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INTRODUCTION

Road departure crashes (RDCs) are a major safety concern for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). From 2021 to 2023, RDCs constituted approximately 48% of all fatal crashes on Virginia’s roads. VDOT has devoted significant resources and attention to strategies to prevent such crashes. In 2022, the Virginia Transportation Research Council (VTRC) published *Guidance for and Effectiveness of Low-Cost Delineation Treatments* (Flintsch et al., 2022a), a report that describes a human factors study performed to evaluate the effectiveness of several low-cost delineation countermeasures on the rural portion of the Virginia Smart Roads facility at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

The treatments evaluated included curve warning signs, edge lines, centerlines, post-mounted delineators (PMDs) at 20- and 40-foot spacing, and plastic inlaid markers. The study participants overwhelmingly selected the PMDs as the most effective treatment. Participant ratings showed statistically significant differences between PMDs and other treatments for curve visibility, perceived treatment effectiveness, perceived curve sharpness, and curve awareness. No statistical difference among ratings for curve warning signs, edge lines, or plastic inlaid markers was found. Although the participant survey revealed a strong subjective preference for PMDs, the test track data—collected via a data-acquisition system mounted on the test vehicle—often showed little objective difference among the tested treatments. The two PMD spacings showed more improved performance indicators than the other treatments on many of the measured factors, but the difference was not typically statistically significant. The report recommended that VDOT’s Traffic Operations Division (TOD) consider a pilot study using PMDs for spot treatments at roadway curves where the sight distance is limited, especially because of vertical curves and locations with smaller speed differential for which chevrons are a “may use” condition (Flintsch et al., 2022a). PMDs may also be used on the tangent section approaching the curve at a larger spacing.

The report also recommended that VDOT’s TOD consider evaluating curve warning message markings (CWMMs) in a second phase (Flintsch et al., 2022a). District traffic engineers and the Technical Review Panel (TRP) gave evaluating these markings high priority, but they

were not included in that effort. CWMMs include word, symbol, and arrow markings that warn of approaching curves. These markings can have several configurations, including the words CURVE or SLOW, arrows, advisory speeds, and white transverse bars. Apart from post-mounted signs that typically fall within peripheral vision, where they compete with other distractions and require drivers to move their eyes or head to bring the sign into foveal vision, on-pavement markings consistently appear within and remain in the driver's foveal vision while driving (Carlson et al., 2009).

A potential systemwide screening of suitable locations for PMDs and CWMMs should be conducted to facilitate implementation and maximize safety benefits. Figure 1 shows examples of the two treatment types.



Figure 1. Examples of Post-Mounted Delineator and Curve Warning Message Marking: (left) Post-Mounted Delineators (VDOT) and (right) Curve Warning Message Marking (FHWA (Donnell et al., 2019))

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This study's purpose was to develop a sampling plan to evaluate PMDs and CWMMs. This study is the first phase of a three-phase effort to evaluate the safety effectiveness of PMDs and CWMMs by deploying them on a sample of VDOT roads. The first phase, this study, conducted literature review and outreach to determine the countermeasure design and then designed a statistically robust sampling plan. A second phase, a possible future technical assistance study, will deploy the sampling plan and monitor PMDs and CWMMs in the field following the plan developed in the phase 1 study. A phase 3 study will conduct the before and after crash analysis, crash modification factor (CMF) development, and benefit-cost analysis. The scope was limited to two-lane, rural roads. For PMDs, the scope was limited to roads without guardrails present on the outside of curves because VDOT guardrails typically have delineators already attached to the posts or the web at 40- or 80-foot increments.

METHODS

The research team performed the following tasks to meet the project objectives:

1. State-of-the-practice review.
2. Treatment selection and specification and site installation criteria.
3. Identification of potential sites.
4. Selection of treatment and reference sites.

State-of-the-Practice Review

A literature review produced a state-of-the-practice summary of the two treatment types, PMDs and CWMMs. The review provided a better understanding of the prevailing design options and installation guidelines, as well as a general appreciation of the factors known to influence the effectiveness of these treatments at mitigating roadway departure crashes. Academic databases and search engines, such as the Transportation Research International Documentation database (<https://trid.trb.org/>) and Google[®] Scholar (<https://scholar.google.com/>) were used to identify the relevant literature.

Treatment Selection and Specification and Site Installation Criteria

This task reviewed the treatment design options identified in task 1 and made recommendations for pilot deployment in Virginia. Options for each of the two treatment types were considered and a determination made as to which option made the most sense for each treatment given available resources (e.g., staffing and budgetary), competing needs, programming requirements, and conformance to current VDOT approved product lists and specifications.

Identification of Potential Sites

This task reviewed the state roadway network and created an inventory of sites that may benefit from the deployment of either treatment type. Sites of interest were curves on two-lane primary and secondary rural highways. The research team reviewed relevant VDOT data sources and generated an initial list of potential sites. A final database was created that summarized candidate sites for each treatment type along with relevant site characteristics and crash histories. This database constituted the sampling frame from which sites were selected for later potential deployment.

Three primary types of data were collected. These were curve geospatial data, roadway attribute data, and crash records.

Curve Data

A Geographic Information Systems, or GIS, shapefile of horizontal curves on the statewide network—including relevant locational and geometric attributes such as the beginning and end mile points, radius, curve length, deflection angle, and the presence or otherwise of an

intersection along the curve—were obtained from VDOT’s TOD. These curve data were identified and extracted from version 20.1 of the VDOT linear referencing system map by Yang and Ma (2020). The original dataset included approximately 664,500 horizontal curves. These curves were screened to include only curves on primary and secondary rural highways that were at least 0.1 mile long and had no intersection along the curve, reducing the number of curves to approximately 47,200.

Road Attribute Data

VDOT’s Road Network System databases were queried to generate a list of two-lane primary and secondary rural roadway segments. Each segment was defined by route name, start milepost, and end milepost. No information was available about horizontal alignment (that is, curve or tangent segment). Roadway attribute data—including shoulder width, speed limit, and annual average daily traffic (AADT) data for the identified segments—were retrieved from the database for the years 2019–2023. Segments that had either no AADT data available or very low AADT (fewer than 100 vehicles per day) were excluded from this study. In addition, segments with posted speed limits of less than 25 mph were excluded. The roadway attribute dataset contained information on approximately 60,200 segments.

Crash Data

The VDOT Road Network System databases were also queried for crash records for the years 2019–2023. The records included unique identification (ID), time and date, route name, and mile post of the crash location.

The crash dataset was combined with the two other datasets (curve data and roadway attribute data) to create a composite dataset for later sampling. As Figure 2 shows, all three datasets included route name and milepost information, and these keys were used to combine the datasets. Python™ scripts were developed to create the composite datasets. Merging the datasets on these fields eliminated tangent segments and curves for which the speed limit and AADT were either low (as previously defined) or unavailable. The final dataset included approximately 10,800 curve segments and was used as the sampling frame for this study.

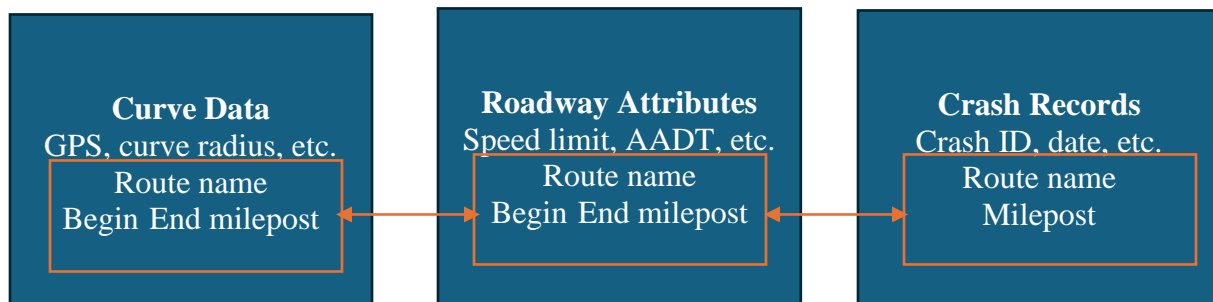


Figure 2. Datasets Used to Define the Sampling Frame of Sites from Which Samples Were Selected. The three datasets were merged on the highlighted attributes (route name and milepost). AADT = annual average daily traffic; GPS = Global Positioning System; ID = identification.

