



Collaborating for Work Zone Safety

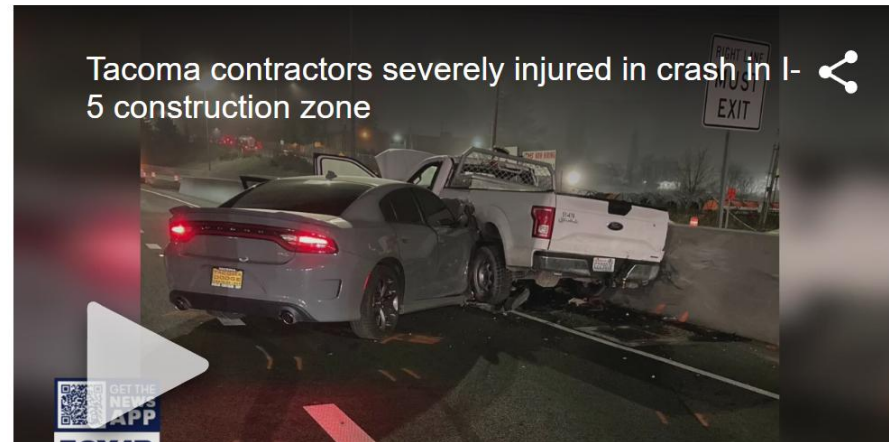
*Taking a holistic approach
to addressing work zone
safety*

What Is
Happening?



WSDOT: Tacoma contractors severely injured in crash on I-5

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How it started...



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April 16, 2022: Signatory contractors reached out regarding an increase in work zone collisions and wanting to discuss solutions- Billy called Senator Curtis King and Senator Marco Liias for round table listening sessions around work zone safety issues



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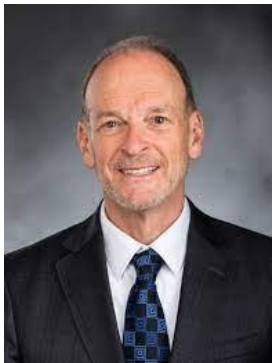
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How it's going...



Senator Liias

Senator King



Rep. Fey

Rep. Barkis

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WORK ZONE SAFETY COMMITTEE



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Goals of the USI Committee

After the April 2022 roundtable listening sessions, we how we can use our collective power, presence and partnerships to fix some of the issues we identified in the roundtable meetings. Those issues led us to identifying three main components to work zone safety:

- Work Zone Design
- Legislative Actions
- Public Awareness and Training



HOW can we improve the safety within work zones?



Work Zone
Designs



Wearable
Technology



Administrative
Controls

Innovation

Orange lane stripes added to a stretch of I-5

The new interstate lane markings will signal to drivers they should stay alert in the State Route 167 construction zone in Fife.

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WSDOT has also shown that they are willing to try new things

- Applied for, and was approved by the Federal Highway Administration to have a variance to allow for the testing of orange striping in work zones to study their effectiveness
- Investing in smart work zone technology and wearable technology for workers
- Request legislative language for automated speed enforcement

Technology in Work Zones



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Smart Arrow Board
Make Your Workzones Easier to Navigate and Manage

Update Traveller Information Systems

Real Time Work Zone Monitoring

Make your existing arrow boards smarter with automated TIS integration & real time status

The collage features a Smart Arrow Board on a road, a map with a highlighted work zone, and a computer monitor displaying a map. Arrows indicate the flow of information between these elements.

Public Awareness



Legislative Actions

2023 Legislative Proposals

- Automated Speed Enforcement: SB 5272 had its 3rd reading on 2/22/23 and passed 47-2 in the Senate. On 3/24/23 it had its 3rd reading and passed 96-0 in the House. The bill was signed into law on 4/4/23 at the WSDOT worker memorial event in Olympia.
- Blue Lights on Tow Trucks: SB 5023 proposes to allow tow trucks and WSDOT incident response teams to utilize blue lights when on-site of a collision or stalled vehicle. On 2/22/23 it had its 3rd reading and passed 49-0 in the Senate and on 3/24/23 it had its 3rd reading and passed 96-0 in the House. The bill was signed into law on 4/6/2023.

Failed Legislation for 2023-2024 Legislative Session

- Lowering the DUI limit to .05 BAC
- No right turn on red

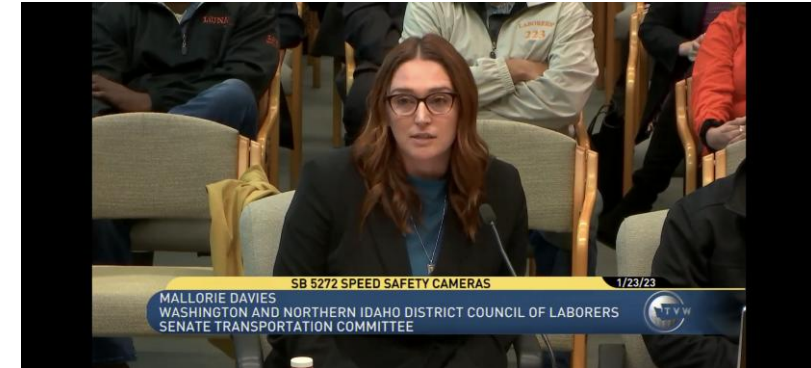
SB 5272- Speed Safety Camera Systems

- 1st offense is a warning
- 2nd offense- traffic ticket of \$248: processed in the same manner as tolling tickets
- Sunset included- Slated through 2030
- Studying various states such as Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maryland, and Virginia for vendor efficiencies and to understand lessons learned

1 AN ACT Relating to speed safety camera systems on state highways;
2 amending RCW 46.63.030 and 46.63.075; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.63 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.63.030 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 23 s 23 are each
6 amended to read as follows:
7 (1) A law enforcement officer has the authority to issue a notice
8 of traffic infraction:
9 (a) When the infraction is committed in the officer's presence,
10 except as provided in RCW 46.09.485;
11 (b) When the officer is acting upon the request of a law
12 enforcement officer in whose presence the traffic infraction was
13 committed;
14 (c) If an officer investigating at the scene of a motor vehicle
15 accident has reasonable cause to believe that the driver of a motor
16 vehicle involved in the accident has committed a traffic infraction;
17 (d) When the infraction is detected through the use of an
18 automated traffic safety camera under RCW 46.63.170; ((e))



What's Next? 2024-2025 Legislative Goals

- Dual approach to new driver training- continuing to work with Department of Licensing to include work zone training in the driver's education curriculum. In conjunction to the curriculum updates we are working with WorkZoneSafety.com to create a Washington State specific online training to enhance drivers' education in work zones. Will be working with Senator(s) Lias and King to create legislation requiring new drivers to provide a certificate of completion from the online training. This is pulling from successful legislation passed in Oklahoma, South Carolina and Wisconsin.
- Including highway workers in the protected classification to allow for prosecution of verbal/physical assault on workers.
- Strengthening existing "Move Over" language to include stiffer penalties for drivers in violation of the law.
- Working with insurance industry to provide TMA driver protections