5. Struck by Tractor-Trailer Truck

A 34-year-old employee was killed when he was struck by a tractor trailer at a road and bridge reconstruction project. The victim was working with a crew building forms and installing pylons approximately 20 feet away from northbound interstate traffic lanes. When the victim returned from his lunch break, he parked his truck across both north-and-southbound lanes of traffic, making it necessary for him to cross both lanes to return to his worksite. As he crossed the traffic lanes and reached the roadside, a gust of wind blew his hard hat off his head into the northbound lane of traffic. He went to the edge of the traffic lane and bent over to pick up his hard hat. A passing tractor trailer struck him and moved him approximately 40 feet further into the lane of traffic. Traffic was immediately blocked and emergency services were called. However, the impact proved fatal to the victim.

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