Selection of Treatment and Reference Sites

Once the sampling frame was defined, the next step identified subsets of sites where the two treatment types would be deployed. The initial sampling frame was grouped into smaller sampling frames or strata according to pertinent site data including AADT, speed limit, curve radius, and curve length prior to sampling. Sites were sampled from each stratum proportionate to the size of the stratum in the initial sampling frame. Adopting a proportionate stratified sampling approach helped ensure that the subset of sites selected for the study were adequately representative of the broader population of sites where the treatments would be deployed (Särndal et al., 2003).

Ultimately, the primary purpose of the three-phase study, of which this report is the first part, was to determine the safety effectiveness of the two treatment types through estimating appropriate CMFs. Because CMF is the ratio of two crash frequencies by definition and because current practice is to model crash frequencies with the negative binomial distribution, this task determined an overall sample size for the study based on formulas and results outlined in Zhu and Lakkis (2014) for comparing the ratio of two negative binomial event rates. An implementation of these formulas in the statistical software R's sample size package, PASSED, was used to calculate the sample size (Li et al., 2023). The inputs for the sample size function included the desired power, the level of significance, event rates for the two groups, average treatment duration, and the negative binomial dispersion parameter. A range of inputs were specified and used to propose a sample size for the study, with adequate power to detect a meaningful effect size or CMF.

In addition to the set of sites selected for treatment, this task identified another set of sites from the sampling frame to use as the reference group. Sites were selected for inclusion in the reference group based on similarity to the treated groups. Candidate reference groups were assessed for appropriateness using the “test of comparability” of reference and comparison groups proposed by Hauer (1997). The test involved calculating the odds ratio of crashes between sites in the reference and treatment groups (using Equation 1) for pairs of consecutive years in the period before treatment implementation. A candidate reference group was deemed similar to the treatment group if the mean of the sequence of odds ratio estimates did not significantly differ from 1.0 (Gross et al., 2010). Even though safety effectiveness evaluation was not done as part of this phase 1 study, identifying candidate reference sites at this stage provided assurance that the necessary data were available and that credible CMFs may be determined post deployment.

$$\text{sample odds ratio} = \frac{(T_i R_{i+1}) / (T_{i+1} R_i)}{1 + \frac{1}{T_{i+1}} + \frac{1}{R_i}} \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

Where:

T_i = total crashes for the treatment group in year i .

T_{i+1} = total crashes for the treatment group in year $i + 1$.

R_i = total crashes for the comparison group in year i .

R_{i+1} = total crashes for the comparison group in year $i + 1$.

RESULTS

State-of-the-Practice Review

This section is divided into three parts: PMDs, CWMM, and Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (VHSIP) Two-Lane Rural Roads (TLRR) initiative (VDOT, 2024b).

Post-Mounted Delineators

PMDs are intended to guide or warn drivers of an approaching curve and provide a better understanding of the sharpness of a curve. Typically, these PMDs stand about 4 feet tall and are required to match the color of the adjacent edge line. The specific standards for PMDs are outlined in Chapter 3G of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD) (FHWA, 2023). According to these guidelines, delineators must be equipped with retroreflective devices that clearly reflect light under normal weather conditions from 1,000 feet when illuminated by a vehicle's high beams.

In the Virginia supplement to the 2009 MUTCD (VDOT, 2011), two types of retroreflective elements are introduced for PMDs: D-1 delineators, which have one square or circular retroreflective element, and D-2 delineators, which either consist of two D-1 elements mounted together or a vertically extended D-1 element with double the height. D-1 delineators are required on the right side of freeways and expressways and on at least one side of interchange ramps, particularly on the outer curve, except under certain conditions. PMDs installed in Virginia must be placed 2 to 8 feet outside the shoulder's outer edge. D-1 delineators are positioned on the right side of main roadways with a spacing of 528 feet and on interchange ramps with a spacing of 100 feet, except in horizontal curve sections, where spacing follows Table 1. D-2 delineators are positioned on acceleration and deceleration lanes at 100-foot intervals.

Table 1. Spacing for Post-Mounted Delineators on Horizontal Curves on Virginia Roadways (FHWA, 2023; VDOT, 2011)

| Radius (R) of Curve in Feet | Approximate Spacing (S) on Curve in Feet |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 50 | 20 |
| 115 | 25 |
| 180 | 35 |
| 250 | 40 |
| 300 | 50 |
| 400 | 55 |
| 500 | 65 |
| 600 | 70 |
| 700 | 75 |
| 800 | 80 |
| 900 | 85 |
| 1,000 | 90 |

Carlson et al. (2015) conducted a survey to identify the policies and practices used to treat curves based on the 2009 national MUTCD and documents each state department of transportation created (FHWA, 2009). States have the option to use their own manuals, fully adopt the national manual, or supplement the national manual with additional guidance and policies. The survey found that 9 states developed their own MUTCD, 19 adopted the national manual, and 24 have supplements. Among those 24 states with supplements, 6 states were randomly selected and added to a set of 9 states that develop their own MUTCD. Table 2 summarizes those selected 15 states and Virginia's delineator guidelines in comparison to the 2009 MUTCDs. All states follow the 2009 MUTCD guidelines in terms of delineator placement and spacing.

Table 2. Summary of Delineator Guidelines of State Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

| MUTCD Section | State MUTCD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | AL | AZ | CA | CO | DE | IL | IN | MD | MI | MN | MO | NE | OH | OR | TX | VA |
| Sec. 3F.03 Delineator Application | ● | ● | ○ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ▲ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ○ | ▲ |
| Sec. 3F.04 Delineator Placement and Spacing | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |

● Accepts 2009 MUTCD in its entirety; ▲ Minor revision; ○ Major revision. MUTCD = *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

Gan et al. (2005) surveyed other state's departments of transportations' practices of CMF countermeasures. The study found that Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, and Montana stated that PMDs decreased all crashes by 20 to 30% on horizontal curves.

Chrysler et al. (2009) evaluated two types of PMDs through a closed-course nighttime driving test, a driver survey using video clips of curves, and a field test assessing vehicle performance at four rural Texas locations. The study examined the following treatments: (1) standard PMDs with retroreflective material along the entire post and a single reflector at the top, referred to as dot PMDs, and (2) standard chevrons along with chevrons featuring yellow retroreflective material applied to the entire post, referred to as full PMDs. The study's findings indicated that any form of vertical delineation enhances vehicle lane positioning at the entry and mid-point of horizontal curves, with fully reflective PMDs offering better lane positioning and reducing encroachment more effectively than standard posts. However, no statistically significant decrease in operating speed was observed after PMDs were installed along horizontal curves. Based on these results, the study recommended updating specifications for two-lane rural roads to require fully reflective posts.

More recently a study from the Kansas Department of Transportation found that installing PMDs on curved segments of two-lane rural roads showed a 15 to 31% reduction for all lane-departure crashes and a 10 to 32% reduction for fatal and injury crashes (Dissanayake and Galgamuwa, 2017). However, the CMF clearinghouse (www.cmfclearinghouse.org) gave these two CMFs a rating of only two stars. Table 3 summarizes CMFs of PMDs from these studies.

Table 3. CMFs for Installing Post-Mounted Delineators on Two-Lane Rural Roads and Freeways

| Study | Type of Road/Area Type | Type of Crash | Severity | CMF | Stars |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Dissanayake and Galgamuwa (2017) | Two-lane and rural roads | Run off road | All | 0.69 to 0.85 | 2 |
| | | Run off road | KABC | 0.68 to 0.9 | 2 |
| Gan et al. (2005) | Not specified | All | NA | 0.7 to 0.8 | NA |

CMF = crash modification factor; KABC = KABCO crash scale (K = fatal injury; A = serious injury; B = minor injury; C = possible injury); NA = not available.

Molino et al. (2010) conducted a simulator evaluation of low-cost safety improvements on rural, two-lane, undivided roads. For PMD configuration installation, the study tested multiple scenarios aligned with the 2009 MUTCD and PMDs on one side of curves in addition to the MUTCD option (FHWA, 2009). The study found that PMDs are effective in reducing average speeds by between 3.6 and 8.7 mph. Table 4 summarizes the results in more detail.

