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Project Title:	Portable sign supports for rigid signs with variation on mounting height.
Project Synopsis:	There is a need to place temporary signs within channelizing devices so they are visible for the traveling public. This requires a minimum sign height of 5 ft measured from the top of pavement to the bottom of the sign. MASH testing will be conducted to aide in the development of a crashworthy sign stand for temporary applications.
Project Goal(s):	Develop a design for a sign stand for rigid signs that can be placed within channelizing devices at a mounting height of 5' or greater (7' is preferred). Sign size needs to range from 2' x 2' (4 square feet) to 4' x 4' (16 square feet).
Project Background:	In work zones, when signs are placed among channelizing devices, they can be visually blocked. Currently, there is not a tested sign stand that can hold a rigid sign at a height necessary to be placed among channelizing devices, only roll-up signs. A sign stand that can place the sign above these devices is needed to provide appropriate sight distance and decision time. See attached figures for proper and improper placement at the bottom of the page.
Proposed Work Plan:	<ol> <li><u>Tasks:</u></li> <li>Literature Review</li> <li>A State-of-Practice Survey</li> <li>Engineering Analysis and/or Simulation</li> <li>Construction and Demolition</li> <li>MASH TL-3 Full-Scale Crash Testing and Reporting</li> </ol>

Deliverables:	Compile summary report to document research effort, including literature review, CAD details, crash testing, and recommendations for further research in the event of the system failing testing criteria.
Urgency and Expected Benefit:	Successful MASH evaluation of a temporary sign stand will improve safety in work zones and allow for the installation of signs among channelizing devices that can be seen with adequate time for decision making.
Problem Funding and Research Period:	\$205,000 and 15 months.
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Figure 1. Improper sign height among channelizing devices.



Figure 2. Proper sign height among channelizing devices.

Temporary Sign Stand Examples























