERM OPERATIONS, AND A COPY MUST BE MAINTAINED ON-SITE DURING THE PERIOD OF THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE.
7. ALL SIGNAL LENSES SHALL BE 12 INCHES IN DIAMETER.
8. THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT MUST BE PROVIDED WITH THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AN EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON WHO IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS PER DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK DURING THE PERIOD OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE.
9. A MINIMUM OF TWO SIGNAL FACES ON EACH APPROACH SHOULD BE CONTINUOUSLY VISIBLE TO APPROACHING TRAFFIC FROM A POINT MEETING THE MINIMUM SIGNAL FACE VISIBILITY DISTANCES SPECIFIED ON THIS FIGURE.
10. SIGNAL SUPPORTS SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF 2 FEET OFF THE EDGE OF TRAVEL WAY. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE SUPPORTS SHALL BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED BY BARRIER, GUIDE RAIL, OR CHANNELIZING DEVICES.
11. THE BOTTOM OF THE HOUSING OF A SIGNAL FACE SUSPENDED OVER THE ROADWAY SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 15 FEET, BUT NOT MORE THAN 19 FEET, ABOVE THE PAVEMENT. THE BOTTOM OF THE HOUSING OF A SIGNAL FACE THAT IS NOT MOUNTED OVER THE ROADWAY SHALL BE AT LEAST 8 FEET, BUT NOT MORE THAN 15 FEET ABOVE THE SIDEWALK OR, IF THERE IS NO SIDEWALK, ABOVE THE PAVEMENT GRADE AT THE CENTER OF THE ROADWAY.
12. ADDITIONAL SIGNS AND DEVICES SHALL BE INSTALLED AS REQUIRED IN PENNDOT PUBLICATIONS 212 AND 213, AND AS REQUIRED BASED ON ACTUAL SITE CONDITIONS.
13. SIGNAL MODULES MUST BE REPLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS, AND A RECORD OF THIS MUST BE MAINTAINED BY THE USER.
14. WHEN NOT IN OPERATION, SIGNAL HEADS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE VIEW OF TRAFFIC OR HOODED WITH A MATERIAL THAT COVERS THE SIGNAL INDICATIONS FROM THE VIEW OF TRAFFIC. ALL INAPPROPRIATE SIGNS SHALL ALSO BE REMOVED, COVERED, FOLDED, OR TURNED SO THAT THEY ARE NOT READABLE BY ONCOMING TRAFFIC WHEN THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IS NOT IN OPERATION.
15. PENNDOT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INSPECT EACH TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE. PENNDOT ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PERMIT OR TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IF THE USER SHALL AT ANY TIME WILLFULLY OR NEGLIGENCELY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE PERMIT OR PUBLICATION 213, OR FAIL TO MAKE ANY CHANGES IN THE OPERATION OF THE SIGNAL, OR TO REMOVE IT, WHEN SO ORDERED BY PENNDOT. THE USER SHALL NOT MAKE ANY CHANGE IN THE OPERATION OF THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AS DEFINED IN THE PERMIT DRAWINGS WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF PENNDOT.
16. WHEN THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IS CHANGED TO FLASHING MODE, EITHER MANUALLY OR AUTOMATICALLY, RED SIGNAL INDICATIONS SHALL BE FLASHED TO BOTH APPROACHES.



Distance plaques on Advance Warning signs shall be the same series type.

Example: either all XXX ft. or all "AHEAD"

- CONDITION 1: All Highways (except Freeways and Expressways)
- A = 500 ft.
  - B = 500 ft., W20-4 sign distance plaque to read 1000 ft.
  - C = 500 ft., W20-1 sign distance plaque to read 1500 ft.
  - D = 2 times the normal speed limit
- CONDITION 2: For Urban Streets
- A, B and C = 200 ft. and sign distance plaque to read "AHEAD"
  - D = 2 times the normal speed limit

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 SHORT-TERM STATIONARY OPERATION - TWO-LANE, TWO-WAY ROADWAY  
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All-Red Clearance Interval (See Note 10)

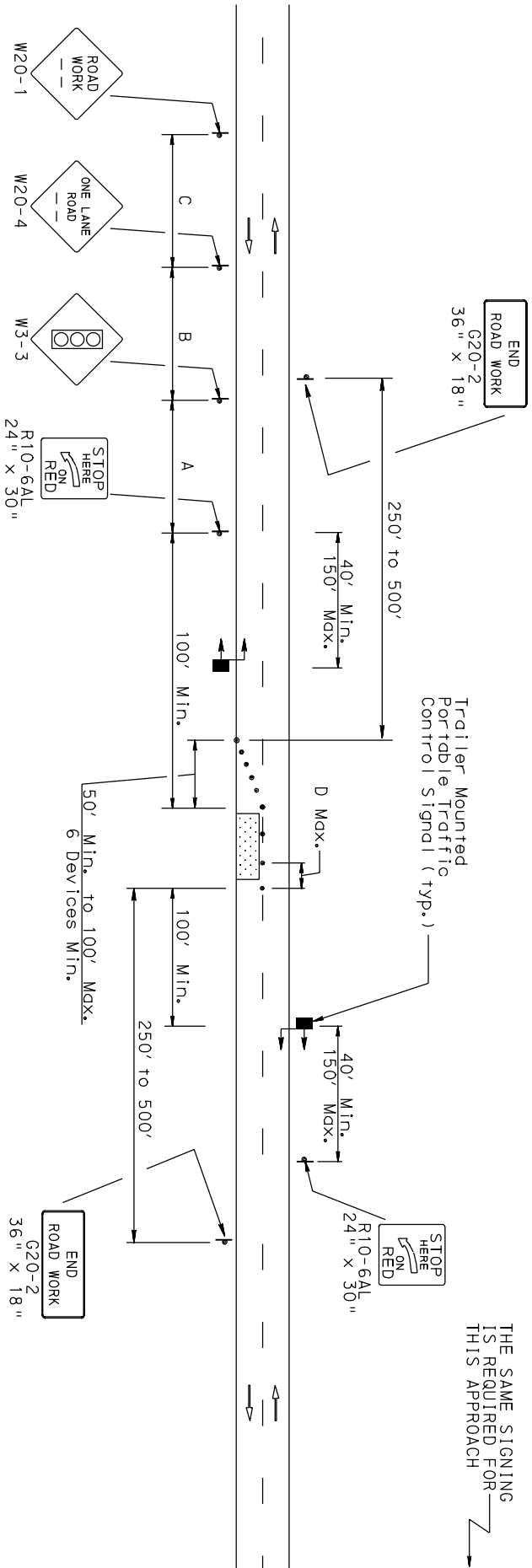
Length of One-Lane, Two-Way Traffic Section between STOP HERE ON RED SIGNS (FT)	Required Minimum Length of All-Red Clearance Interval (SEC)		
	15 MPH	20 MPH	25 MPH
1,000	45	34	27
950	43	32	26
900	41	31	25
850	39	29	23
800	36	27	22
750	34	26	20
700	32	24	19
650	30	22	18
600	27	20	16
550	25	19	15
500	23	17	14
450	20	15	12
400	18	14	11
350	16	12	10
300	14	10	8