Table 4. Speed Reduction for Post-Mounted Delineators (Molino et al., 2010)

| Treatment | Speed Change | Speed Reduction (mph) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sequential flashing PMDs | Mean speed at point of curvature | – 8.7 |
| | Mean speed at middle of curvature | – 4.8 |
| PMDs on both sides of curve | Mean speed at point of curvature | – 8.0 |
| | Mean speed at middle of curvature | – 4.3 |
| Single-Side PMDs | Mean speed at point of curvature | – 6.9 |
| | Mean speed at middle of curvature | – 3.6 |

PMDs = post-mounted delineators.

The VTRC project, *Guidance for and Effectiveness of Low-Cost Delineation Treatments*, also produced a Low-Cost Delineation Benefit Cost Analysis Tool (Flintsch et al., 2022b). The tool is a Microsoft® Excel™ spreadsheet that calculates benefit-cost ratios for selected countermeasures based on a range of input variables and available CMFs. The Low-Cost Delineation Benefit Cost Analysis Tool allows engineers to compute benefit-cost ratios for specific crashes depending on the availability of CMFs. The tool uses a unit cost of \$85.87 for a PMD (based on 2020 data), a service life of 3 years, and two CMFs: KABC run off road (ROR) = 0.9 (CMF ID 9728) and KABCO ROR = 0.85 (CMF ID 9727).¹ The CMFs are from Dissanayake and Galgamuwa (2017).

Curve Warning Message Markings

Pavement messages, alongside other traffic control devices, offer an additional method to enhance road delineation. General design and application of “Pavement word, symbol, and arrow markings” are detailed in section 3B.20 of both MUTCD and the Virginia supplement to MUTCD (FHWA, 2009; VDOT, 2011). The following are some of the standards and guidance:

¹ KABCO crash scale (K = fatal injury; A = serious injury; B = minor injury; C = possible injury; O = property damage only).

- Word, symbol, and arrow markings shall be white, except as otherwise provided in Section 3B.20.
- Letters and numerals should be 6 feet or more in height.
- Word and symbol markings should not exceed three lines of information.
- If a pavement marking word message consists of more than one line of information, the message should read in the direction of travel. The first word of the message should be nearest to the user.

Additional design guidelines can be found in NCHRP Report 600, *Human Factors Guidelines for Road Systems* (Campbell et al., 2012), such as: Use “SLOW” with arrow surface markings in the tangent section approximately 230 feet before the curve to augment treatments in high-hazard areas or at sharp curves.

Chrysler and Schrock (2005) conducted a driver comprehension field test of route guidance pavement markings. The study found that warnings with advisory speeds (CURVE text with advisory speed) were more effective than those that simply warned of an upcoming curve (CURVE AHEAD text).

Hallmark et al. (2012) conducted a study to evaluate the effectiveness of speed reduction for on-pavement curve warning pavement markings at horizontal curve locations on two-lane rural highways in Iowa. The study’s experiments gave mixed results. The study showed that horizontal curve pavement markings reduce operating speeds when approaching the curve for one site, but another location showed that the markings did not affect operating speed within the limits of the curve.

In *Safety Evaluation of Two Curve Warning Treatments*, Lyon et al. (2017) provided CMFs for installing in-lane curve warning pavement markings from a before-after study using the empirical Bayes method on data collected from sites in Iowa and Pennsylvania. Donnell et al. (2019) also conducted an observational before-after safety study for evaluating the effectiveness of horizontal curve warning pavement marking. From 263 treated curves and 21,902 reference curves, the study found reductions of 34.8% for total crashes, 30.7% for fatal and injury crashes, 23.1% for ROR crashes, 29.2% for nighttime crashes, 25.5% for nighttime ROR crashes, and 22.9% for nighttime fatal and injury crashes. Table 5 details these CMFs of CWMMs.

For CWMMs, the Low-Cost Delineation Benefit Cost Analysis Tool uses a unit cost of \$1,569.86 (based on 2020 data), a service life of 3 years, and two CMFs: KABC = 0.693 (CMF ID 10313) from Lyon et al. (2017) and KABCO = 0.616 (CMF ID 9167) from Donnell et al. (2019).

Table 5. CMFs for Installing In-Lane Curve Warning Pavement Markers in Iowa and Pennsylvania

| Study | Type of Road/ Area Type | Type of Crash | Severity | CMF | Stars |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| Lyon et al. (2017) | Not Specified | All | All | 0.616 | 4 |
| | | All | KABC | 1.01 | 3 |
| | | Run off road | All | 1.67 | 3 |
| | | Nighttime | All | 0.649 | 3 |
| Donnell et al. (2019) | Rural | All | All | 0.652 | 5 |
| | | All | KABC | 0.693 | 5 |
| | | Run off road | All | 0.769 | 4 |
| | | Nighttime | All | 0.708 | 4 |
| | | Run off road and nighttime | All | 0.745 | 4 |

CMF = crash modification factor; KABC = KABC crash scale (K = fatal injury; A = serious injury; B = minor injury; C = possible injury).

Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program Two-Lane Rural Roads Initiative

VDOT has been administering the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program Proactive Systemic Initiatives program for VDOT-maintained roads since 2019. This program deploys highly effective, low-cost safety improvements to reduce serious injury and fatal crashes across the Commonwealth using a data-driven strategy that focuses on proactively targeting locations with higher crash risk. Its most recent addition is the TLRR effort (VDOT, 2024b).

The most common type of crash on two-lane rural roads is the roadway departure crash, accounting for about 58% of all crashes. Because these crashes are widely distributed across the state, installing low-cost, effective countermeasures to reduce the number of crashes on these roads is an important strategy. Low-cost, effective measures to reduce roadway departure crashes that are eligible treatments for this program include signs, markings, marking messages, delineators, rumble strips, pavement markers, and limited tree removal. The countermeasures are grouped in three tiers (Table 6). Tier 1 is the base point to ensure that segments meet MUTCD and the Virginia supplement to MUTCD standards (FHWA, 2009; VDOT, 2011). Tiers 2 and 3 are ordered from the least to the most expensive for implementation and maintenance costs. PMDs are in tier 2 and CWMMs are in tier 3. Recently, VDOT staff have been reviewing opportunities to reduce costs associated with paving schedules and examining marking maintenance costs. Long-term maintenance costs for traffic-control devices in general are of interest to VDOT traffic operations staff and are continually being investigated. Quantifying the return on investment for PMDs and CWMMs will be part of the phase 3 research effort. Note that some flexibility exists to add other countermeasures if needed and appropriate, such as intersection markings and warning signs.

**Table 6. Countermeasures and Tiers for the Highway Safety Improvement Program
Two-Lane Rural Roads Initiative**

| Tier | Countermeasures |
|-------------|--|
| 1 | Center line pavement markings |
| | Regular width edge line pavement markings |
| | Static chevron alignment signs |
| | Curve warning signs |
| 2 | Wider edge line pavement markings |
| | Retroreflective sign post strips |
| | Retroreflective delineators (markers) on guardrails |
| | Ground-mounted flexible post delineators |
| | Selective tree removal |
| | Enhancements to curve warning signs (e.g., larger signs and so on) |
| 3 | Transverse rumble strips |
| | SLOW message and curve symbol pavement markings |
| | Centerline rumble strips |
| | Shoulder rumble strips |
| | Plastic inlaid markers |
| | Dynamic speed feedback signs |

Previously identified higher risk, two-lane, rural road sections are eligible for these countermeasures in Table 6. The program includes \$150 million to add countermeasures on up to 2,000 miles of road, with expected results of up to a 50% crash reduction. The first phase of this HSIP effort is under way.

Treatment Selection and Specification and Site Installation Criteria

For the VDOT HSIP Two Lane Rural Road Program, a countermeasure reference sheet was prepared for each of the 10 countermeasures, including the following information (VDOT, 2023a, 2023b):

1. What: Countermeasure description.
2. Where: Conditions under which this countermeasure should be applied.
3. How: How the countermeasure is designed and implemented (materials, installation details, and general notes).
4. Typical applications and examples.
5. Pay items and quantities.
6. Sign and seal requirements, if any.
7. Useful references.

The reference sheet cited sources such as MUTCD, the Virginia supplement to MUTCD, VDOT *Road and Bridge Specifications*, and VDOT Materials Division’s “Materials Approved Lists” (FHWA, 2009; VDOT, 2011, 2020, 2024a). Although the dimensions of the retroreflective sheeting are not clearly stated, a 3- x 12-inch piece of reflective sheeting or similar material on a 4-foot post is expected based on the approved product list.

