



Table 6C-3. Taper Length Criteria for Temporary Traffic Control Zones

Type of Taper	Taper Length (L)*
Merging Taper	at least L
Shifting Taper	at least 0.5L
Shoulder Taper	at least 0.33L
One-Lane, Two-Way Traffic Taper	30 m (100 ft) maximum
Downstream Taper	30 m (100 ft) per lane

Table 6C-4. Formulas for Determining Taper Lengths

Speed Limit (S)	Taper Length (L) Meters	Speed Limit (S)	Taper Length (L) Feet
60 km/h or less	$L = \frac{WS^2}{155}$	40 mph or less	$L = \frac{WS^2}{60}$
70 km/h or more	$L = \frac{WS}{1.6}$	45 mph or more	$L = WS$

Where: L = taper length in meters (feet)
W = width of offset in meters (feet)
S = posted speed limit, or off-peak 85th-percentile speed prior to work starting, or the anticipated operating speed in km/h (mph)

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