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Topic 7-04 – Median Barrier

7-04.1 Purpose

The purpose of median barriers is to reduce the risk of an errant vehicle crossing the median and colliding with opposing traffic. (Note: A cross-median collision is strictly defined as one in which an errant vehicle crosses the median of a highway with four or more lanes and strikes, or is struck, by a vehicle from the opposite direction.)

7-04.2 Function

Median barriers are designed to reduce the risk of an errant vehicle:

- Colliding with a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction,
- Deflecting a vehicle back into the traffic stream traveling in the same direction, or,
- Decelerating beyond tolerable occupant limits.

While median barriers are capable of preventing nearly all cross-median collisions, they are a fixed object and their installation can result in collisions that might not otherwise occur.

7-04.3 Barrier Types

The approved standard types of median barriers (compliant with NCHRP Report 350) for new installation are:

- 1. Concrete median barrier (Type 60 series),
- 2. Thrie Beam barrier (single or double),
- 3. Cable barrier (three or four strand), and
- 4. Portable Concrete Barrier (PCB), for interim use only.

More information on the different types of median barriers is located in Topic 7-04.5.

7-04.4 Study Warrants

The collision study warrant and freeway vohume/width study warrant are used to identify locations for investigation. These study warrants, their uses and limitations are described below.

Collision Study Warrant

The following collision study warrants are applicable to freeways, expressways, and conventional highways with four or more lanes:

- A collision study warrant for any severity is met if a location has three or more crossmedian collisions and a total cross-median collision rate of at least 0.5 collisions per mile per year in a five year period, or
- The Fatal collision study warrant is met if a location has three fatal collisions or more and a fatal cross-median collision rate of at least 0.12 collisions per mile per year in a five year period.

Highway locations with four or more lanes satisfying either of the above collision warrants should be studied. The collision warrant for twoor three-lane highways is based on the above fatal study warrant criteria only.

Freeway Traffic Volume/Width Study Warrant

The freeway median barrier volume/width study warrant, illustrated in Figure 7-12, has been developed through an extensive study of freeway cross-median collisions. The need for a median barrier should be considered on freeways whenever the volume and median width plot in the gray area. The probability of an errant vehicle crossing the freeway median and colliding with an opposing vehicle is low when either one or both of the following conditions exist:

- The Annual Average Daily Traffic is less than 20,000, or
- The median width is more than 75 feet.

Use of Study Warrants

 Freeways: A freeway is defined as a divided arterial highway with full control of access and with grade separations at intersections. The Highway Safety Improvement Program Guidelines, Chapter 4, Section 4.2.1, titled "Median Barrier Monitoring Program" provides guidance for study warrants.

Freeway locations without median barrier are to be studied when the collision or volume/width study warrant is met. The need for a median barrier should also be studied when building a new freeway or when adding a lane to an existing freeway. If the median barrier volume/width study warrant will be met within five years of completion of construction, then the feasibility of placing a median barrier should be considered. All studies must document the decision to install or not to install a median barrier on the freeway system, and the District Traffic Safety Engineer must approve the decision to install or not install median barrier, and the decision must be documented in the project files.

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2. *Expressways*: An expressway is defined as an arterial highway with at least partial control of access, and which may or may not be divided. Expressways normally do not have grade separations at intersections.

Expressway locations are to be reviewed when the collision study warrant is met. The freeway volume/width study warrant, although developed for freeways, may be used for studying expressways for the installation of median barrier.

For new construction and when upgrading

from a conventional highway to an expressway, if there are less than five years of existing collision data the District Traffic Safety Engineer must be consulted to determine if a study should be conducted to install median barrier. Any decision to install or not to install a median barrier must be documented in the study.

Note: Access openings on expressways, multilane conventional highways and two-lane and three-lane conventional highway facilities present sight distance issues with respect to installation of a median barrier. All access openings must be studied to maintain both corner sight distance at approach intersections and stopping sight distance on the specific facility types themselves (see the *Highway Design Manual* for sight distance standards).



Figure 7-12: Freeway Median Barrier Study Warrant

* Consult with the Headquarters Traffic Liaison

** Offset up to 17 ft from the ETW and pave up to the barrier face

Some of the issues to consider in the study include but are not limited to the following:

- Collision history
- Travel speed on the facility
- Out of direction travel and turn around points for the abutting property owners,
- Accommodation for design vehicles to turn around
- The need for crash cushions where the median barrier stops adjacent to travel
- 3. Multilane Conventional Highways: A multilane conventional highway (two or more lanes in each direction) is defined as a highway without control of access, where property owners have a right to access highway facilities with driveways and at grade intersections. These highways may or may not be divided.