For PMDs or ground-mounted flexible post delineators, the installation criteria are the following:

- Delineators may be used on long, continuous sections of roadway or through short stretches where changes in horizontal alignment exist. Delineators should be considered where a need to enhance indication of the roadside or roadway alignment is present.
- Delineators are often placed near the edge of through travel lanes, so District preferences should be considered for the type of delineator because longer term maintenance needs will develop. The District will likely want to stockpile delineators for maintenance and addressing replacements over time (e.g., flex post, mounting and anchoring style, or specific device type).

Table 1 is used to determine the spacing of PMDs. The general notes mention that other forms of delineation should be used for sharper curves, such as chevron alignment signs. Figure 3 illustrates a typical example of PMD placement.

The reference sheet states where to consider CWMMs or “SLOW” message and curve symbol pavement markings as follows:

- Apply the treatment to rural two-lane roadway locations experiencing a high number of horizontal curve-related crashes. When compound curves are present, the most hazardous curve should be addressed with the treatment.
- Avoid installing the countermeasure in locations where the potential for driver confusion is present because of intersecting roadways or driveways.
- May install the treatment at locations where existing horizontal alignment signage is present (i.e., MUTCD W1-1 through W1-8) or in conjunction with new installations of horizontal alignment signage and an advisory speed plaque (i.e., MUTCD W13-1P).
- Install the treatment only at locations with a minimum 10-foot width travel lane with marked yellow centerlines and white edge lines.

Figure 4 shows the typical layout for the CWMM made of Type B, Class II thermoplastic material.

The reference sheets provide sufficient specification, design, and guidance detail for the two countermeasures. Therefore, the reference sheets will be used for this project effort. Using these designs will also facilitate the use of HSIP TLRR sites in this study (VDOT, 2024b).

The expected service life is 3 years for both countermeasures. Also, the need for maintenance may possibly occur during the phase 3 after-study period. Typical maintenance protocols for such traffic-control devices should be provided.

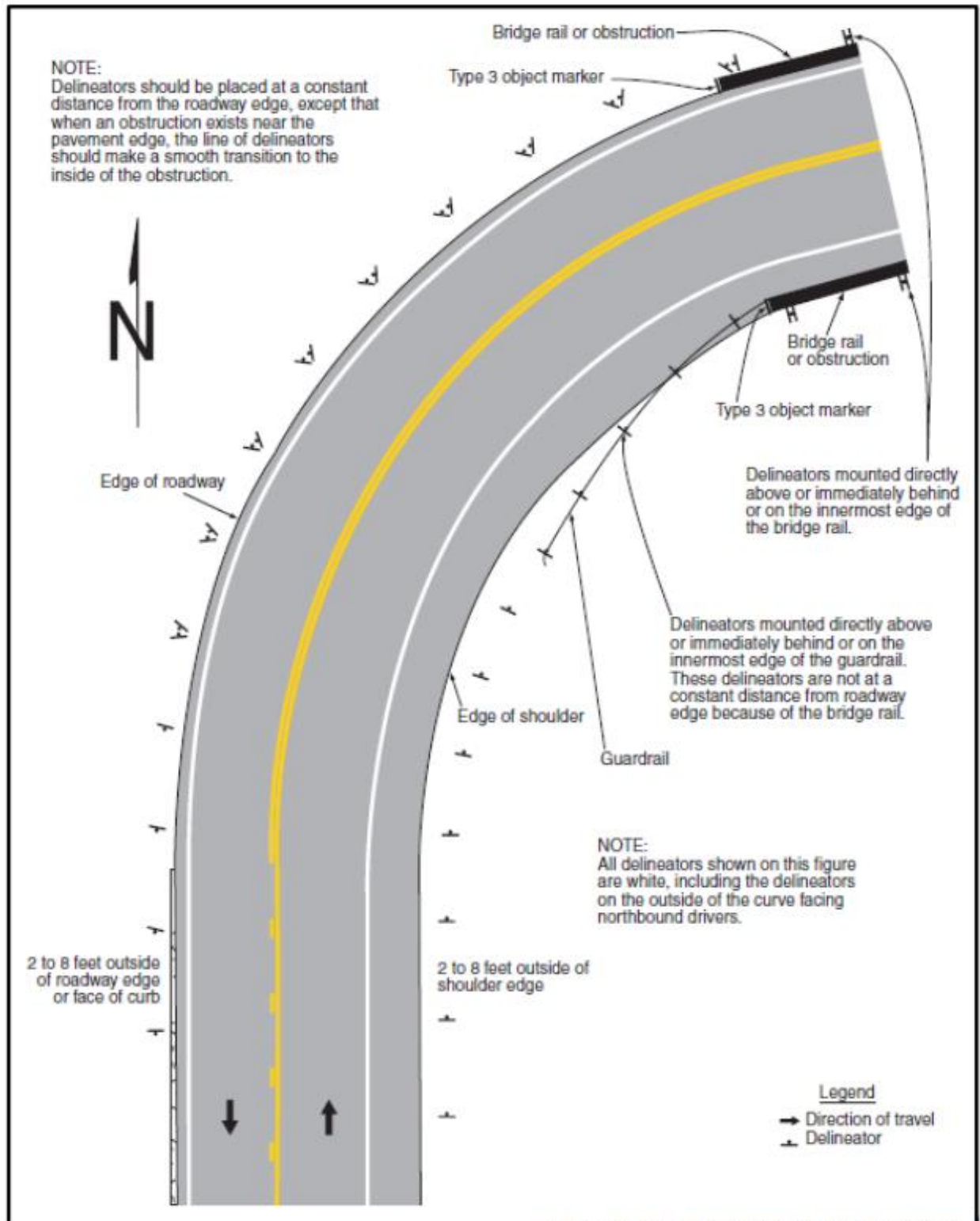


Figure 3. Example of Post-Mounted Delineators' Placement (VDOT, 2023a)



This section presents the sampling frame of potential sites from which treatment and reference sites were selected for the study, including summary and descriptive statistics of key study variables. The sampling frame was created by merging curve, roadway attribute, and crash data from VDOT sources.

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Table 7. Summary Statistics for Key Roadway Attributes in the Sampling Frame Dataset

| Variable | Mean | Minimum | Median | Maximum |
|---|-------|---------|--------|---------|
| Speed limit (mph) | 43.7 | 25 | 45 | 55 |
| Radius (feet) | 639.0 | 63.5 | 498 | 3,274 |
| Segment length (miles) | 0.14 | 0.1 | 0.13 | 0.55 |
| Annual average daily traffic (vehicles per day) | 1,312 | 100 | 636 | 24,800 |
| Crash count per 5 years (2019–2023) | 0.51 | 0 | 0 | 20 |

