TRB Snap Search: Work Zones

TRB's involvement in research on Work Zones from 2019-2022

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Specialty Report
- Critical Issues in Transportation 2019
- COVID-19 Addendum to Critical Issues in Transportation
- Racial Equity Addendum to Critical Issues in Transportation

Recent Reports & Publications
- National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)
  - Report 945 - Strategies for Work Zone Transportation Management Plans
  - Report 923 - Workforce Optimization Workbook for Transportation Construction Projects
  - Synthesis 574 - Temporary Pavement Markings Placement and Removal Practices in Work Zones
  - Synthesis 539 - Landscape Development and Management Practices for Urban Freeway Roadside
  - Synthesis 533 - Very Short Duration Work Zone Safety for Maintenance and Other Activities
  - Web-Only Document 276 - Evaluating Strategies for Work Zone Transportation Management Plans

Current & Upcoming Projects
- Current Projects
  - NCHRP 03-126 - Transportation Operations Manual
  - NCHRP 03-132 - Guidance for Safe and Effective Temporary Traffic Control for Mobile Operations on Two-Lane Two-Way Roadways
  - NCHRP 03-134 - Determination of Encroachment Conditions in Work Zones
  - NCHRP 08-119 - Data Integration, Sharing, and Management for Transportation Planning and Traffic Operations
  - NCHRP 10-109 - Modern Solutions to Safe and Efficient Work Zone Travel
  - NCHRP 20-07/Task 358 - Reducing Risks to Worker Safety in Work Zones Due to Distracted Drivers
  - NCHRP 20-102(28) - Preparing Transportation Agencies for Connected and Automated Vehicles in Work Zones
  - NCHRP 22-43 - Proposed AASHTO Guidelines for Implementation of MASH for Sign Supports, Breakaway Poles, and Work Zone Traffic Control Devices
  - NCHRP IDEA 20-30/IDEA 206 - From Location Tracking to Continuous Interpretation: Rule-Based Automated Safety Work Zone Safety
  - NCHRP IDEA 20-30/IDEA 226 - A Smart IoT Proximity Alert System for Highway Work Zone Safety
  - NCHRP Synthesis 20-05/Topic 52-11 - Use of Smart Work Zone Technologies for Improving Work Zone Safety
  - NCHRP Synthesis 20-05/Topic 53-02 - Practices to Motivate Safe Behaviors with Highway Construction and Maintenance Crews

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Upcoming Projects
- NCHRP 17-107 - Work Zone Intrusion Frequency and Characteristics

Reports from the National Academies Press on Work Zones
- Frameworks for Protecting Workers and the Public from Inhalation Hazards
- Options for Reducing Lead Emissions from Piston-Engine Aircraft
- Space Radiation and Astronaut Health
- Lessons Learned in Health Professions Education During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Part 1
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CRP Panels
- D03111 - Effectiveness of Work Zone Transportation Management Plan Strategies
- D03119 - Application of MASH Test Criteria to Breakaway Sign and Luminaire Supports and Crashworthy Work Zone Traffic Control Devices
- D03134 - Determination of Encroachment Conditions in Work Zones
- D10109 - Modern Solutions to Safe and Efficient Work Zone Travel
- D17107 - Work Zone Intrusion Frequency and Characteristics
- D2007358 - Reducing Risks to Worker Safety in Work Zones Due to Distracted Drivers
- D2007416 - Alternative Technologies for Mitigating the Risk of Injuries and Deaths in the Work Zone
- D2010228 - Best Practices in Work Zones for AVs and CVs
- D2243 - Developing Testing Protocol for a Family of Devices - Signs, Breakaway Poles and Work Zone Devices
- D2255 - Develop, Fabricate, and Test Surrogate Bogey Vehicles and Pendulum Masses with Noses for Evaluating MASH Breakaway Performance of Luminaire Poles, Signs, and Work Zone Devices
- SN5103 - Temporary Pavement Markings Placement and Removal Practices in Work Zones
- SN5211 - Use of Smart Work Zone Technologies for Improving Work Zone Safety

Councils
- A001C – Young Members Coordinating Council

Recent and Upcoming Events
Upcoming Conferences - Left hand menu “upcoming conferences by topic”
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July 11, 2022
Barcelona, Spain

Geospatial Data Acquisition Technologies in Design and Construction Summer Committee Meeting
July 25, 2022
Washington, D.C.

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September 6, 2022
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