



Traffic Control Device: **Work Zone**

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Division:

Subject: **Passing Restrictions**

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Purpose

Pavement markings are an integral part of any traffic control system. In some cases they are used to supplement the operation of other traffic control devices such as signs or signals. However, in many instances they stand alone and must obtain results solely on their own merits. This is the case with those pavement markings that advise motorists that sections of roadway have limited sight distance, and that passing is prohibited.

As a consequence **it is imperative that passing restrictions due to limited sight distance be maintained at all times.** In construction and maintenance areas where pavement markings are obliterated, the only effective way of maintaining passing restrictions is through the use of appropriate signs.

Policy

In construction and maintenance areas when pavement markings are obliterated, the beginning and end of all passing restrictions which mark locations of limited sight distance should be identified with signs. These signs should be installed prior to the start of any activity that obliterates the existing pavement markings.

The beginning of passing restrictions should be identified by a PASSING PROHIBITED sign (RB-31), and the end of these passing restrictions identified by a PASSING PERMITTED sign (RB-32). When lengthy passing restrictions are obliterated, additional PASSING PROHIBITED signs should be used at minimum intervals of 1 km to provide ongoing positive warning of the continuing passing restrictions.

PASSING PROHIBITED and PASSING PERMITTED signs should be removed once the pavement markings have been reinstalled.

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