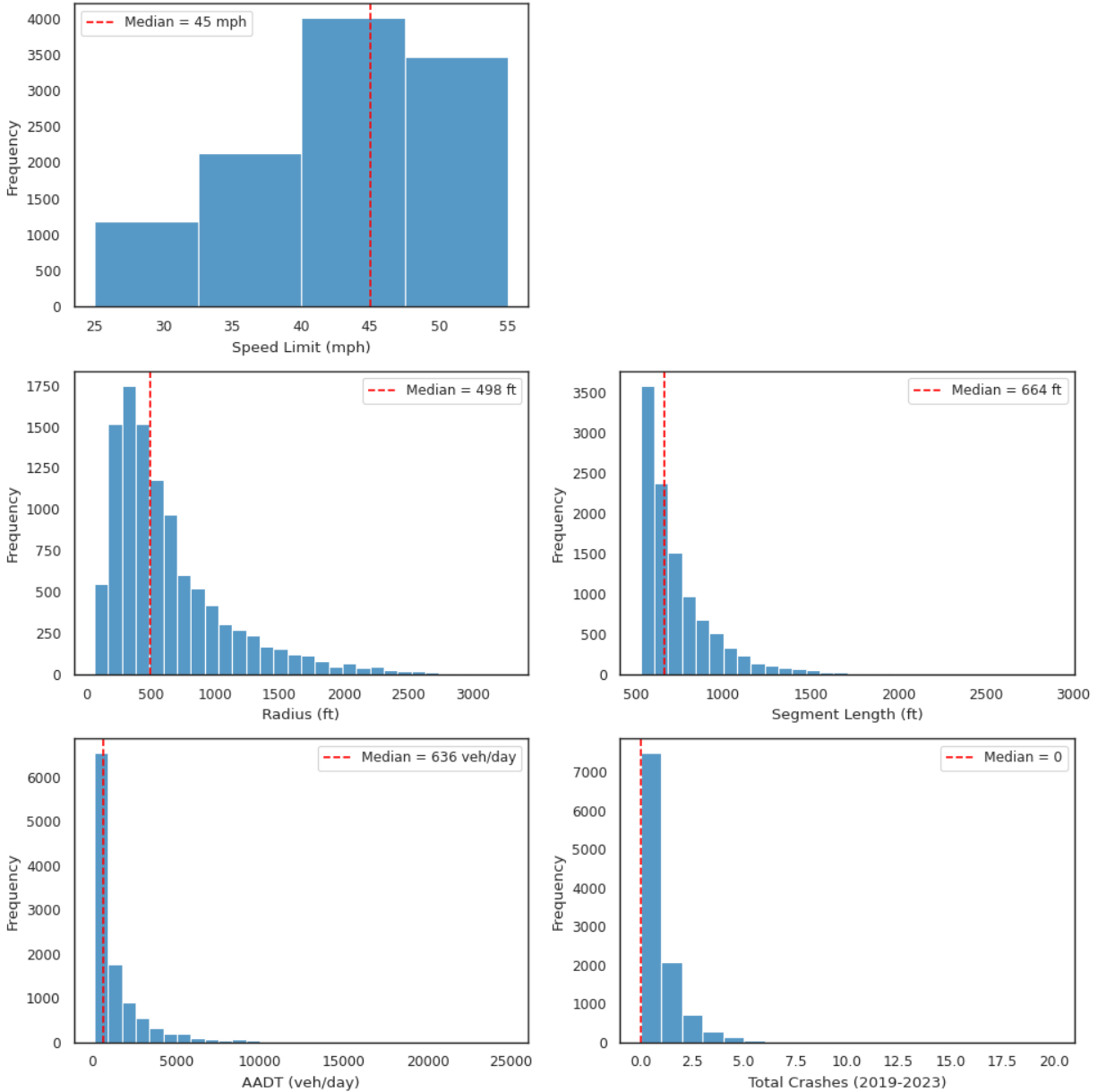


Figure 5. Histograms of the Distribution of Speed Limit, Curve Radius, Segment Lengths, AADT, and Crash Frequency in the Sampling Frame Dataset. AADT = annual average daily traffic; veh/day = vehicles per day.

The initial sampling frame was stratified into 16 strata by combining different levels of four variables known to influence crash risk on horizontal curves (Ma et al., 2020) as follows:

- Speed limit: Less than 45 mph versus 45 mph or faster.
- Curve radius: Less than 500 feet versus 500 feet or longer.
- Segment length: Less than 700 feet versus 700 feet or longer.
- AADT: Fewer than 650 vehicles per day versus 650 vehicles per day or more.

Table 8 provides the summary characteristics of the different strata and shows that the crash experience was different for the various strata. Therefore, stratification was deemed beneficial in reducing sampling variance and ensuring that the set of sites selected for this study reflected the diversity of the population of potential deployment sites.

Table 8: Characteristics of Different Subgroups or Strata of the Sampling Frame

| Stratum ID | Speed Limit (mph) | Curve Radius (feet) | Segment Length (feet) | AADT (veh/day) | Number of Segments | Length (miles) | Total Crashes | Crashes per Mile-Year |
|------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| A | < 45 | < 500 | < 700 | < 650 | 1,659 | 187.9 | 220 | 0.23 |
| B | < 45 | < 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | 429 | 48.4 | 257 | 1.06 |
| C | < 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | 830 | 136.1 | 156 | 0.23 |
| D | < 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | 195 | 31.9 | 175 | 1.10 |
| E | < 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | < 650 | 504 | 56.9 | 48 | 0.17 |
| F | < 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | 293 | 33.1 | 122 | 0.74 |
| G | < 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | 243 | 41.6 | 40 | 0.19 |
| H | < 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | 154 | 25.9 | 105 | 0.81 |
| I | ≥ 45 | < 500 | < 700 | < 650 | 808 | 92.2 | 199 | 0.43 |
| J | ≥ 45 | < 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | 579 | 66.0 | 548 | 1.66 |
| K | ≥ 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | 483 | 82.0 | 145 | 0.35 |
| L | ≥ 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | 439 | 75.2 | 499 | 1.33 |
| M | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | < 650 | 535 | 60.7 | 76 | 0.25 |
| N | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | 1,456 | 167.5 | 944 | 1.13 |
| O | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | 381 | 66.7 | 70 | 0.21 |
| P | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | 1,790 | 332.1 | 1,922 | 1.16 |

AADT = annual average daily traffic; ID = identification; veh/day = vehicles per day.

Selection of Treatment and Reference Sites

This section presents the results of the sampling design used to select sites for the study. The study design involved sample size analysis, treatment assignment, site selection, and evaluation of treatment and reference site groups for comparability.

Sample Size Analysis

The sample size analysis assessed the sample size needed to detect an overall CMF or expected change in safety with adequate statistical power. Sample sizes were calculated

assuming a parallel two-group design in which one group receives the treatment, and the other group serves as the reference or control group (Zhu and Lakkis, 2014). The sample size estimates were deemed conservative because an empirical Bayesian or fully Bayesian method would be used for the phase 3 evaluation study and would likely require fewer sites (Srinivasan et al., 2009).

Sample sizes were calculated using the R sample size estimation package, PASSED. Sample sizes were calculated for a range of likely rate ratios (CMFs), study durations, statistical power, and statistical significance. The event rate in the reference group was assumed to be equal to 0.75 crashes per mile-year. This rate was selected based on the 0.73 crashes per mile-year observed in the sampling frame. The negative binomial dispersion parameter was set equal to 0.4 based on the Virginia-specific safety performance function for rural two-lane roadway segments estimated by Garber et al. (2010). The number of reference sites was also assumed to be equal to the number of treatment sites. Table 9 provides the sample size estimates obtained for several combinations of the inputs.

Table 9. Sample Size Estimates for Different Combinations of the Rate Ratio (or Crash Modification Factor), Study Duration, Statistical Power, and Significance Level

| Rate Ratio | Duration (years) | Power | Significance Level | Sample Size |
|------------|------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| 0.9 | 3 | 0.7 | 0.05 | 966 |
| 0.9 | 3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 737 |
| 0.9 | 3 | 0.8 | 0.05 | 1,228 |
| 0.9 | 3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 968 |
| 0.9 | 4 | 0.7 | 0.05 | 836 |
| 0.9 | 4 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 637 |
| 0.9 | 4 | 0.8 | 0.05 | 1,063 |
| 0.9 | 4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 837 |
| 0.9 | 5 | 0.7 | 0.05 | 758 |
| 0.9 | 5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 578 |
| 0.9 | 5 | 0.8 | 0.05 | 963 |
| 0.9 | 5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 758 |
| 0.8 | 3 | 0.7 | 0.05 | 222 |
| 0.8 | 3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 170 |
| 0.8 | 3 | 0.8 | 0.05 | 283 |
| 0.8 | 3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 223 |
| 0.8 | 4 | 0.7 | 0.05 | 192 |
| 0.8 | 4 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 146 |
| 0.8 | 4 | 0.8 | 0.05 | 244 |
| 0.8 | 4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 192 |
| 0.8 | 5 | 0.7 | 0.05 | 173 |
| 0.8 | 5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 132 |
| 0.8 | 5 | 0.8 | 0.05 | 220 |
| 0.8 | 5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 174 |
| 0.7 | 3 | 0.7 | 0.05 | 90 |

| Rate Ratio | Duration (years) | Power | Significance Level | Sample Size |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 0.7 | 3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 69 |
| 0.7 | 3 | 0.8 | 0.05 | 115 |
| 0.7 | 3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 91 |
| 0.7 | 4 | 0.7 | 0.05 | 78 |
| 0.7 | 4 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 59 |
| 0.7 | 4 | 0.8 | 0.05 | 99 |
| 0.7 | 4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 78 |
| 0.7 | 5 | 0.7 | 0.05 | 70 |
| 0.7 | 5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 53 |
| 0.7 | 5 | 0.8 | 0.05 | 88 |
| 0.7 | 5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 70 |
| 0.6 | 3 | 0.7 | 0.05 | 46 |
| 0.6 | 3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 35 |
| 0.6 | 3 | 0.8 | 0.05 | 58 |
| 0.6 | 3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 46 |
| 0.6 | 4 | 0.7 | 0.05 | 39 |
| 0.6 | 4 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 30 |
| 0.6 | 4 | 0.8 | 0.05 | 50 |
| 0.6 | 4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 40 |
| 0.6 | 5 | 0.7 | 0.05 | 35 |
| 0.6 | 5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 27 |
| 0.6 | 5 | 0.8 | 0.05 | 45 |
| 0.6 | 5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 36 |

