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# Notes for Figure 6P-38—Typical Application 38 Interior Lane Closure on a Freeway

#### **Standard:**

- 1. An arrow board shall be used when a freeway lane is closed. When more than one freeway lane is closed, a separate arrow board shall be used for each closed lane.
- 2. If temporary traffic barriers are installed, they shall comply with the provisions and requirements in Section 6M.02.
- 3. The barrier shall not be placed along the shifting taper. The lane shall first be shifted using channelizing devices and pavement markings.
- 4. For long-term stationary work, existing conflicting pavement markings shall be removed and temporary markings shall be installed before traffic patterns are changed.

#### Guidance:

- 5. For a long-term closure, a barrier should be used to provide additional safety to the operation in the closed interior lane. A buffer space should be used at the upstream end of the closed interior lane.
- 6. An arrow board displaying an arrow pointing to the right should be placed on the left-hand shoulder at the beginning of the taper.
- 7. For long-term use, the broken lane lines should be made solid white in the two-lane section.

## Option:

- 8. As an alternative to initially closing the left-hand lane, as shown in the typical application, the right-hand lane may be closed in advance of the interior lane closure with appropriate channelization and signs. The Interior Lane Shift Ahead symbol sign may be mirrored to indicate a right lane shift.
- 9. A short, single row of channelizing devices in advance of the vehicular traffic split to restrict vehicular traffic to their respective lanes may be added.
- 10. DO NOT PASS signs may be used.
- 11. If a paved shoulder having a minimum width of 10 feet and sufficient strength is available, the left-hand and center lanes may be closed and motor vehicle traffic carried around the work space on the right-hand lane and a right-hand shoulder.
- 12. A work vehicle with a truck-mounted attenuator may be used within the closed interior lane between the buffer space and the work area.
- 13. Positive protection devices may be used per Section 6M.02.

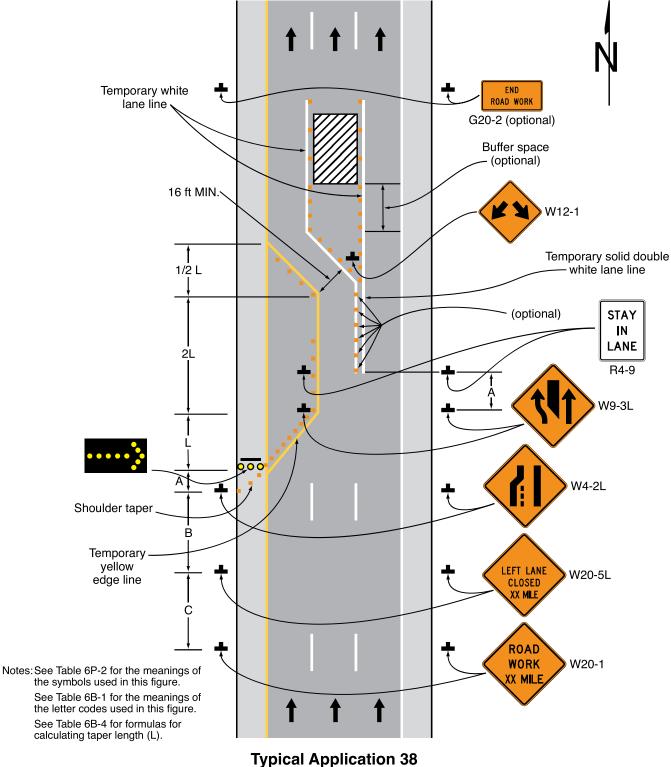
### Guidance:

14. When a shoulder lane is used that cannot adequately accommodate trucks, trucks should be directed to use the normal travel lanes.

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