Median barriers may be an appropriate solution to cross-median or cross-centerline collisions on multilane conventional highways. Multilane conventional highway locations are to be studied when the collision study warrant is met. The freeway volume/width study warrant, although developed for freeways, may be used to study multilane conventional highways for installation of a median barrier.

Installation of a median barrier on multilane conventional highways may not be feasible due to the numerous issues presented in the note under *Expressways*. The District Traffic Safety Engineer may consider installation of a raised median or buffer to reduce cross centerline collisions on urban or suburban facilities operating at 45 mph or less.

4. Two- and Three-Lane Conventional Highways: Two- and three-lane conventional highways are defined as highways without control of access, and where property owners have a right to access highway facilities with driveways, and there are at-grade intersections. The Highway Safety Improvement Program guidelines, Chapter 4, Section 4.2.2, titled "Twoand Three-Lane Monitoring Program", along with Deputy Directive 50, provide guidance on study warrants and median barrier policy for two- and three-lane facilities, respectively.

Installation of a median barrier on twoand three-lane highways is rare, and requires analysis of the issues presented in the note under expressways above. In addition, consideration is to be given to the fact that a median barrier will eliminate any passing zones and may impact emergency vehicle response within the barrier's limits.

Headquarters Traffic Operations Liaison approval must be obtained for installation of median barrier on two- and three-lane conventional highways.

Note: Due to environmental considerations, right of way purchases, impacts to the abutters of the state highway and other considerations, incremental improvements should be considered on two- and three-lane conventional highways. These incremental improvements include, but are not limited to: barrier striping, rumble strips on the outside paved shoulder, shoulder widening with rumble strips, centerline buffer zones, rumble strips on the centerline stripe, surface mounted channelizers on a centerline buffer zone, and other appropriate devices and applications.

7-04.5 Criteria for Choice of Type

After the decision to install permanent median barriers has been made, Table 7-5, Median Barrier Type Selection Table, is to be used to determine the appropriate barrier type at a given location. (Note: All median barrier offset dimensions are measured from the edge of traveled way to the bottom face of barrier.)

Any exceptions to the barrier type selection criteria listed in Table 7-5 must be approved by the Headquarters Traffic Operations Liaison.

Each barrier system exhibits characteristics that make a given type of barrier more desirable in one location than another type of barrier. These characteristics are:

1. Concrete Barrier: This barrier is rigid and does not deflect upon impact, but dissipates impact energy within the vehicle suspension system at shallow angle impacts and by displacement of vehicle sheet metal at severe impact angles. The severity of impact may be greater with concrete than with thrie beam barriers at high impact angles. Because impact angles tend to increase as the distance to the barrier increases, the use of concrete median barrier is guided by Figure 7-12 and Table 7-5. For median widths equal to or less than 36 feet, concrete barriers are the preferred barrier type.

Median Width Equal to or Equal to or Greater than Equal to 46 ft to Greater than 36 ft to less than less than less than 60 ft 60 ft 36 feet (ft) 46 ft Consult HQ Traffic Thrie beam Type 60 concrete, Type 60 Barrier or cable⁴ Thrie beam or cable³ concrete **Operations** Liaison Type NO On centerline² Offset up to 17 ft and PLANTINGS Consult HQ Traffic On centerline pave up to face pave up to it, or on Placement **Operations** Liaison centerline (no paving) of barrier Type 60 concrete or Type 60 Barrier Thrie beam Thrie beam concrete Thrie beam Type PLANTINGS On each side of On each side of On each side of Consult HQ Traffic plantings, minimum plantings, minimum Placement planting, pave **Operations** Liaison offset 17 ft offset 17 ft up to the barrier

Table 7-5: Median Barrier Type Selection

¹Obtain approval from the Headquarters Traffic Operations Liaison, in consultation with the District Maintenance Engineer for using thrie beam barrier

²Except when offset for barrier openings

³High tension cable barrier requires approval by the Headquarters Traffic Operations Liaison and Deputy District Directors of Traffic Operations and Maintenance

⁴Low tension cable barrier or high tension cable barrier requires approval by the Headquarters Traffic Operations and Deputy District Directors of Traffic Operations and Maintenance

Concrete barrier requires little maintenance; consequently, traffic is not disrupted by extensive maintenance operations, and maintenance workers are not exposed to large volumes of relatively high-speed traffic. Concrete barrier is believed to have the highest percentage of unreported "accidents" since, in shallow angle collisions with this barrier most vehicles are redirected with minimal damage and can be driven away. Finally, this barrier is the cleanest and has no projections to collect debris.