Signal Face Visibility (See Note 7)	
Normal Speed Limit (MPH)	Minimum Visibility Distance (FT)
25	215
30	270
35	325
40	390
45	460
50	540
55	625

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS - PEDESTAL-MOUNTED PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS FOR COMPLEX CONDITIONS

NOTES

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4. THE DESIGN AND APPLICATION OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF PENNDOT PUBLICATIONS 212, 213, AND 149M.
5. SIGNAL SUPPORTS SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF 2 FEET OFF THE EDGE OF TRAVEL WAY. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE SUPPORTS SHALL BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED BY BARRIER, GUIDERAIL, OR CHANNELIZING DEVICES.
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8. ALL SIGNALS LENSES SHALL BE 12 INCHES IN DIAMETER.
9. THE LENGTH OF YELLOW CHANGE INTERVALS IS NORMALLY IN THE RANGE FROM ABOUT 3 SECONDS TO 6 SECONDS. USE A 5-SECOND YELLOW CHANGE INTERVAL, OR AN APPROPRIATE ALTERNATE VALUE FROM PENNDOT PUBLICATION 149M BASED ON ACTUAL SITE CONDITIONS.
10. AN ALL-RED CLEARANCE INTERVAL MUST BE USED. THE LENGTH OF THE ALL-RED CLEARANCE INTERVAL IS BASED ON THE LENGTH OF THE ONE-LANE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC SECTION CONTROLLED BY THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AND THE SPEED OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THAT SECTION. MONITOR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIOD OF PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE AND ADJUST THE LENGTH OF THE ALL-RED CLEARANCE INTERVAL TO ACCOUNT FOR SITE CONDITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BY PENNDOT, THE MINIMUM LENGTH OF ALL-RED CLEARANCE INTERVALS SHALL BE AS INDICATED ON THE TABLE ON SHEET 2 OF 3.
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12. WHEN NOT IN OPERATION, SIGNAL HEADS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE VIEW OF TRAFFIC OR HOODED WITH A MATERIAL THAT COVERS THE SIGNAL INDICATIONS FROM THE VIEW OF TRAFFIC. ALL INAPPROPRIATE SIGNS SHALL ALSO BE REMOVED, COVERED, FOLDED, OR TURNED SO THAT THEY ARE NOT READABLE BY ONCOMING TRAFFIC WHEN THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IS NOT IN OPERATION.
13. WHEN THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IS CHANGED TO FLASHING MODE, EITHER MANUALLY OR AUTOMATICALLY, RED SIGNAL INDICATIONS SHALL BE FLASHED TO BOTH APPROACHES.
14. SIGNAL MODULES MUST BE REPLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATIONS, AND A RECORD OF THIS MUST BE MAINTAINED BY THE USER.
15. ADDITIONAL SIGNS AND DEVICES SHALL BE INSTALLED AS REQUIRED IN PENNDOT PUBLICATIONS 212 AND 213, AND AS REQUIRED BASED ON ACTUAL SITE CONDITIONS.
16. PENNDOT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INSPECT EACH PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE. PENNDOT ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVOKE A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PERMIT OR TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IF THE USER SHALL AT ANY TIME WILLFULLY OR NEGLIGENCELY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE PERMIT OR PUBLICATION 213, OR FAIL TO MAKE ANY CHANGES IN THE OPERATION OF THE SIGNAL, OR REMOVE IT, WHEN SO ORDERED BY PENNDOT. THE USER SHALL NOT MAKE ANY CHANGE IN THE OPERATION OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AS DEFINED IN THE PERMIT DRAWINGS WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF PENNDOT.



Distance plaques on Advance Warning signs shall be the same series type.

Example: either all XXX ft. or all "AHEAD"

CONDITION 1: All Highways (except Freeways and Expressways)  
 A = 500 ft.  
 B = 500 ft., W20-4 sign distance plaque to read 1000 ft.  
 C = 500 ft., W20-1 sign distance plaque to read 1500 ft.  
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CONDITION 2: For Urban Streets  
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All-Red Clearance Interval (See Note 10)

Length of One-Lane, Two-Way Traffic Section between STOP HERE ON RED SIGNS (FT)	Required Minimum Length of All-Red Clearance Interval (SEC)		
	15 MPH	20 MPH	25 MPH
1,000	45	34	27
950	43	32	26
900	41	31	25
850	39	29	23
800	36	27	22
750	34	26	20
700	32	24	19
650	30	22	18
600	27	20	16
550	25	19	15
500	23	17	14
450	20	15	12
400	18	14	11
350	16	12	10
300	14	10	8

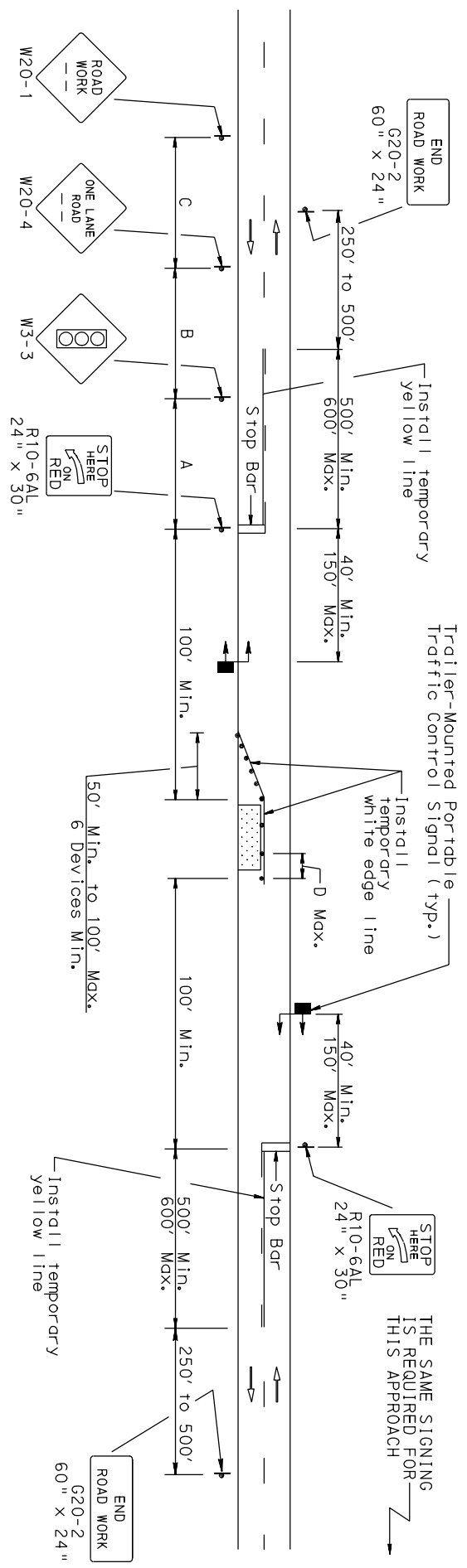
Signal Face Visibility (See Note 7)	
Normal Speed Limit (MPH)	Minimum Visibility Distance (FT)
25	215
30	270
35	325
40	390
45	460
50	540
55	625

