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TOPIC: Section 6C.13 Pilot Car Method of One-Lane, Two-Way Traffic Control


DISCUSSION:
The current wording of this Section requires that flaggers shall be stationed on the approached to the activity area while waiting for the pilot vehicle. Other devices such as AFADs, see Section 6E.04, are now being used in appropriate conditions. Practitioners want to use such devices with Pilot Cars where appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION:
TTC TC recommends modifying the Section to permit use of “other devices”.

RECOMMENDED WORDING:
Note: this language is from the 2009 Edition of the MUTCD, Section 6C.13, Lines 01 – 04.
Option:
01 A pilot car may be used to guide a queue of vehicles through the TTC zone or detour.

Guidance:
02 The pilot car should have the name of the contractor or contracting authority prominently displayed.

Standard:
03 The PILOT CAR FOLLOW ME (G20-4) sign (see Section 6F.58) shall be mounted on the rear of the pilot vehicle.
04 A flagger shall be stationed on the approach to the activity area to control vehicular traffic until the pilot vehicle is available. The operation of the pilot car shall be coordinated with flagging operations or other controls at each end of the one-lane section.