If appurtenances are needed on top of concrete barriers, such as steel sign posts, refer to Topic 7-03.2(2) for guidance and restrictions.

Proposed appurtenances on top of concrete barriers, such as steel sign supports or chain link fence, must be approved by the District Traffic Safety Engineer and documented in the project files.

2. Thrie Beam Barrier: This barrier is semi-rigid and may deflect up to 2 feet on impact, providing some dissipation of energy through the displacement of posts and flattening of barrier elements. Thrie beam barrier can sustain minor impacts without requiring immediate and extensive restoration work. This barrier system is wider than concrete barrier, and has higher maintenance costs. Vegetation control should be considered beneath thrie beam barrier, and details are in the Standard Plans. If an aesthetic appearance for thrie beam barrier Topic is desired. refer to elements Metal Guardrail Aesthetic 7-03.6(5)(g), Treatment, for options.

For new installations of thrie beam barrier, a minimum distance of 17 ft between the face of rail and the edge of travel way shall be provided for maintenance activities. If the 17 ft distance cannot be provided due to plantings, concrete barrier should be placed instead.

Thrie beam barriers may also be installed in medians where there is a history of sand accumulation the median due to high wind, or in designated Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain areas. Refer to Table 7-5 for requirements for exceptions where thrie beam barrier is necessary under these conditions.

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3. Cable Barrier: Three or four-strand cable barrier is a flexible barrier and may be placed in wider medians with no plantings. Although lower in cost than concrete or thrie beam barrier, cable barrier experiences large deflections upon impact. Approved high tension cable barriers may be considered for medians 46 feet or wider. An approved low tension cable barrier, called the Washington State Cable Median Barrier, may be considered for medians 60 feet or wider, though it requires more maintenance than the high tension types.

Installation of any new cable barrier must be approved by the Headquarters Traffic Operations Liaison and Deputy District Directors of Traffic Operations and Maintenance

Portable Concrete Barrier: If there is widen-4. ing or other type of work that will reposition barriers in five years or less, consider a Portable Concrete Barrier (PCB), such as Portable Concrete Barrier (Type 60K) or Temporary Railing (Type K), as an interim barrier. This applies to all median widths with or without plantings. Cases in which an interim barrier may be used include stage construction where a PCB is left in place after project acceptance, a programmed project to construct permanent median barrier and a programmed project in the State Transportation Improvement Program. The project which repositions the barrier shall include the cost of installing the permanent median barrier.

Approved safety end treatments such as inertial barriers (sand barrels) must be used in conjunction with the PCB to shield the approach ends of the barrier. Refer to the Standard Plans for PCB staking details and conditions of use.

The interim PCB offset distance must be approved by the Headquarters Traffic Operations Liaison. In addition, use of the PCB exceeding five years must be approved by the Headquarters Traffic Operations Liaison.

7-04.6 Barrier Design Details

The details for each type of barrier installed in medians are background for the criteria used in the selections of those types. This topic provides the details of those barrier designs.

1. Concrete Barriers: Construction details for concrete barriers are shown in the Standard Plans. The Concrete barrier Type 50 series, with its "Jersey-style" sides and a height of 32 inches, was the standard concrete barrier for many years. It has been replaced by the concrete barrier Type 60 series, with the Type 60 typically used, having a height of 36 inches and a constant slope on each side. The Concrete barrier Type 60 series is the current standard and shall be used when concrete median barrier is to be constructed. If glare screen is required, the 56-inch tall Type 60G concrete barrier is to be used. Refer to Topic 7-04.9 for more information about use of glare screens. The Type 60S concrete barrier is 32 inches tall and may be used where stopping sight distance would be impaired if the standard Type 60 barrier were used.

The typical Type 60 concrete barrier is normally constructed by slip-forming without a footing on pavement. Ends of the barrier at gaps or contraction joints where the concrete and reinforcement is not continuous requires a 10-inch deep by 10-foot long footing under the end of the barrier. This is intended to prevent displacement of the barrier in an impact at the end. Other versions of the Type 60 series concrete barriers usually require fixed forms for construction.