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SHORT-TERM STATIONARY OPERATION - TWO LANE, TWO-WAY ROADWAY  
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS - TRAILER-MOUNTED PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS FOR COMPLEX CONDITIONS

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3. REFER TO APPENDIX A OF THIS PUBLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS.
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4. REMOVE CONFLICTING PAVEMENT MARKINGS.
5. STOP BARS SHALL BE INSTALLED WITH PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS FOR LONG-TERM STATIONARY OPERATIONS. EXISTING CONFLICTING PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS BETWEEN STOP BARS SHALL BE REMOVED. AFTER PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS ARE REMOVED, THE STOP BARS SHALL BE RESTORED AND THE PERMANENT PAVEMENT MARKINGS RESTORED.
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8. ALL SIGNAL LENSES SHALL BE 12 INCHES IN DIAMETER.
9. THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT MUST BE PROVIDED WITH THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AN EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON WHO IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS PER DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK DURING THE PERIOD OF PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL USAGE.
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18. STEPS MUST BE TAKEN TO ENSURE CONTINUED PROPER PLACEMENT AND TO FORESTALL POSSIBLE VANDALISM OF THE PORTABLE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL UNITS. TIRES AND THE "HITCH" MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE TRAILER, AND BATTERY ENCLOSURES, CRANK MECHANISMS FOR HORIZONTAL ARMS, AND OTHER MECHANISMS TO ADJUST PLACEMENT OR OPERATION MUST BE LOCKED TO ELIMINATE ANY TAMPERING BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL.
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# Appendix A

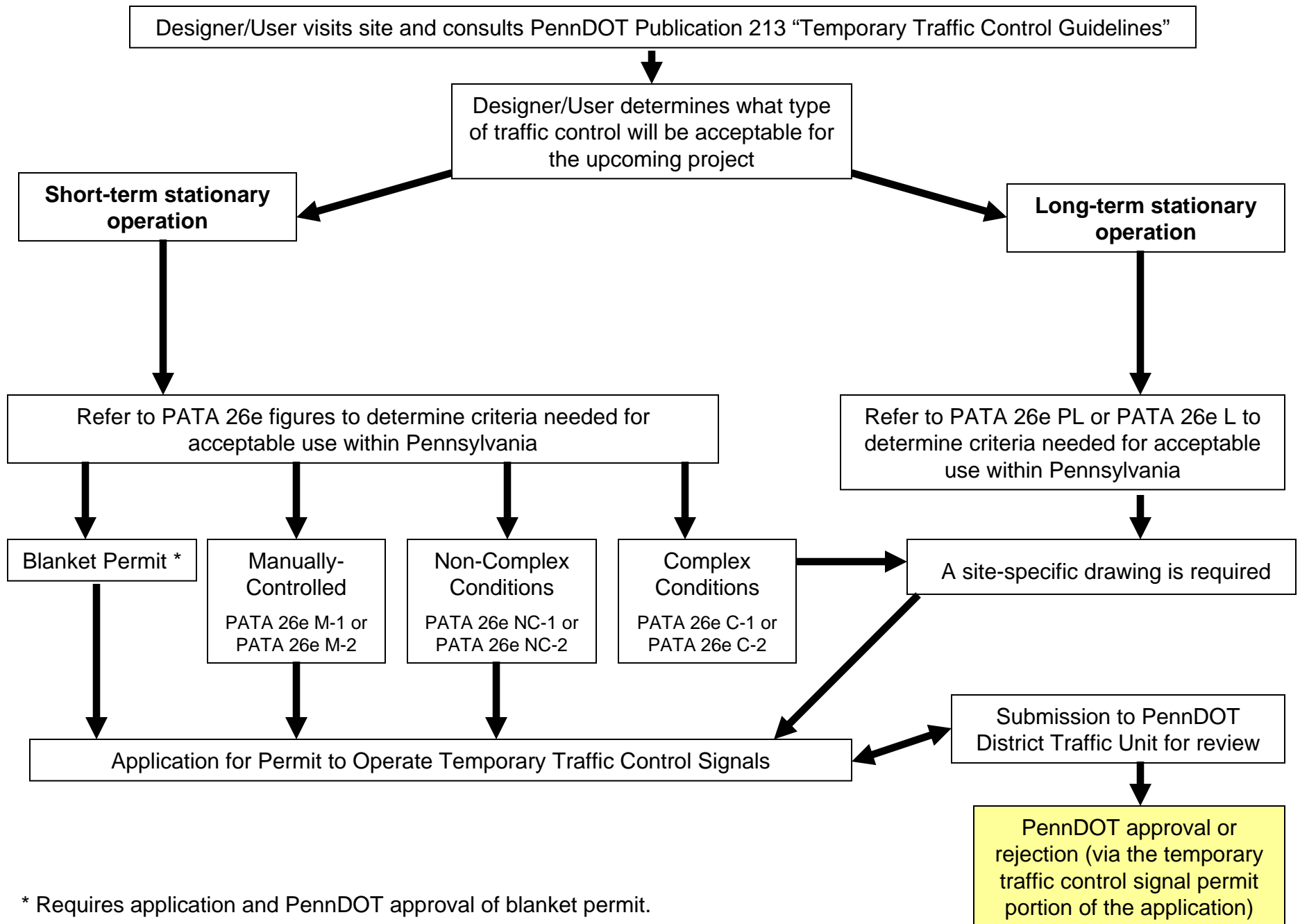
## Temporary Traffic Control Signal Documentation

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### Temporary Traffic Control Signal Requirements and Timeframes

