



1. This type of highway closure shall be used for all construction, maintenance and utility operations when the duration of closure will not exceed 15 minutes.
2. A minimum of two Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) with patrol cars per direction shall be provided to block traffic and pace motorists to a stop. The number of patrol cars shall equal the number of lanes closed on the highway.
3. Patrol cars, with lights flashing, should enter the stream of traffic at approximately three (3) miles before the point of closure. At approximately two (2) miles before the point of closure, they should begin the gradual slow down. Traffic shall be brought to a complete stop a safe distance, between 200 feet and 500 feet, from the work area. This slowing operation shall take no more than ten (10) minutes. After traffic has been stopped, one patrol car shall travel along the roadway shoulder 500 feet behind the end of the queued vehicles.
4. The contractor shall not begin work until traffic has been brought to a complete stop.
5. All entrance ramps located between the stopped traffic and the work area shall be closed.
6. After the highway has been closed and reopened via this procedure, both of the following requirements shall have been met before implementation of another short duration closure, except with the approval of the engineer:
 - A. A minimum period of 15 minutes shall have elapsed
 - B. The queued traffic shall have dissipated
7. The time frame for stopping traffic shall be specified in the plans or by the District District Deputy Director.
8. The public shall be given advance notice of the upcoming closure by providing Portable Changeable Message signs at the site at least one week in advance of the scheduled closing. Closure information should also be provided through the news media.
9. Two ODOT approved Portable Changeable Message Signs, Class 1, shall be provided. The first message sign shall be placed at approximately 4.5 miles in advance of the closure or as directed by the engineer. The second message sign shall be placed at approximately one quarter mile beyond the first message sign. The first message sign shall read ROAD CLOSED AHEAD (0.8 sec.), PREPARE TO STOP (0.8 sec.), (Black screen for 0.3 sec.) The second message sign shall read ROAD CLOSED AHEAD (0.8 sec.), "EXPECT ~~30~~ 10 MIN. DELAY" (0.8 sec.), (Black screen for 0.3 sec.)
10. The contractor shall erect and maintain 48 inch "ROAD WORK AHEAD" and "PREPARE TO STOP" signs on each side of the highway. During night operations, each sign shall be illuminated with one (1) Type A flashing warning light or two (2) flares. The flares shall be replaced if they burn out.