The sample size decreased as the effect size (rate ratio) increased and as the study duration increased. The effect of size seems to have a particularly large effect on the required sample size. For example, a minimum of 968 sites would be required to detect a 10% reduction in the number of crashes per mile-year, with 80% power at a significance level of 0.1 for a 3-year study. However, the number of sites needed reduces to 223, 91, and 46 if the expected reductions were 20, 30, and 40%, respectively, and everything else stayed constant. Consistent with the findings in Srinivasan et al. (2009), the sample size needed to detect a reduction smaller than 10% would likely be prohibitively large.

Based on the results in Table 9, the expected lifespan of the treatments and the range of CMFs observed in the literature (see Tables 3 and 5), a sample size of 100 was recommended for this study. This sample size was sufficient to determine a 30% reduction in crashes with 80% power and 90% confidence. For the purposes of this study, a 30% reduction was considered meaningful because it would suggest approximately 0.5 crashes per mile-year post treatment. On the other hand, the larger sample sizes needed to detect smaller reductions and the expected number of crashes per mile-year post treatment implied by such reductions would perhaps make a study based on an expected small percentage reduction not worthwhile. CMF estimates may be determined with greater power, and a smaller reduction in crashes may be detectable if a longer study duration is used. Likewise, the same would be true if the event rate in the reference group

turns out to be higher than assumed—such as for subgroups and strata with higher event rates or for sites with nonzero crash experience.

Treatment Assignment

With the sample size determined, each site in the sampling frame was assigned to one of the two treatment types or to the reference group. The assignment to any of the three groups was random, such that each site in the sampling frame had the same probability of being placed into one of the groups. Random assignment was used to even the playing field and increase confidence that any observed differences post treatment could be reasonably attributed to the treatment.

Site Selection

Before selection, each of the 16 strata defined previously was further divided into six smaller subgroups based on the following levels of the crashes per mile-year variable: 0, 0–1.5, 1.5–3.0, 3.0–4.5, 4.5–6.0, and > 6.0. This division resulted in 96 potential strata. Some of these strata had zero or only a few (less than 25) and were merged into adjacent strata. The final sampling frame consisted of 46 strata (Table 10).

A random sample of size 120 was selected from each set of candidate treatment or reference sites. The 120 sites (an additional 20%) were selected instead of the recommended sample size of 100 to allow for the possibility that some of the selected sites might not be viable for reasons such as the presence of other treatment types. In each case, the 120 sites were sampled from the different strata, with the number of sites selected from each stratum being proportional to the size of the stratum.

Table 10. Characteristics of the Final Stratification Scheme Used for Sampling

| Stratum ID | Speed Limit (mph) | Curve Radius (feet) | Segment Length (feet) | AADT (veh/day) | Crashes per Mile-Year | Number of Segments | Length (miles) | Total Crashes | Crashes per Mile-Year |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | < 45 | < 500 | < 700 | < 650 | 0 | 1,472 | 166.6 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 2 | < 45 | < 500 | < 700 | < 650 | > 0, ≤ 3.0 | 161 | 18.4 | 161 | 1.75 |
| 3 | < 45 | < 500 | < 700 | < 650 | > 3.0 | 26 | 2.9 | 59 | 4.04 |
| 4 | < 45 | < 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | 0 | 287 | 32.4 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 5 | < 45 | < 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | > 0, ≤ 3.0 | 81 | 9.2 | 81 | 1.77 |
| 6 | < 45 | < 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | > 3.0 | 61 | 6.9 | 176 | 5.11 |
| 7 | < 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | 0 | 706 | 115.8 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 8 | < 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | > 0, ≤ 1.5 | 96 | 15.9 | 97 | 1.22 |
| 9 | < 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | > 1.5 | 28 | 4.4 | 59 | 2.68 |
| 10 | < 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | 0 | 91 | 14.9 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 11 | < 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | > 0, ≤ 1.5 | 58 | 9.6 | 58 | 1.20 |
| 12 | < 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | > 1.5 | 46 | 7.3 | 117 | 3.20 |
| 13 | < 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | < 650 | 0 | 458 | 51.7 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 14 | < 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | < 650 | > 0 | 46 | 5.2 | 48 | 1.84 |
| 15 | < 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | 0 | 203 | 22.9 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 16 | < 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | > 0, ≤ 3.0 | 65 | 7.4 | 65 | 1.76 |
| 17 | < 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | > 3.0 | 25 | 2.8 | 57 | 4.10 |
| 18 | < 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | 0 | 205 | 35.0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 19 | < 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | > 0 | 38 | 6.6 | 40 | 1.21 |
| 20 | < 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | 0 | 91 | 15.1 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 21 | < 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | > 0 | 63 | 10.9 | 105 | 1.94 |
| 22 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | < 700 | < 650 | 0 | 659 | 75.2 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 23 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | < 700 | < 650 | > 0, ≤ 3.0 | 118 | 13.5 | 118 | 1.75 |
| 24 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | < 700 | < 650 | > 3.0 | 31 | 3.6 | 81 | 4.53 |
| 25 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | 0 | 296 | 33.7 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 26 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | > 0, ≤ 3.0 | 149 | 16.9 | 149 | 1.77 |
| 27 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | > 3.0 | 134 | 15.4 | 399 | 5.18 |
| 28 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | 0 | 377 | 63.8 | 0 | 0.00 |

| Stratum ID | Speed Limit (mph) | Curve Radius (feet) | Segment Length (feet) | AADT (veh/day) | Crashes per Mile-Year | Number of Segments | Length (miles) | Total Crashes | Crashes per Mile-Year |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 29 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | > 0, ≤ 1.5 | 78 | 13.8 | 79 | 1.15 |
| 30 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | > 1.5 | 28 | 4.4 | 66 | 2.98 |
| 31 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | 0 | 199 | 33.6 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 32 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | > 0, ≤ 1.5 | 118 | 20.5 | 120 | 1.17 |
| 33 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | > 1.5, ≤ 3.0 | 77 | 13.6 | 164 | 2.40 |
| 34 | ≥ 45 | < 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | > 3.0 | 45 | 7.4 | 215 | 5.78 |
| 35 | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | < 650 | 0 | 472 | 53.5 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 36 | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | < 650 | > 0 | 63 | 7.3 | 76 | 2.10 |
| 37 | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | 0 | 869 | 99.5 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 38 | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | > 0, ≤ 3.0 | 378 | 43.6 | 378 | 1.73 |
| 39 | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | < 700 | ≥ 650 | > 3.0 | 209 | 24.4 | 566 | 4.63 |
| 40 | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | 0 | 321 | 55.8 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 41 | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | < 650 | > 0 | 60 | 11.0 | 70 | 1.28 |
| 42 | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | 0 | 785 | 139.2 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 43 | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | > 0, ≤ 1.5 | 556 | 107.1 | 584 | 1.09 |
| 44 | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | > 1.5, ≤ 3.0 | 286 | 55.8 | 630 | 2.26 |
| 45 | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | > 3.0, ≤ 6.0 | 133 | 24.8 | 485 | 3.92 |
| 46 | ≥ 45 | ≥ 500 | ≥ 700 | ≥ 650 | > 6.0 | 30 | 5.2 | 223 | 8.56 |

AADT = annual average daily traffic; ID = identification.