Pavement overlays can compromise the performance of existing concrete median barriers. Normally, Type 50 concrete barrier can tolerate the addition of 3 inches of pavement against its base, reducing its effective height to 29 inches, without replacement of the barrier per Table 7-4. The Type 60 series can tolerate overlays of pavement that would reduce their effective height to not less than 29 inches without replacement of the barrier per Table 7-4. Where overlays are planned, the designer needs to be cognizant of what the existing and end result effective barrier height will be. If the end result height is less than 29 inches, replace with new barrier for all projects except those overlaying 0.15 feet (2 inches) or less. For those projects, taper the pavement cross slope to no steeper than 10:1 to maintain the barrier's effective height, if feasible.

 Thrie Beam Barrier: Thrie beam barrier is a corrugated galvanized steel beam, nominally 20-inches wide by 3¼-inch deep, mounted on wood or plastic blocks fastened to wood or galvanized steel posts. The top of the barrier element is 32 inches above the surface at the face of the barrier. See the Standard Plans for The ends of thrie beam barrier are anchored to ensure proper performance. Where larger posts are required in transitions approaching fixed objects, refer to "Thrie Descent Descing at Fined Objects, in the Median"

tions approaching fixed objects, refer to "Three Beam Barrier at Fixed Objects in the Median" in the Standard Plans for more details.

Where transitions are needed to concrete bridge barriers, the single thrie beam barrier transition railing (Type STB) and double thrie beam barrier transition railing (Type DTB) are used. Refer to the Type STB and Type DTB transition railings in the Standard Plans for more details. Where a transition is needed to Type 60 concrete median barrier, refer to "Double Thrie Beam Barrier Connection to Concrete Barrier" in the Standard Plans.

Where a double-faced thrie beam barrier is proposed to accommodate cross-median drainage and a saw-toothed median section requires the rail elements to be mounted at different elevations, the thrie beam elements on the lower roadway shall be used with 6 inch x 12 inch x 22 inch blocks. Approval must be obtained from the Headquarters Traffic Operations Liaison.

Steel posts shall be used for the construction of a saw-toothed median section. Field drilling a second pair of holes parallel to each other and the original pair should not be done.

3. Cable Barriers: Cable barrier types currently approved are low-tension and high-tension systems. A low-tension cable barrier, called the Washington State Cable Median Barrier, is generic and contains three wire rope strands, each 0.75 inches in diameter and positioned 30.3, 25.6 and 20.9 inches above ground. The supporting posts are steel "H" shaped and installed at 16-foot centers, and the crash tested deflection is approximately 11.2 feet. This barrier may require extensive maintenance and is approved only as an interim barrier until a permanent median barrier is installed. See Figures 7-13 to 7-15.

The approved high-tension cable barriers are three- and four-strand types and are proprietary. These systems are typically pretensioned or pre-stretched and are installed with a significantly greater tension in the cables than the low-tension cable systems. The deflections of the high-tension barriers are also smaller than that of the low-tension systems, typically 6.6 to 9.2 feet. These systems may be considered for permanent use in medians according to Table 7-5. The conditions for use and the design details (which vary between the approved systems) are available on the Department's Pre-Qualified Products List for Highway Safety Features.

4. End Treatments: All blunt ends of median barriers are fixed objects and need to be shielded. This may be done by flaring the end of the barrier away from approaching traffic or placing an appropriate crash cushion at the approach end of the barrier. Sloping ends or ends that are turned down into the ground are not to be constructed.

7-04.7 Median Design Considerations

Many of the difficulties encountered with irregular medians or continuous obstruction in the median can be avoided by the following considerations:

- Longitudinal Median Dikes Under a Thrie Beam Barrier: When required, the dike should be as close to the thrie beam barrier as possible. If six-inch high dike is needed with thrie beam barrier, the dike may be placed under the barrier but the front edge of the dike shall not be more than seven inches in front of the face of the barrier. Dikes over 2 inches high shall not be placed between 1 and 13 feet in front of thrie beam barrier. Dike shall not be placed in front of concrete barriers.
- 2. Median Ditches: Drainage ditches should be as shallow and as flat as possible. Where deep ditches are unavoidable, a barrier may be needed on both sides of the ditch. See the AASHTO Roadside Design Guide, Chapter 6, for recommended barrier placement.
- 3. Median Drainage: Thrie beam barrier is adaptable to most median drainage conditions. Where thrie beam barrier crosses a drainage inlet and one or more posts are installed within the depression or swale, a rub rail is needed. The rub rail prevents a vehicle from snagging the post with a wheel and should span the length of the depression or swale. See Figure 7-16.