<i>Type of Application</i>	<i>Publication 213 Figure</i>	<i>PennDOT Approval Required Prior to Use</i>	<i>Advance Site Visit Required by User</i>	<i>Application Required</i>	<i>Site-Specific Drawing Required</i>	<i>Deadline for District Receipt of All Required Materials</i>
Long-Term Stationary Operation Fixed Supports	PATA 26e L	X	X	X	X	At least 15 working days prior to desired usage
Long-Term Stationary Operation Trailer-Mounted Portable Traffic Control Signals	PATA 26e PL	X	X	X	X	At least 15 working days prior to desired usage
Short-Term Stationary Operation Pedestal-Mounted Portable Traffic Control Signals Manually-Controlled	PATA 26e M-1	X	X	X		At least 3 full working days prior to desired usage
Short-Term Stationary Operation Trailer-Mounted Portable Traffic Control Signals Manually-Controlled	PATA 26e M-2	X	X	X		At least 3 full working days prior to desired usage
Short-Term Stationary Operation Pedestal-Mounted Portable Traffic Control Signals Non-Complex Conditions	PATA 26e NC-1	X	X	X		At least 3 full working days prior to desired usage
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Short-Term Stationary Operation Trailer-Mounted Portable Traffic Control Signals Complex Conditions	PATA 26e C-2	X	X	X	X	At least 15 working days prior to desired usage
Short-Term Stationary Operation Pedestal-Mounted Portable Traffic Control Signals Blanket Permit		X	X	X		At least 15 working days for initial blanket permit request; at least 3 full working days prior to each usage under the blanket permit
Short-Term Stationary Operation Trailer-Mounted Portable Traffic Control Signals Blanket Permit		X	X	X		At least 15 working days for initial blanket permit request; at least 3 full working days prior to each usage under the blanket permit

# Process for Obtaining PennDOT Approval to Use Temporary Traffic Control Signals



## **Blanket Permits**

For repeat users of portable traffic control signals, PennDOT's appropriate Engineering District Office, at its discretion, may issue a blanket temporary traffic control signal permit covering multiple locations and dates of operation for up to a one-year period. These actions will only be considered by PennDOT's appropriate Engineering District Office if that user has properly used portable traffic control signals in a safe and efficient manner on numerous past occasions without problems and in compliance with PennDOT requirements.

All portable traffic control signal usage under the blanket permit must satisfy the criteria and provisions of PATA 26e M-1, PATA 26e M-2, PATA 26e NC-1, or PATA 26e NC-2, except for emergency work as defined in PennDOT Publication 212.

Blanket permits cannot be used for portable traffic control signal usage involving either long-term operations or short-term operations with complex conditions that are governed by PATA 26e PL, PATA 26e C-1, or PATA 26e C-2.





**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO OPERATE  
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS**

**Applicant's Contact Information**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be available 24 hrs./day, 7 days/week during period of usage.)

**Description of Traffic Control Device**

Type of Device (check one)	Mounted on Fixed Supports	Trailer-Mounted	Pedestal-Mounted	Automated Flagger Assistance Device (AFAD)	Other (explain)

Traffic Control Device Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturer's Model No.: \_\_\_\_\_

PennDOT Approval No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Zone Information**

Was a site visit performed prior to submitting this application? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Date of Traffic Control Device Usage: Begin \_\_\_\_\_ End \_\_\_\_\_

Engineering District: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

On State Route (SR): \_\_\_\_\_ Direction: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Segment: \_\_\_\_\_ Offset: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Segment: \_\_\_\_\_ Offset: \_\_\_\_\_

On Local Road: \_\_\_\_\_ Direction: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Normal Speed Limit: \_\_\_\_\_ mph ADT: \_\_\_\_\_ veh/day

Maximum Length of One-Lane, Two-Way Traffic Section \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
(Between STOP HERE ON RED Signs)

Type of Operation: Long-Term Stationary \_\_\_\_\_ Short-Term Stationary \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

The traffic control device will be used to control: One-Lane, Two-Way Traffic \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check all that apply) No More than Two Approaches \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Will all signal faces exceed the thresholds for signal face visibility specified on the Publication 213 figure? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Does the site contain an intersection within the one-lane, two-way traffic section? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Does the site contain an uncontrolled commercial driveway within the one-lane, two-way traffic section? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is any roadway approach to the traffic control device on a steep downgrade (5% or more)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Does the site contain an at-grade railroad crossing within 300 feet of the work zone? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Proposed work description:

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**Traffic Control Device Operational Information**

Mode of Operation	Manually-Controlled	Pre-Timed	Actuated	Other (explain)
(please check one)				

PennDOT Publication Figure: PATA \_\_\_\_\_ will be followed.

All-red clearance time is \_\_\_\_\_ seconds based on assumed traffic speed of \_\_\_\_\_ mph within one-lane, two-way section.

The proposed minimum green time shall be at least 10 seconds.

The proposed maximum green time shall be determined based on field conditions.

The proposed yellow change interval shall be five (5) seconds unless otherwise indicated by PennDOT.

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**Applicant Certification**

The applicant certifies that the information provided on this application and accompanying documents is true and correct.

The applicant certifies that, if approved, the traffic control devices will be operated and maintained in compliance with PennDOT Publications 212 and 213, and the provisions of the temporary traffic control signal permit as issued by PennDOT.

The applicant agrees that it will indemnify, save harmless and defend (if requested) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its agents, representatives and employees, from all suits, actions or claims of any character, name or description, damages, judgments, expenses, attorneys' fees and compensation arising out of personal injury, death or property damage, sustained or alleged to have been sustained in whole or in part by any and all persons whatsoever as a result of or arising out of any act, omission, neglect or misconduct of the applicant, its officers, agents, contractors or employees, during the period of temporary traffic control signal usage.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

Sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Notary: \_\_\_\_\_

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# TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PERMIT

In accordance with the Vehicle Code, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) hereby approves the operation of a temporary traffic control signal as follows:

Location:

Date(s) of Operation:

This permit is issued to, and accepted by, \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter known as the Permittee, as follows:

The operation and maintenance of this temporary traffic control signal by the Permittee shall be in accordance with requirements contained on the attached sheets and application, PennDOT's figures governing the use of temporary traffic control signals as contained in PennDOT Publication 213, and the following special requirements:

All work performed by the Permittee with respect to the operation and maintenance of this temporary traffic control signal shall be under and subject to the direction of PennDOT. The said Permittee shall use due diligence in the execution of the work authorized under this permit and shall not obstruct or endanger travel along the said road. All operations must be conducted so as to permit safe and reasonable free travel at all times over the road within the limits of the work herein permitted.

The Permittee agrees to indemnify, save harmless and defend (if requested) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its agents, representatives and employees, from all suits, actions or claims of any character, name or description, damages, judgments, expenses, attorneys' fees and compensation arising out of personal injury, death or property damage, sustained or alleged to have been sustained in whole or in part by any and all persons whatsoever as a result of or arising out of any act, omission, neglect or misconduct of the Permittee, its officers, agents, contractors or employees, during the period of temporary traffic control signal usage.

