

# Work Zone Safety Committee

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The Work Zone Safety Committee oversees work zone traffic safety issues that affect the traveling public and road workers within temporary traffic control zones. Areas of oversight include design policies, standard road plans, specifications, training, research, and new product evaluation as they relate to temporary traffic control zones. Committee members also conduct field reviews during the construction season to observe traffic control installations and recommend changes for future work zones.

Work Zone Management Committee to recommend department policies, standard practices, and specifications regarding work zone safety and mobility.

The committee has a standing meeting the first Thursday of every even month.

Committee membership includes:

Position	Office
Work Zone Traffic Control Engineer	Office of Traffic and Safety
State Traffic Engineer	Office of Traffic and Safety
Traffic Safety Engineer	Office of Construction and Materials
Specifications Engineer	Office of Contracts
Methods Engineer	Office of Design
Emergency Operations or ITS Engineer	Office of Traffic Operations
At least one representative from the following:	
District Construction Engineer	District Management
	Resident Construction Engineer Office Representative
	District Maintenance Representative
	Office of Maintenance
	Office of Local Systems
Ex Officio Members	
Safety and Traffic Operations Engineer	Iowa Division of Federal Highway Administration
Chapter President	Iowa Chapter of American Traffic Safety Services Association

# Work Zone Safety and Mobility Process Review

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The Department Highway Division conducts biennial Work Zone Safety and Mobility Process Reviews. This joint FHWA-Iowa DOT review examines the Iowa DOT's progress implementing rules related to work zone mobility and safety and along with identifying best practices and areas that need further development to improve the safety and efficiency of Iowa work zones for motorists, workers, and pedestrians. These reviews include inspections of randomly selected projects throughout the State and assessment of development and implementation procedures, specifications, and standards. Results are used to improve future work zone standards and processes.

The following are the objectives the Iowa DOT and FHWA Iowa Division set forth to be examined for these biannual reviews:

1. Report on the status of the Action Plan items from previous reviews.
2. Assess the Iowa DOT's compliance with the Work Zone Safety and Mobility Rule (23 CFR 630 Subpart J), as well as provisions set forth in Traffic Control Devices (23 CFR 630 Subpart K). Corresponding Iowa DOT policies, procedures, and contract documents will be reviewed and their effectiveness in providing safe and efficient work zones will be assessed.
3. Determine if transportation management plans are sufficiently addressing safety and mobility impacts, especially those for significant projects.
4. Review temporary traffic control deployed on state and local construction, maintenance, and utility projects to gauge compliance and effectiveness of applicable requirements, including the MUTCD, TC Road Standards, Specifications, and project plans.
5. Identify best practices that may warrant deployment statewide.
6. Identify any areas that need further development.

This review is conducted by:

Position	Office
Work Zone Traffic Control Engineer	Office of Traffic and Safety
Traffic and Safety Engineer	Office of Traffic and Safety
Traffic Safety Engineer	Office of Construction and Materials
Safety and Traffic Operations Engineer	FHWA – Iowa Division