Figure 7-13: Washington State Cable Median Barrier



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Figure 7-14: Washington State Cable Median Barrier Terminal



Figure 7-15: Washington State Cable Median Barrier Terminal Details



Concrete median barrier, however, may require special designs to provide drainage. Slotted drain inlets are the recommended means of providing drainage in paved medians with concrete median barrier. Design details for slotted drains are contained in the Standard Plans. Where a concrete barrier spans or crosses an existing drainage inlet, special barrier gap closure details are available. Passing runoff under a concrete median barrier with scuppers on an all-paved cross section is not desirable. What was sheet flow becomes concentrated into streams across the lower roadway. Scuppers, if used, should not extend higher than 3 inches at the base of the barrier. Also, each scupper should be no more than 3-feet long and a series of scuppers should not occupy more than 25 percent of any 20 foot length of concrete barrier.

For additional discussion of median drainage, see the *Highway Design Manual*, Topic 834.2, Median Drainage.

- 4. Raised Medians: Median barriers should not be placed on raised medians. For proposed or existing median barrier on a raised median, the barrier should be flush with curb face and the barrier height is measured from top of curb.
- 5. Flat Medians: On paved medians, 10:1 cross slope or flatter, the barrier height is measured from the paved surface exclusive of any localized ditch surface. Consideration should be given to paving medians adjacent to concrete barriers to reduce maintenance activities. See the Highway Design Manual, Topic 305.5 for paving requirements.
- 6. Planted Medians: Where plants are located in the median and the plantings cannot be removed, two barriers, one on each side of the plants, shall be placed. See Topic 7-04.5, Criteria for Choice of Type, to determine if the use of concrete or thrie beam barrier is appropriate. Existing earth berms used with median plantings are to be eliminated.
- 7. Future Construction: Where traffic lanes are to be added to the median within five years of barrier construction, the median grade line should be adjusted and the barrier installed for the ultimate condition. If it is not practical to do this, concrete barrier should not be used since, unlike the other barrier types, the height of concrete cannot be readily adjusted.

8. Median Cross-Slope: Where median crossslopes are greater than 10:1, vehicle trajectory can affect barrier performance. If median cross slopes are greater than 10:1, refer to the AASHTO Roadside Design Guide, Chapter 6, for recommended barrier placement.

To ensure desired barrier performance, the relationship between median and traveled way cross-slopes must be checked using the procedures outlines in Traffic Bulletin No. 15 and approved by the District Traffic Safety Engineer. The approval must be documented in the project files.

- 9. Adding Lanes in the Median: Where lanes are added in the median, thereby reducing the median width, the median barrier type to be used is selected in accordance with Topic 7-04.5, Criteria for Choice of Type. In some cases it will be necessary to evaluate the need to upgrade or replace existing non-concrete barrier. Costs associated with upgrading the barrier type should be included in the preliminary scoping document estimate.
- 10. Structure Approach: Where traffic is one-way, approach speeds are less than 45 mph, and thrie beam barrier connection to bridge curb or sidewalk is needed, Figure 7-17 may be used.
- 11. Effective Barrier Height: Overlay and rehabilitation projects, including any maintenance activities, which will impact existing barriers, shall include required actions in accordance with the guidelines in Table 7-4, Barrier Restoration Practice. If an overlay results in a barrier height out of the indicated tolerances, then the barrier shall be reconstructed or replaced. The standard heights and tolerances listed in Table 7-4 for each type of barrier are recommended limits based on crash test performance.
- 12. Wildlife Passageways: Openings in concrete barriers for animals should be considered if recommended by district environmental staff. See the Standard Plans for details of wildlife passageways in concrete barriers for small, medium and large animals.

The District Traffic Safety Engineer must approve the decision to install wildlife passageways, and the decision must be documented in the project files.

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Figure 7-16: Thrie Beam Barrier Rub Rail Detail



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7-04.8 CHP Enforcement Areas / Emergency Passageways

Except for CHP enforcement areas/emergency passageways in median barriers, median openings are not allowed on freeways. The use of passageways are to be kept to a minimum and carefully located to provide adequate stopping sight distance to and from the opening along the freeway. Emergency passageways may be appropriate for highway patrol vehicles, emergency service vehicles such as tow trucks, ambulances, fire fighting apparatus and maintenance equipment. Emergency openings in glare screens for passage of stretchers or personnel are covered in Topic 7-04.9.