PennDOT reserves the right to revoke this permit or to suspend the operation of the temporary traffic control signal if the Permittee shall at any time willfully or negligently fail to comply with the conditions contained in this permit or PennDOT Publication 213, or fail to make any changes in the operation of this signal, or to remove it, when so ordered by PennDOT. The Permittee shall maintain the signal in a safe condition at all times. The Permittee shall not make any change in the operation of the temporary traffic control signal as defined in the permit drawings without prior written approval of PennDOT. PennDOT reserves the right to inspect this temporary traffic control signal usage at any time.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary of Transportation  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

By: \_\_\_\_\_

District Executive  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERMIT TO OPERATE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

### Applicant's Contact Information

- **Applicant's Name:** is the individual who will be responsible for the proper placement of the work zone traffic control devices.
- **Applicant's Company:** the Company the Applicant represents.
- **Company Address:** the official mailing address of the Applicant's company.
- **Company Phone No.:** the phone number of the Applicant's company.
- **Company Fax No.:** the fax number of the Applicant's company.
- **Cellular Phone No.:** the Applicant's cellular phone number.
- **Email Address:** the Applicant's e-mail address.
- **Name of Emergency Contact Person:** the person that will be available 24 hrs./day, 7 days/week during the period of usage and who will be responsible for the continued proper usage of the device.
- **Cellular Phone No.:** the emergency contact person's cellular phone number.

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### Description of Traffic Control Device

Type of Device		Mounted on Fixed Supports	Trailer-Mounted	Pedestal-Mounted	Automated Flagger Assistance Device (AFAD)	Other (explain)
(check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Descriptions of the devices are as follow:

- **Mounted on Fixed Supports:** As defined in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), it is a temporary traffic control signal that is temporarily mounted on fixed supports. The fixed supports are typically span wires mounted on temporarily-installed poles. These devices are normally used for long-term stationary applications where appropriate field conditions exist.
- **Trailer-Mounted:** Trailer-mounted portable traffic control signal systems consist of two trailers, with each trailer having a vertical upright and a horizontal arm to accommodate the mounting of at least two signal heads. These devices may be used for short-term stationary and long-term stationary applications where the appropriate conditions exist.
- **Pedestal-Mounted:** Pedestal-mounted portable traffic control signal systems consist of four units, with a pedestal-mounted signal head on each unit. These devices may be used for short-term stationary applications where appropriate field conditions exist.
- **Automated Flagger Assistance Device (AFAD):** A manually-controlled device operated by one or more individuals to safely stop and control traffic through a

work zone. These devices may be used for short-term stationary applications where appropriate field conditions exist.

- **Other (explain):** Other applications which do not fall into the criteria listed above. Please give a detailed description so that proper evaluation may be made.
- **Traffic Control Device Manufacturer:** the manufacturer of the device that will be used for work zone traffic control.
- **PennDOT Approval No.:** the PennDOT device approval number as indicated in PennDOT Publication 35 “Approved Construction Materials (Bulletin 15)”. This number can be accessed through the internet at the listing below:

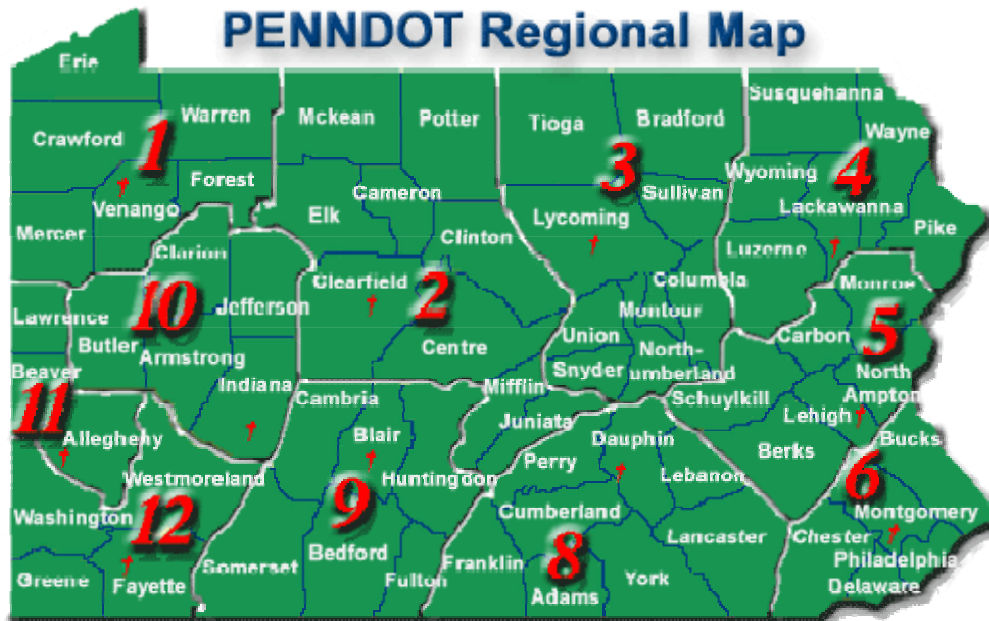
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If problems exist with finding an approval number, please contact either the appropriate PennDOT Engineering District Office or PennDOT Central Office at (717) 783-0333.

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### **Work Zone Location Information**

- **Was a site visit performed prior to this application request?:**
  - **Yes:** A proper field visit was made prior to the submission of this application to determine if the device was acceptable and met all of the criteria specified in Publication 213 to safely and efficiently operate the device.
  - **No:** A proper field visit was not made prior to the submission of this application.
- **Date (s) of Traffic Control Device Usage:** Please specify the approximate date and/or dates and times that you would like to use this device. Upon approval of this application, if dates are modified, please contact the appropriate Engineering District representative.
- **Engineering District:** The Engineering District that will be reviewing the completed application.



- **County:** the county where the traffic control device would be used.
- **Municipality:** the municipality where the traffic control device would be used.
- **On State Route (SR):** the state highway where the traffic control device would be deployed. For further guidance, please refer to the following link and select the appropriate county map:

<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/pdPlanRes.nsf/infoBPRCartoCountyType3>

- **Direction:** the direction of travel which may be either North/Southbound or East/Westbound. The link above may help you with the determination of the travel direction.
- **From Segment:** the roadway segment on the State Route the device will be deployed. These segment numbers may be found either on small markers posted along the roadway or from straight-line diagrams.
- **Offset:** the roadway location from the beginning of the segment to the approximate location of the device in feet.
- **From Segment:** the roadway segment on the State Route the device will be deployed. These segment numbers may be found either on small markers posted along the roadway or from straight-line diagrams.
- **Offset:** the roadway location from the beginning of the segment to the approximate location of the device in feet.
- **On Local Road:** Use the local road name. Identify the nearest intersecting roadways when determining the local roadway location.
- **Normal Speed Limit:** this is the legal speed limit on the roadway prior to the beginning of the work. If no speed limit is posted on the roadway, please mark unposted.
- **ADT:** This is also known as Average Daily Traffic. This number can be found by accessing the following link below and selecting the appropriate county map:



<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/pdPlanRes.nsf/infoBPRTrafficInfoTrafficVolumeMap>

If problems exist with finding an ADT number, please contact either the appropriate PennDOT Engineering District Office or PennDOT Central Office at (717) 783-0333.