Comparability of Treatment and Comparison Groups

Candidate reference groups were assessed for appropriateness by evaluating the sequence of odds ratio estimates determined for pairs of consecutive years in the period before treatment. The odds ratios were estimated for the sampled sites using Equation 1. Table 11 summarizes the results. Appendix A (Tables A1, A2, and A3) presents detailed lists of the proposed candidate reference group, PMD, and CWMM treatment sites.

Table 11. Odds Ratio Estimates for Crash Counts in the Sampled Sites

| Year | Reference Group | PMD Treatment | | CWMM Treatment | |
|------|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| | Observed Crashes | Observed Crashes | Odds Ratio | Observed Crashes | Odds Ratio |
| 2019 | 12 | 9 | NA | 10 | NA |
| 2020 | 18 | 15 | 0.95 | 15 | 0.87 |
| 2021 | 12 | 10 | 0.87 | 10 | 0.87 |
| 2022 | 15 | 15 | 1.03 | 13 | 0.89 |
| 2023 | 9 | 12 | 1.13 | 10 | 1.08 |

CWMM = curve warning message markings; PMD = post-mounted delineator; NA = not applicable.

The mean of the sequence of odds ratios was estimated as 1.00 (95% confidence interval 0.78 to 1.21) and 0.93 (95% confidence interval 0.73 to 1.13) for the PMD treatment sites and CWM treatment sites, respectively. Because in both cases the confidence interval included the value 1.0, the reference group was deemed appropriate.

DISCUSSION

Several approaches for phase 2 and outcomes should be considered. Some concern may arise that the recommended sample size of 100 may not be sufficient for PMDs because the sample size is based on a 30% reduction in crashes, whereas a 10 to 15% reduction may be expected from CMFs in Table 3. One possible scenario that may revise the sampling plan is prioritizing one or both countermeasures for roads that exceed a determined AADT threshold or number of crashes. Other approaches are possible as well, such as revising other variables that determine the sample size. PMDs and CWMMs are 2 of the 16 countermeasures in Table 6 for the HSIP TLRR initiative (VDOT, 2024b). Because more commonly used countermeasures may be preferred, more consideration or priority may need to be given to PMDs and CWMMs. These approaches and others may be considered in phase 2, with greater input from TRP and other VDOT staff that are stakeholders in this effort.

CONCLUSIONS

- *The VDOT HSIP TLRR countermeasure reference sheets provide sufficient specification, design and guidance detail for the two countermeasures to merit adoption for this project effort (VDOT, 2023a, 2023b, 2024b).*

- *For both countermeasures, a sample size of approximately 100 sites was determined to be sufficient to detect a meaningful treatment effect with adequate statistical power.*
- *The reference group of sites identified in this study seems appropriate for use with both countermeasures.* In both cases the test of comparability indicated that the odds ratio estimates were not statistically significantly different from 1.0.

RECOMMENDATION

1. *It is recommended that VTRC undertake a phase 2 research effort to implement the sampling plan developed in this phase 1 study. The phase 2 effort should be conducted in close coordination with the HSIP TLRR initiative (VDOT, 2024b).*

IMPLEMENTATION AND BENEFITS

Researchers and the technical review panel (listed in the Acknowledgments) for the project collaborate to craft a plan to implement the study recommendations and to determine the benefits of doing so. This is to ensure that the implementation plan is developed and approved with the participation and support of those involved with VDOT operations. The implementation plan and the accompanying benefits are provided here.

Implementation

To implement the sampling plan for potential sites for PMDs and CWMMs, a funding source is needed to review and screen potential sites, then plan and install the devices. The HSIP TLRR initiative is completing the planning for many sites (VDOT, 2024b). Sites have been selected and planning is under way to develop and advertise contracts to install the selected countermeasures. In some districts, VDOT staff may install some countermeasures. A small number of PMDs and CWMMs may possibly be included in this effort. These sites will be considered for the sampling plan and undergo screening. The TLRR initiative most likely will continue. If so, an opportunity to include PMDs and CWMMs as key countermeasures and to coordinate the research and HSIP efforts will be available, which will likely involve revising the sampling plan developed and presented in this report. The HSIP Project Delivery Program Manager has agreed to work closely with the research team, HSIP support contractors, and Districts to coordinate these efforts. A backup plan would fund implementation through the VTRC implementation program at a much smaller scale, which would require revising the sampling plan in the phase 2 research effort. Implementation (that is, beginning the process of implementing the sampling plan) is expected to begin within 12 months of the report's publication.

Benefits

VDOT has been devoting significant resources and attention to strategies that prevent RDCs, given that from 2015 to 2020, RDCs constituted about 52% (2,400 of 4,650) of fatal

crashes in Virginia. This study fits well into current VDOT safety programs, policies, and initiatives for reducing RDCs. Positive research results, demonstrating beneficial return on investment, would provide additional countermeasures statewide for RDCs, which will facilitate comparisons to commonly used countermeasures, such as the chevron sign, and benefit the ongoing systemic safety program. VDOT will benefit from developing CMFs specific to Virginia by determining the expected return on investment in phase 3. The phase 2 study is critical in providing the foundation for development of credible CMFs.

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APPENDIX A

Table A-1. Potential Sites for Post-Mounted Delineator Deployment

| Route | District | Speed Limit (mph) | Start Milepost | End Milepost | Radius (feet) | AADT (2019–2023) | Crashes (2019–2023) |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|
| R-VA013SC00639EB | Bristol | 25 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 181.7 | 132 | 0 |
| R-VA013SC00638EB | Bristol | 40 | 19.2 | 19.3 | 390.3 | 376 | 0 |
| R-VA098SC00619EB | Bristol | 40 | 26.5 | 26.6 | 264.4 | 420 | 0 |
| R-VA010SC00604EB | Bristol | 35 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 324.2 | 270 | 0 |
| R-VA097SC00699EB | Bristol | 25 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 217.5 | 746 | 0 |
| R-VA097SC00671EB | Bristol | 40 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 118.7 | 1,178 | 0 |
| R-VA095SC00714NB | Bristol | 35 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 323.8 | 825 | 2 |
| R-VA038SC00785NB | Bristol | 40 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 477.5 | 208 | 0 |
| R-VA098SC00617EB | Bristol | 35 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 581.9 | 302 | 0 |
| R-VA US00058EB | Bristol | 40 | 71.5 | 71.6 | 1,384.0 | 2,871 | 0 |
| R-VA092SC00738EB | Bristol | 30 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 613.6 | 118 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00016NB | Bristol | 55 | 53.4 | 53.5 | 176.4 | 236 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00070NB | Bristol | 55 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 396.8 | 696 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00016NB | Bristol | 55 | 15.7 | 15.8 | 310.6 | 941 | 2 |
| R-VA US00058EB | Bristol | 55 | 158.0 | 158.3 | 493.3 | 439 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00160EB | Bristol | 55 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 172.7 | 224 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00072NB | Bristol | 55 | 46.7 | 46.8 | 642.2 | 1,336 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00042NB | Bristol | 55 | 21.2 | 21.4 | 582.2 | 136 | 0 |
| R-VA002SC01555NB | Culpeper | 25 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 234.6 | 360 | 0 |
| R-VA032SC00645NB | Culpeper | 40 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 236.7 | 851 | 0 |
| R-VA023SC00610EB | Culpeper | 35 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 799.5 | 547 | 0 |
| R-VA032SC00656EB | Culpeper | 25 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 881.3 | 167 | 0 |
| R-VA US00029NBBUS009 | Culpeper | 35 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1,432.0 | 2,738 | 0 |
| R-VA068SC00692NB | Culpeper | 45 | 11.0 | 11.2 | 166.4 | 108 | 0 |
| R-VA032SC00639EB | Culpeper | 50 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 346.5 | 462 | 0 |
| R-VA002SC00664EB | Culpeper | 45 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 418.6 | 693 | 0 |
| R-VA068SC00644NB | Culpeper | 45 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 395.0 | 1,210 | 2 |
| R-VA056SC00629EB | Culpeper | 45 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 716.1 | 418 | 0 |
| R-VA US00522NB | Culpeper | 55 | 34.7 | 34.8 | 773.7 | 5,758 | 1 |
| R-VA US00015NBBUS003 | Culpeper | 55 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1,481.8 | 1,869 | 1 |
| R-VA023SC00729NB | Culpeper | 50 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 528.9 | 2,048 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00230EB | Culpeper | 55 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 1,108.6 | 4,078 | 2 |
| R-VA028SC01070NB | Fredericksburg | 25 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 306.6 | 316 | 0 |
| R-VA016SC00609NB | Fredericksburg | 35 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 428.9 | 136 | 0 |
| R-VA051SC00673NB | Fredericksburg | 35 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 350.8 | 195 | 0 |
| R-VA049SC00609EB | Fredericksburg | 40 | 11.1 | 11.3 | 498.2 | 133 | 0 |
| R-VA066SC00800NB | Fredericksburg | 25 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 306.9 | 147 | 0 |
| R-VA079SC00624NB | Fredericksburg | 45 | 15.3 | 15.5 | 464.3 | 720 | 0 |

