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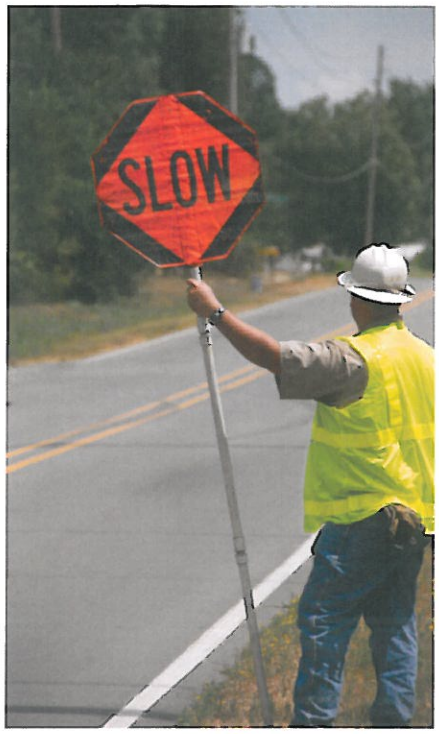
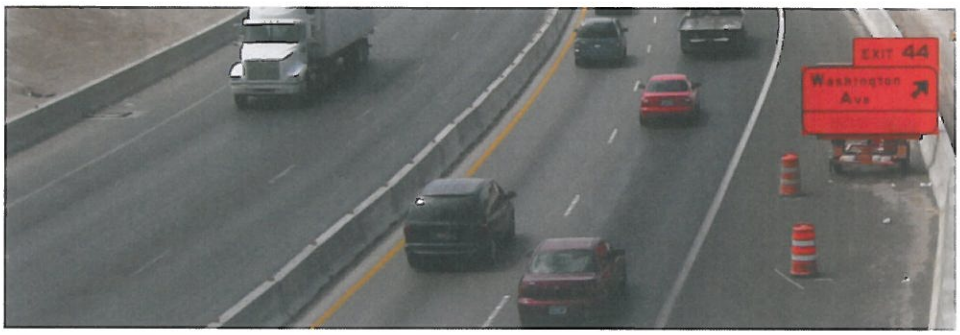



**Arriving safely at your destination is our ultimate goal. Your safety matters!**




## Working Safely in Work Zones

Safety in our work zones is vital to the outcome of our projects and to our own lives. Over 750 people each year are killed in roadway work zones. For all of us working on roadways, the roadway is our office. We spend a lot of our time there, and we want to be safe and to see our colleagues get home safe every day. These are some tips for working on roadways and some resources to help us get the job done safe:

- Wear retro-reflective personal protective equipment, which includes:
  - ANSI Class II vest (for daytime work) or ANSI Class III vest (for nighttime work)
  - Hard hat
  - Safety glasses
  - Steel-toed boots
- Ensure that a Traffic Control Plan has been developed and implemented for the project.
- Work with federal, state, and local agencies to implement traffic control regulations and guidelines. Access your state's MUTCD at http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov.
- Identify and implement appropriate speed limits for work zones.
- Ensure adequate separation between workers and traffic. If we're working on an active roadway, make sure there is a spot nearby where you can escape, such as a concrete barrier, if a vehicle starts driving out of control into your work area.
- Provide nighttime illumination wherever workers are present.
- Avoid driving your vehicle in reverse as much as possible. Park your vehicle so you can always drive forward. This reduces the chance of backing up into a worker.
- Make sure heavy equipment operators know where workers are and workers know where equipment is. A majority of worker fatalities in work zones are because equipment in the work zone hit the worker;
- Use safety devices such as cones, drums, and a truck-mounted attenuator when working in a closed travel lane;
- Identify and mark routes for workers and vehicles to safely enter and exit work areas;
- Work with law enforcement to enforce speed limits; and
- Avoid using cell phones, radios, iPods or other electronic devices while in a work zone. These devices can draw your attention away from equipment and traffic.



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