- **Maximum Length of One-Lane, Two-Way Traffic Section:** this is the approximate distance between “STOP HERE ON RED” signs in feet. This is very important for determining the proper all-red clearance interval needed to safely and efficiently move traffic through the work zone.
  - **Does the sight distance requirement exceed the thresholds specified in the drawing?:**
    - **Yes:** The sight distance requirements have been met as indicated on the correct Publication 213 drawing.
    - **No:** The sight distance requirements could not be met as indicated on the correct Publication 213 drawing.
  - **Does the site contain intersections within the work zone?:**
    - **Yes:** The site contains an intersection within the work zone.
    - **No:** The site does not contain an intersection within the work zone.
  - **Does the site contain uncontrolled commercial driveways within the work zone?:**
    - **Yes:** The site contains uncontrolled commercial driveways within the work zone.
    - **No:** The site does not contain uncontrolled commercial driveways within the work zone.
  - **Is any roadway approach to the traffic control device on a steep downgrade (5% or more)?**
    - **Yes:** the site contains a steep downgrade of 5% or more.
    - **No:** the site does not contain a steep downgrade of 5% or more.
  - **Does the site contain at-grade railroad crossings within 300 feet of the work zone?**
    - **Yes:** the site contains an at-grade railroad crossing within 300 feet of the work zone.
    - **No:** the site does not contain an at-grade railroad crossing within 300 feet of the work zone.
  - **Provide a Brief Description of the Construction Operation:** Please provide a description of the work being performed in the work zone.
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**Traffic Control Device Operation Information**

Type of Operation	Manually-Controlled	Pre-Timed	Actuated	Other (explain)
(please check one)				

- **Manually-Controlled:** The traffic control device will be operated at all times by an individual who will ensure the safe and efficient travel through the work zone.
- **Pre-Timed:** The traffic control device will operate automatically in a pre-determined timing pattern(s) based on time of day, and will continue to operate that way throughout the day.
- **Actuated:** The traffic control device will operate using sensors and will change green time as traffic demand warrants.
- **AFAD:** The traffic control device will be operated at all times by an individual(s) who will ensure the safe and efficient travel through the work zone.
- **Other (explain):** Other applications that do not fall into the criteria listed above. Please give a detailed description so that proper evaluation may be made.
- **PennDOT Publication Figure:** the determination of the correct figure to be followed from PennDOT Publication 213.
- **All-red clearance time:** This is to ensure that the proper clearance time is being used when using a temporary traffic signal. This should be determined by using the charts specified on the appropriate Publication 213 figure.



**EXAMPLE PROBLEM**  
**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO OPERATE  
 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS**

**Applicant's Contact Information**

Applicant's Name: John Smith

Applicant's Company: Smith Contracting Company, Inc.

Company Address: 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Company Phone No.: (717) 783-0333 Company Fax No.: (717) 705-0686

Cellular Phone No.: (717) 783-0555 E-mail Address: jsmith@smithcontracting.com

Name of Emergency Contact Person: James Smith Cellular Phone No.: (717) 777-5555  
 (Must be available 24 hrs./day, 7 days/week during period of usage.)

**Description of Traffic Control Device**

Type of Device (check one)	Mounted on Fixed Supports	Trailer-Mounted	Pedestal-Mounted	Automated Flagger Assistance Device (AFAD)	Other (explain)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Traffic Control Device Manufacturer: Traffic Control Signals, Inc. Manufacturer's Model No.: TCS1

PennDOT Approval No.: TCS-001P

**Work Zone Information**

Was a site visit performed prior to submitting this application? Yes X No     

Date of Traffic Control Device Usage: Begin 06/10/2008 End 6/12/2008

Engineering District: 8-0 County: Dauphin Municipality: Lower Paxton Twp.

On State Route (SR): 1023 Direction: North/Southbound

From: Segment: 40 Offset: 1000

To: Segment: 40 Offset: 1500



**Traffic Control Device Operational Information**

Mode of Operation	Manually-Controlled	Pre-Timed	Actuated	Other (explain)
(please check one)			X	

PennDOT Publication Figure: PATA 26e NC-1 will be followed.

All-red clearance time is 23 seconds based on assumed traffic speed of 15 mph within one-lane, two-way section.

The proposed minimum green time shall be at least 10 seconds.

The proposed maximum green time shall be determined based on field conditions.

The proposed yellow change interval shall be five (5) seconds unless otherwise indicated by PennDOT.

**Applicant Certification**

The applicant certifies that the information provided on this application and accompanying documents is true and correct.

The applicant certifies that, if approved, the traffic control devices will be operated and maintained in compliance with PennDOT Publications 212 and 213, and the provisions of the temporary traffic control signal permit as issued by PennDOT.

The applicant agrees that it will indemnify, save harmless and defend (if requested) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its agents, representatives and employees, from all suits, actions or claims of any character, name or description, damages, judgments, expenses, attorneys' fees and compensation arising out of personal injury, death or property damage, sustained or alleged to have been sustained in whole or in part by any and all persons whatsoever as a result of or arising out of any act, omission, neglect or misconduct of the applicant, its officers, agents, contractors or employees, during the period of temporary traffic control signal usage.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

Sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Notary: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Guidelines for the Selection of Temporary Traffic Control Signals in Work Zones**

### **Background**

It is common for construction, maintenance, and utility operations to require the closing of a traffic lane during the course of their work. For the duration of the lane closure, traffic must be either diverted to another route via a detour, or merged into other lanes. When the lane closure is located on two-lane, two-way roadways and detour routes are not practical, then alternating traffic on the remaining open lane is the typical operational choice.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of these guidelines and the accompanying selection chart are to provide guidance for selecting the appropriate temporary traffic signal control for short-term and long-term lane closures on two-lane, two-way roadways. These guidelines supplement PennDOT Publication 213 and assist in the determination of the minimum requirements for work zone traffic control for various traffic and roadway parameters. Definitions of terminology and distance charts for various parameters are also available in this document.

