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23 CFR Part 630 Subpart K Updated Policy Compliance

TDOT has identified and updated policy changes, in coordination with FHWA, to meet the new requirements of 23 CFR Part 630 Subpart K. Included with this update is the establishment of a policy detailing when positive protection is required within work zones. Full implementation of Subpart K shall be complete by **December 31st, 2026**. The language is as follows.

Per 23 CFR 630.1108: Positive Protection (TMA or Longitudinal Barrier)

Positive Protection shall be provided for workers when work conditions meet the following criteria:

1. Vehicle speeds projected to be 45mph or greater

- Certain activities, such as 1 lane 2-way flagging operations, have the effect of lowering the anticipated speed of vehicles below the 45mph threshold and **WOULD NOT** require positive protection.

AND

2. Workers are present in one of the following two scenarios (A OR B):

A. Workers present on a shoulder within 10ft of an active lane of travel

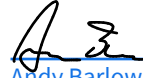
- This applies on a tunnel, bridge, or where an adjacent structure or steep slope is present.
- Structures include rock face, median barrier, retaining walls, etc., greater than 4ft in height.
- Steep slope is defined as a grade greater than 3:1.

OR

B. Workers present on a closed lane adjacent to an active lane of travel

- This applies when the adjacent shoulder width is less than 10ft on a tunnel, bridge, or where an adjacent structure or steep slope is present.
- Structures include rock face, median barrier, retaining walls, etc., greater than 4ft in height.
- Steep slope is defined as a grade greater than 3:1.

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