The need for CHP enforcement areas/emergency passageways and their locations must be established by the District Traffic Safety Engineer in cooperation with the local Department of Highway Patrol office, fire district and emergency services, and the decision must be documented in the project files.

Where emergency openings are provided, they are to be designed based on the following considerations:

- 1. Types of Vehicles: Emergency passageways are designed for motorcycles or for motor vehicles. Openings for motorcycles are 6 feet to 8 feet long, and openings for motor vehicles are 12 feet to 16 feet long.
- 2. Types of Passageways: Permanent openings and temporary openings with removable sections of barrier are the two types of emergency passageways used. Emergency passageways may be either temporary, removable sections of barrier or permanent openings where the barrier ends are offset away from approaching traffic. All temporary openings are to be closed immediately after use.
- 3. Spacing of Passageways: Access to the opposite side of the freeway may be provided by a combination of interchange ramps and emergency passageways. Access openings shall not be placed at less than three mile intervals.
- 4. *Median Widths*: The median needs to be wide enough to accommodate turning vehicles safely and contain the barrier with any necessary tapers. Therefore, motorcycle emergency passageways are typically not provided where the median is less than 22 feet wide, and motor vehicle emergency passageways are typically

not provided where the median is 32 feet or less in width, unless there are unusual circumstances.

- 5. Barrier Design Details: Designs for barrier emergency passageways are shown under Emergency Passageways in the Standard Plans.
- CHP Enforcement Area: For CHP enforcement area design details refer to the HOV Guidelines at http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/systemops/ hov/files/hov_guidelines/HOV%20Guideline. pdf

7-04.9 Glare Screens

Glare screens are designed to screen out the headlight glare of opposing traffic. Glare screens may be considered on new or existing median barriers where the median is 20 feet or less in width, except on horizontal curves where the glare screen would reduce sight distance to less than the stopping distance for the design speed. Glare screens are typically not installed in medians wider than 20 feet.

Glare screen may only be installed where an engineering evaluation shows it would be of overall benefit to the motorist considering the cost and other impacts of the glare screen. Engineering evaluations should consider glare due to the combined effects of grades, horizontal alignment, traffic volumes, as well as any public complaints. Where glare is determined to affect safety performance and glare screen is not cost-effective or creates impacts that cannot be mitigated, highway lighting should be considered to reduce the level/intensity and effects of headlight glare. On route segments with scenic views, the sensitivity of the public to the blocking of these views should be considered.

A glare screen engineering evaluation must be incorporated in the appropriate project initiation document.

Based on an engineering evaluation, glare screens may be installed on segments or spot locations along frontage roads. Chain link fence with slats may be appropriate in these situations.

Glare screens are subject to the following considerations:

1. Thrie Beam Barrier: Glare screen is not generally used with thrie beam barrier.

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- 2. Concrete Barrier: When glare screen is determined appropriate, the standard permanent glare screen is the 56-inch tall Type 60G concrete barrier.
- 3. Emergency Openings: When glare screen is included with the barrier, openings may be provided at approximately 600-foot intervals if requested by local emergency agencies. In areas with above average traffic collision rates, openings may be spaced at 300-foot intervals. Spacing may be varied to provide such

Topic 7-05 – Outer Separation Barrier

Or:

7-05.1 Introduction

The need for outer separation barrier between a freeway and a frontage road should be considered when there are concerns regarding collisions of vehicles crossing these separated facilities. Installation of an outer separation barrier is generally studied at locations where the freeway volume/width warrant or the collision warrant is met. Refer to Topics 7-04.4 and 7-05.2 for more information about these study warrants.

7-05.2 Outer Separation Barrier Criteria

The following criteria shall be satisfied for installation of outer separation barrier:

- *1.* The direction of travel of the frontage road opposes freeway traffic, and
- 2. The opposing frontage road traffic volume is greater than or equal to 5,000 annual average daily traffic (AADT), and
- 3. The location meets the criteria described in Figure 7-12: Freeway Median Barrier Study

7-06.1 Purpose

Crash cushions, also known as impact attenuators, are intended to shield fixed objects that cannot be removed or where other protective systems such as guardrail are not suitable. When a vehicle strikes a crash cushion it decelerates by the transfer of inertia in displacing sand or water, expending kinetic energy through compressing a hydraulic cylinder or collapsible material, tearing metal, an opening at each structure crossing over the highway.