### **MUTCD Guidance on Temporary Traffic Control Signals**

*“Section 4D.20 Temporary Traffic Control Signals*

*Standard:*

*A temporary traffic control signal shall be defined as a traffic control signal that is installed for a limited time period. A portable traffic control signal shall be defined as a temporary traffic control signal that is designed so that it can be easily transported and reused at different locations.*

*Support:*

*A temporary traffic control signal is generally installed using methods that minimize the costs of installation, relocation, and/or removal. Typical temporary traffic control signals are for specific purposes, such as for one-lane, two-way facilities in temporary traffic control zones (see Chapter 4G), for a haul-road intersection, or for access to a site that will have a permanent access point developed at another location in the near future.*

*Standard:*

*Advance signing shall be used when employing a temporary traffic control signal.*

*A temporary traffic control signal shall:*

- A. Meet the physical display and operational requirements of a conventional traffic control signal.*
- B. Be removed when no longer needed.*

- C. *Be placed in the flashing mode when not being used if it will be operated in the steady mode within 5 working days; otherwise, it shall be removed.*
- D. *Be placed in the flashing mode during periods when it is not desirable to operate the signal, or the signal heads shall be covered, turned, or taken down to indicate that the signal is not in operation.*

*Guidance:*

*A temporary traffic control signal should be used only if engineering judgment indicates that installing the signal will improve the overall safety and/or operation of the location. The use of temporary traffic control signals by a work crew on a regular basis in their work area should be subject to the approval of the jurisdiction having authority over the roadway.*

*A temporary traffic control signal should not operate longer than 30 days unless associated with a longer-term temporary traffic control zone project.*

*For use of temporary traffic control signals in temporary traffic control zones, reference should be made to Section 6F.80.”*

*“Section 6F.80 Temporary Traffic Control Signals*

*Standard:*

*Temporary traffic control signals (see Section 4D.20) used to control road user movements through TTC zones and in other TTC situations shall meet the applicable provisions of Part 4.*

*Support:*

*Temporary traffic control signals are typically used in TTC zones such as temporary haul road crossings; temporary one-way operations along a one-lane, two-way highway; temporary one-way operations on bridges, reversible lanes, and intersections.*

*Standard:*

*One-lane, two-way vehicular traffic flow (see Chapter 4G) requires an all-red interval of sufficient duration for road users to clear the portion of the TTC zone controlled by the traffic control signals. Safeguards shall be incorporated to avoid the possibility of conflicting signal indications at each end of the TTC zone.*

*Guidance:*

*Where pedestrian traffic is detoured to a temporary traffic control signal, engineering judgment should be used to determine if pedestrian signals or accessible pedestrian signals (see Section 4E.06) are needed for crossing along an alternate route.*

*When temporary traffic control signals are used, conflict monitors typical of traditional traffic control signal operations should be used.*



*Option:*

*Temporary traffic control signals may be portable or temporarily mounted on fixed supports.*

*Standard:*

*The supports for temporary traffic control signals shall not encroach into the minimum required width of a "pedestrian access route" of 1200 mm (48 in) or an "alternate circulation path" of 900 mm (36 in).*

*Guidance:*

*Temporary traffic control signals should only be used in situations where temporary traffic control signals are preferable to other means of traffic control, such as changing the work staging or work zone size to eliminate one-way vehicular traffic movements, using flaggers to control one-way or crossing movements, using STOP or YIELD signs, and using warning devices alone.*

*Support:*

*Factors related to the design and application of temporary traffic control signals include the following:*

- A. Safety and road user needs;*
- B. Work staging and operations;*
- C. The feasibility of using other TTC strategies (for example, flaggers, providing space for two lanes, or detouring road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians);*
- D. Sight distance restrictions;*
- E. Human factors considerations (for example, lack of driver familiarity with temporary traffic control signals);*
- F. Road-user volumes including roadway and intersection capacity;*
- G. Affected side streets and driveways;*
- H. Vehicle speeds;*
- I. The placement of other TTC devices;*
- J. Parking;*
- K. Turning restrictions;*
- L. Pedestrians;*
- M. The nature of adjacent land uses (such as residential or commercial);*
- N. Legal authority;*
- O. Signal phasing and timing requirements;*
- P. Full-time or part-time operation;*
- Q. Actuated, fixed-time, or manual operation;*
- R. Power failures or other emergencies;*
- S. Inspection and maintenance needs;*

- T. Need for detailed placement, timing, and operation records; and*
- U. Operation by contractors or by others.*

*Although temporary traffic control signals can be mounted on trailers or lightweight portable supports, fixed supports offer superior resistance to displacement or damage by severe weather, vehicle impact, and vandalism.*

*Guidance:*

*Other TTC devices should be used to supplement temporary traffic control signals, including warning and regulatory signs, pavement markings, and channelizing devices.*

*The design and placement of temporary traffic control signals should include interconnection to other traffic control signals along the subject roadway.*

*Temporary traffic control signals not in use should be covered or removed.”*

**Key Terms and Definitions**

Portable Traffic Control Signal- as defined in the MUTCD is a temporary traffic control signal that is designed so that it can be easily transported and reused at different locations. Types of portable signals are trailer-mounted and pedestal-mounted.

Temporary Traffic Control Signal on Fixed Supports – as defined in the MUTCD is a temporary traffic control signal that is temporarily mounted on fixed supports. They are typically constructed with span wires mounted on temporarily-installed poles.

Trailer-Mounted Portable Traffic Control Signal System – The system consists of two trailers, with each trailer having a vertical upright and a horizontal arm to accommodate the mounting of at least two signal heads.

Pedestal-Mounted Portable Traffic Control Signal System – The system consists of four units, with a pedestral-mounted signal head on each unit.

Automated Flagger Assistance Device (AFAD) – is a manually-controlled device operated by one or more individuals to safely stop and control traffic through a work zone.

Long-Term Stationary Operation – As defined in PennDOT Publication 213 is work that occupies a location more than 24 hours.

Short-Term Stationary Operation – As defined in PennDOT Publication 213 is work that occupies a location up to 24 hours.

Short-Term Stationary Operation for Temporary Traffic Control Signals – is defined as daylight work areas with work in active progress, emergency nighttime work areas with

work in active progress, or work areas of relatively short duration where work begins during daylight and continues in active progress during hours of darkness.

Long-Term Stationary Operation for Temporary Traffic Control Signals - is defined as all other stationary operations that do not meet the short-term stationary operation for temporary traffic control signals criteria.

Signal Phase – the right-of-way, yellow change, and red clearance intervals in a cycle that are assigned to an independent traffic movement or combination of movements.

Two-Phase Traffic Signal Operation – is defined as an operation when two different vehicle movements occur during the signal cycle. One-lane, two-way traffic control is often a two-phase operation assuming that additional phases are not needed for driveways and intersecting roads.

Multiple Phase Traffic Signal Operation – is defined as an operation when more than two vehicle movements occur during the signal cycle.

