

## **DURATION OF WORK**

Work duration is a major factor in determining the number and types of traffic control devices used in temporary traffic control work zones. The various work durations are defined below. Also, the type of channelizing devices required for each work duration scenario is provided.

**Long-Term Stationary** – Work operations that occupy a location more than 3 days. These work operations extend into the hours of darkness; therefore, channelizing devices designated for use during the hours of darkness are required. See *Table 4*.

**Intermediate-Term Stationary** – Work operations that occupy a location from 12 hours to 3 days. The shortest work period of 12 hours will extend into the hours of darkness during the shorter days of the year; therefore, channelizing devices designated for use during hours of darkness are required during these work operations. See *Table 4*.

**Short-Term Stationary** – Daytime work operations that occupy a location from 1 to 12 hours. During work periods that will not extend into the hours of darkness, channelizing devices designated for daytime hours are acceptable. However, longer work periods during the shorter days of the year may encroach into the hours of darkness, therefore, under these conditions implement the requirements for Intermediate-Term Stationary work operations. See *Table 4*.

**Short Duration** – Work operations that occupy a location up to 1 hour. Due to the short time duration of the work, channelizing devices may not be required during Short Duration work operations. However, all work zone traffic control setups should comply with the requirements of the typical work zone traffic control standard drawings for maintenance operations. Amber colored high intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating or strobe lights are required on the vehicles operating in the work zone. Warning signs, truck mounted arrow panels, truck mounted changeable message signs and truck mounted attenuators may also be required to supplement these vehicles.

**Mobile** – Work operations that move intermittently or continuously. Channelizing devices may be used but are not required during Mobile Operations. Amber colored high intensity rotating, flashing, oscillating or strobe lights are required on the work vehicles. Warning signs, truck mounted arrow panels, truck mounted changeable message signs and truck mounted attenuators may also be required to supplement the vehicles operating in the vehicle train.

**Intermittent** – Mobile Operations that move at speeds less than 3 mph or involve frequent short stops that do not exceed durations of 30 minutes. (i.e., litter cleanup, pothole patching)

**Continuous** – Mobile Operations that move continuously at all times at speeds of 3 mph or greater without any stops. (i.e., pavement striping, herbicide spraying, street sweeping)