

Special Note for Traffic Queue Protection Vehicle

1.0 DESCRIPTION. Furnish, Operate, and Maintain Traffic Queue Protection Vehicle at locations and times described herein. The Queue Protection Vehicle is expected to alert motorists (inside and outside of project limits) of all stopped traffic caused by construction activities or incidents within the project limits.

2.0 MATERIALS. The contractor shall provide a minimum of one (1) queue protection vehicle for each traveling direction where traffic flow is reduced or modified in a manner where a queue could occur. One (1) additional queue protection vehicle shall be onsite in reserve. The Traffic Queue Protection Vehicle must fulfill the following minimum requirements:

1. A truck mounted attenuators that meets or exceeds NCHRP TL-3 requirements.
2. Four (4) round yellow strobe lights (with auto-dimmers) positioned rear facing
 - Two (2) mounted under rear bumper
 - Two (2) mounted at cab level
 - Visibility of strobe lights can not be deterred by attenuator
3. One (1) standard cab mounted light bar.
4. A truck mounted message board with a minimum of 3 Lines and 8 Characters per line.
5. Four Hour National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training for Queue Truck Operators.

3.0. CONSTRUCTION. A queue will be defined as anytime that traffic traveling through the project is reduced to a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour or less. The following procedures will be followed when a traffic queue occurs until free flow traffic conditions are present:

- The queue protection vehicle shall be positioned no further than ½ mile upstream from the back of the slow moving traffic.
- The queue protection vehicle shall be positioned on the shoulder and clear of the traveled way so as not to impede traffic.
- The queue protection vehicle shall relocate as needed to maintain approximately ½ mile distance from the back of the slow moving traffic.
- The 2nd queue protection vehicle shall be held in reserve, on site, and support the primary vehicle if conditions prevent repositioning by reverse. This vehicle shall not be paid for idle time.
- Queue Protection Vehicles shall be kept in project limits during planned lane closures and other project activities expected to cause a queue. One Queue Protection Vehicle shall remain on the project at all times available to respond to incidents within the project limits in a timely manner.
- Queue length estimates and traffic conditions shall be reported to the KYTC project engineer or designee at the following periods:
 1. At 30 minute intervals
 2. At significant changes
 3. When free flow traffic is achieved
- The KYTC project engineer or designee will document all daily queue reports and provide these logs to the Director of Maintenance and Director of Construction at the end of each month.

The Queue Protection Vehicle shall be mobilized by the Project Engineer or designee for planned construction activities. For unplanned incidents mobilization should be initiated by the first person (KYTC's or Contractor's project staff) receiving notification of the queue.

4. MEASUREMENT.

4.01 Queue Protection Vehicle. The Department will measure the time from when the vehicle is in position protecting the queue until either free flow traffic is achieved or the vehicle is no longer protecting the queue, whichever occurs first. Idle time will not be paid. The Department will not measure mobilization, removal, maintenance, labor, fuel, or any additional items but will consider them all incidental to this item of work.

4.02 Furnish Queue Protection Vehicles. The Department will measure the quantity by each month the Engineer requires to have the Contractor furnish vehicles as defined in '2.0 Materials' of this Special Note. The Department will not measure mobilization, removal, labor, fuel, or any additional items but will consider them all incidental to this item of work. Partial Months will be calculated as shown in the table below.

Partial Month Payment Schedule	
Days	Increment
0-7 days	0.25
8-14 days	0.50
15-21 days	0.75
22-31 days	1.00

5. PAYMENT.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
25075EC	Queue Protection Vehicle	Hour
25117EC	Furnish Queue Protection Vehicles	Month