7-04.10 Delineation

To provide enhanced delineation, approved retro-reflective units may be placed on thrie-beam and concrete barrier where the clearance from the barrier to the edge of traveled way is less than 8 feet. For further details regarding delineation for median barriers, refer to the California MUTCD.

Warrant. Use the distance from the freeway edge of traveled way to the frontage road edge of traveled way for the width, and for the traffic volume, use one-half the freeway AADT plus the opposing AADT on the frontage road.

4. If a location does not meet the above three criteria, but can be shown to meet either of the two criteria below, then a barrier may be recommended if:

- a. A collision study warrant for any severity is based on a location having three or more collisions involving frontage road and freeway vehicles, and a total frontage road and freeway collision rate of at least 0.5 collisions per mile per year in a five year period, or
- b. The Fatal collision study warrant is based on a location having three or more fatal collisions involving frontage road and freeway vehicles, and a fatal frontage road and freeway collision rate of at least 0.12 collisions per mile per year in a five year period.

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or moving a metal cable or strap through a restricted path.

7-06.2 Available Crash Cushion Types

The various types of crash cushions currently available include several mechanical systems previously mentioned, arrays of sand-filled plastic drums, and water-filled modules. These types vary in regard to costs of installation, size, ease of repair and maintenance. These aspects should be 04/12/2014

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Report Parameters-

Event ID: 3622252

Request Name: MAIT

Ref Date: 04/12/2014

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Accident Rates expressed as: # of accidents / Million vehicle miles

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3	5	COL	R	26.73	MAXWELL/COLUSA ROADS	2850	33500	24600	2400	33000	24300
3	5	COL	R	29.25	NORTH MAXWELL OVERHEAD	2400	33000	24300	2550	32000	24600
ŝ	4	COL	R	31.84	DELEVAN ROAD	2550	32000	24600	2550	32000	24500
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3	5	GLE	R	9.872	WILLOWS, JCT. RTE. 162	3000	31000	23600	3150	32000	23800
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3	5	GLE	R	27.81	COUNTY ROAD 7	2900	28500	23400	2700	28000	23400
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2	5	TEH	R	8.975	CORNING ROAD	2750	29000	24500	2900	30500	26000
2	5	TEH	R	10.97	FINNELL AVENUE	2900	30500	26000	2900	30500	26000
2	ŝ	TEH	R	13.97	GYLE ROAD	2900	30500	26000	2800	29500	24800
2	5	TEH	R	19.78	FLORES AVENUE	2800	29500	24800	2850	29500	25500
2	5	TEH	R	24.87	RED BLUFF. SOUTH MAIN STREET	2850	29500	25500	3050	32000	27500
2	5	TEH	R	24.94	RED BLUFF, DIAMOND AVENUE	3050	32000	27500	3250	34000	30500
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005	03	COL	R18.722	A JCT. RTE. 20	24700	7059	28.58	1643	150	70	5197	23.27	2.12	.99	73.62	1875	07E
005	03	GLE	R9.872	B WILLOWS, JCT. RTE. 162	23600	5329	22.58	1299	115	51	3864	24.38	2.16	.96	72.51	1397	12V
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005	02	TEH	R5.769	A LIBERAL AVENUE	24100	5131	21.29	337	176	87	4531	6.56	3.43	1.7	88.31	1604	12E
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005	02	TEH	R8.975	A CORNING ROAD	26000	5535	21.29	363	190	94	4888	6.56	3.43	1.7	88.31	. 1730	12V
005	02	TEH	R10.969	A FINNELL AVENUE	26000	5535	21.29	363	190	94	4888	6.56	3.43	1.7	88.31	. 1730	12E
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005	02	TEH	R26.525	A RED BLUFF, JCT. RTE. 36	36500	6939	19.01	577	203	154	6005	8.32	2.92	2.22	86.54	1 2133	10E
005	02	TEH	R28.377	A NORTH RED BLUFF	37000	6889	18.62	590	207	125	5967	8.56	3	1.82	86.62	2 2117	10E
005	02	TEH	31.043	A WILCOX ROAD	36500	6888	18.87	591	207	114	5976	8.58	3	1.66	86.70	5 2118	10E
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