Traffic Signal Timing – the amount of time allocated for the display of a signal indication.

Yellow Change Interval – is the first interval following the green interval during which the yellow signal indication is displayed. It is used to warn traffic of an impending change in the right-of-way assignment. The duration of a yellow change interval shall be predetermined.

Red Clearance Interval – is an interval that follows a yellow change interval and proceeds the next conflicting green interval. It provides additional time before conflicting traffic movements, including pedestrians, are released. The duration of a red clearance interval shall be predetermined.

Temporary Traffic Control Signal Permit – is the PennDOT Engineering District Office acceptance that the proper documentation was received to ensure safe and effective use of temporary traffic control signals. This permit will allow proper use of the device in accordance with the provisions of the permit and PennDOT Publication 213.

Temporary Traffic Control Signal Application – is an application that allows the PennDOT Engineering District Office to obtain the minimum required information to ensure safe and efficient operation of the temporary traffic control signal.

Site-Specific Drawing – A drawing that clearly depicts the work zone and the anticipated operations. Typically, this is part of the Traffic Control Plan (TCP).

Performance Specification – Is the required product performance, which may include but is not limited to equipment, physical requirements, operational requirements, etc..

Manually-Controlled Portable Traffic Control Signal Operation – when a portable traffic control signal is being controlled manually.

Short-Term Portable Traffic Control Signal Operation under Blanket Permit – this allows a successful past user of portable signals to obtain agreement with PennDOT to provide notice of the placement of the portable signals with minimal documentation. Verification of the agreement between the user and PennDOT will be evaluated prior to approval of a blanket permit request.

Short-Term Stationary Portable Traffic Control Signal Operation for Non-Complex Conditions– the “non-complex” application will be verified through a number of physical and operational requirements that the site must meet to be considered. These checks allow PennDOT to verify safe and efficient use if installed properly.

Short-Term Stationary Portable Traffic Control Signal Operation for Complex Conditions– the “complex” application would be any short-term portable signal installation that does not meet the requirements for “non-complex” applications.

Short-Term Emergency Operation – An emergency application defined in PennDOT Publication 212.

Long-Term Portable Traffic Control Signal Operation – All physical and operational requirements should be part of the Traffic Control Plan.

Temporary Traffic Control Signal – as defined in the MUTCD is a traffic control signal that is installed for a limited time period. Temporary traffic control signals may be portable or temporarily mounted on fixed supports. Common types of temporary traffic control signals are signals mounted on span wire with temporary supports and trailer-mounted portable signals.

Work in Active Progress – Workers, other than flaggers, are present and are actively engaged in performing the necessary work.

### **Temporary Traffic Control Signals for Long-Term Stationary Operations**

In the design phase of every project that will have temporary traffic signals, it is required that both installations on fixed supports and trailer-mounted portable traffic control signals always be considered before completing the design of the Traffic Control Plan (TCP). In some instances, trailer-mounted portable signals or installations on fixed supports can be used. On the other hand, in certain instances, installations on fixed supports may be preferable to trailer-mounted signals, or vice-versa, depending on the nature of the project, site conditions, traffic conditions, and other specific factors.

Before developing a TCP with temporary traffic signals, it is absolutely essential that the designer visit the proposed worksite beforehand. The site visit will enable the designer to evaluate various factors that will help in the determination of whether the TCP should permit both temporary signal design options, or one or the other. These factors include lateral clearance, trailer or pole placement, signal operation (phasing and timing), and

others. Please also note that pedestal-mounted portable traffic control signals will not be considered for long-term stationary operations.

To establish the proper and acceptable temporary traffic control signal within a work zone, the following criteria should be considered:

**Long-Term Stationary Operation Using Trailer-Mounted Portable Traffic Control Signals:**

**Pros:**

- Systems can be deployed quickly.
- Especially conducive to deployments for emergencies.
- Systems can be easily set up and taken down each day, or for multiple construction phases.
- Equipment can be reused on future projects.
- Equipment capable of being leased.
- Cost savings potential.
- Capable of wireless radio or hardwire interconnect.
- Commonly equipped with monitoring system for location, low battery status, and conflicts using website and/or cell phone paging.
- Commonly equipped with batteries that are solar recharging.
- Commonly equipped with solar panels, rechargeable batteries, and ability to run via commercial power.
- Wireless remote commonly available.

**Cons:**

- Arm length can sometimes affect signal head placement.
- Arm length affects number of signal heads that can be placed overhead.
- Trailer size and/or arm length in conjunction with physical features can sometimes limit adequate placement.
- Manufacturers have different operating systems.
- More susceptible to vandalism.
- Less appropriate for long-duration jobs on multilane, high-speed roadways.

**Long-Term Stationary Operation Using Temporary Traffic Control Signals on Fixed Supports:**

**Pros:**

- Desirable signal head placement can be achieved.
- More than two overhead signals can be erected.
- Less susceptible to vandalism.
- Pole placement sometimes may be easier to accommodate than trailers due to physical features.
- Fixed supports may be more desirable for long duration deployments.

- More appropriate for multilane approaches.
- Employs common traffic signal control equipment and operational features.

**Cons:**

- Inability to set up and take down each day.
- Less appealing for short-duration jobs or jobs with short-duration, multiple set-ups.
- Equipment and material availability is sometimes an issue.
- Less cost savings potential.

If the designer determines that only one temporary signal design option is justified for a particular project, then the TCP shall be prepared accordingly, and written documentation shall be maintained in the project file outlining the reasons for this determination. It would also be desirable to clearly indicate on the TCP that the other option will not be permitted for the project.

If the designer determines that trailer-mounted portable signals or installations on fixed supports would be acceptable, then the TCP should clearly show the exact design and operation of both alternatives so that additional plans from the contractor would not be necessary. The TCP should include the design of all anticipated needed features. For example, if platforms or other special features will be needed, their design and placement should be in the TCP. Engineering judgment should be used and documented to determine the safest and most efficient operation for the work zone.

**Temporary Traffic Control Signals for Short-Term Stationary Operations**

Before developing and/or determining your traffic control plan (TCP) using PennDOT Publication 213, it is absolutely essential that the user visit the proposed worksite beforehand. The site visit will enable the user to evaluate various factors that will help in the determination of whether the TCP should permit temporary signal (portable signal) options, or other traffic control methods such as flaggers. These factors include lateral clearance, trailer or pedestal placement, signal operation (phasing and timing), and others. Please also note that installations on fixed supports are not considered viable for short-term stationary operations because of the amount of time and materials needed for installation.

If the user determines that portable traffic control signals will be an option and would like to pursue that option, then a completed application shall be submitted to PennDOT's appropriate Engineering District Office. If the Engineering District Office agrees with the proposed usage, they will issue a temporary traffic control signal permit.