| Route | District | Speed Limit (mph) | Start Milepost | End Milepost | Radius (feet) | AADT (2019–2023) | Crashes (2019–2023) |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| R-VA050SC00628EB | Fredericksburg | 45 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 716.1 | 248 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00203EB | Fredericksburg | 55 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1,494.5 | 2,310 | 0 |
| R-VA051SC00622EB | Fredericksburg | 45 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 528.5 | 708 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00218EB | Fredericksburg | 45 | 15.0 | 15.2 | 929.1 | 3,534 | 2 |
| R-VA047SC00606EB | Hampton Roads | 35 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 202.1 | 406 | 1 |
| R-VA087SC00646NB | Hampton Roads | 25 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 413.6 | 541 | 1 |
| R-VA046SC00603EB | Hampton Roads | 35 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 731.4 | 1,403 | 3 |
| R-VA SR00035NB | Hampton Roads | 55 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 1,184.9 | 1,677 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00010EB | Hampton Roads | 55 | 42.5 | 42.7 | 1,598.9 | 1,777 | 0 |
| R-VA006SC00647NB | Lynchburg | 35 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 291.4 | 427 | 1 |
| R-VA019SC00727NB | Lynchburg | 35 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 904.6 | 1,323 | 0 |
| R-VA041SC00621EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 14.9 | 15.0 | 354.1 | 224 | 0 |
| R-VA014SC00665NB | Lynchburg | 45 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 318.2 | 433 | 1 |
| R-VA015SC00622EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 10.3 | 10.5 | 347.0 | 695 | 0 |
| R-VA071SC00649EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 19.2 | 19.3 | 572.3 | 319 | 0 |
| R-VA005SC00608EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 716.1 | 196 | 0 |
| R-VA015SC00684EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 648.5 | 271 | 0 |
| R-VA041SC00613EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 554.4 | 416 | 3 |
| R-VA US00060EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 108.5 | 108.6 | 1,074.3 | 889 | 0 |
| R-VA041SC00716EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 572.6 | 276 | 0 |
| R-VA071SC00655EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 818.4 | 631 | 0 |
| R-VA062SC00657NB | Lynchburg | 55 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 687.2 | 784 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00024EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 55.5 | 55.7 | 1,296.9 | 4,333 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00130EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 28.2 | 28.4 | 1,718.7 | 6,411 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00360EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 13.8 | 14.0 | 799.1 | 979 | 1 |
| R-VA073SC00643NB | Lynchburg | 45 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 624.4 | 1,685 | 3 |
| R-VA063SC00619EB | Richmond | 40 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 261.6 | 527 | 0 |
| R-VA063SC00627NB | Richmond | 40 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 349.9 | 912 | 1 |
| R-VA072SC00645NB | Richmond | 35 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 563.0 | 112 | 0 |
| R-VA058SC00779NB | Richmond | 45 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 399.2 | 167 | 0 |
| R-VA018SC00650EB | Richmond | 45 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 154.5 | 401 | 0 |
| R-VA037SC00603NB | Richmond | 45 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 365.6 | 172 | 0 |
| R-VA020SC00630EB | Richmond | 45 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 498.1 | 720 | 0 |
| R-VA020SC00602EB | Richmond | 45 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 483.9 | 2,235 | 1 |
| R-VA058SC00621NB | Richmond | 45 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 715.9 | 360 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00137EB | Richmond | 55 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 1,402.9 | 654 | 0 |
| R-VA063SC00613EB | Richmond | 45 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 1,108.6 | 2,096 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00273NB | Richmond | 45 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 818.4 | 4,317 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00153NB | Richmond | 55 | 14.8 | 14.9 | 1,346.6 | 5,048 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00005EB | Richmond | 55 | 20.2 | 20.3 | 550.7 | 5,148 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00049NB | Richmond | 55 | 60.4 | 60.6 | 1,165.1 | 1,420 | 0 |

| Route | District | Speed Limit (mph) | Start Milepost | End Milepost | Radius (feet) | AADT (2019–2023) | Crashes (2019–2023) |
|------------------|----------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|
| R-VA SR00153NB | Richmond | 55 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 982.1 | 2,610 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00040EB | Richmond | 55 | 161.2 | 161.6 | 1,297.0 | 1,299 | 2 |
| R-VA US00033EB | Richmond | 55 | 107.2 | 107.4 | 953.8 | 5,053 | 2 |
| R-VA009SC00832EB | Salem | 25 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 179.7 | 159 | 0 |
| R-VA009SC00644EB | Salem | 40 | 16.4 | 16.5 | 140.7 | 319 | 0 |
| R-VA009SC00608NB | Salem | 35 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 147.9 | 360 | 0 |
| R-VA031SC00739EB | Salem | 35 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 361.0 | 101 | 0 |
| R-VA009SC00734NB | Salem | 30 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 194.8 | 291 | 0 |
| R-VA009SC00616NB | Salem | 40 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 424.4 | 210 | 0 |
| R-VA033SC00657NB | Salem | 35 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 452.0 | 102 | 0 |
| R-VA077SC00624NB | Salem | 25 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 177.1 | 1,051 | 0 |
| R-VA060SC00806NB | Salem | 25 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 244.0 | 188 | 0 |
| R-VA033SC00707EB | Salem | 35 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 350.5 | 262 | 0 |
| R-VA011SC00648NB | Salem | 30 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 483.9 | 275 | 0 |
| R-VA033SC00707EB | Salem | 35 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 904.6 | 262 | 0 |
| R-VA033SC00890EB | Salem | 40 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 904.7 | 701 | 1 |
| R-VA009SC00644EB | Salem | 45 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 221.6 | 136 | 0 |
| R-VA070SC00660NB | Salem | 45 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 283.8 | 228 | 0 |
| R-VA US00221NB | Salem | 55 | 36.2 | 36.4 | 485.9 | 2,494 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00116NB | Salem | 55 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 338.3 | 6,832 | 7 |
| R-VA SR00043NB | Salem | 55 | 43.6 | 43.8 | 279.6 | 396 | 0 |
| R-VA033SC00674EB | Salem | 45 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 343.4 | 764 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00043NB | Salem | 55 | 25.2 | 25.3 | 763.7 | 1,813 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00122NB | Salem | 45 | 15.1 | 15.2 | 929.0 | 12,624 | 3 |
| R-VA SR00100NB | Salem | 55 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 763.7 | 3,503 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00122NB | Salem | 55 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1,858.1 | 5,004 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00043NB | Salem | 55 | 47.7 | 47.8 | 693.9 | 1,585 | 2 |
| R-VA034SC00692NB | Staunton | 35 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 137.7 | 216 | 0 |
| R-VA021SC00604NB | Staunton | 35 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 200.9 | 107 | 0 |
| R-VA082SC00617NB | Staunton | 30 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 377.6 | 1,451 | 3 |
| R-VA034SC00619NB | Staunton | 45 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 272.6 | 461 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00263EB | Staunton | 45 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 437.2 | 1,966 | 0 |
| R-VA US00250EB | Staunton | 55 | 19.9 | 20.0 | 442.5 | 1,077 | 1 |
| R-VA US00033EB | Staunton | 45 | 15.8 | 15.9 | 1,562.4 | 9,285 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00039EB | Staunton | 55 | 19.6 | 19.7 | 838.4 | 1,496 | 0 |
| R-VA069SC00638NB | Staunton | 45 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 673.4 | 799 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00055EB | Staunton | 55 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 582.7 | 3,026 | 2 |
| R-VA SR00269EB | Staunton | 55 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 680.4 | 486 | 2 |
| R-VA SR00042NB | Staunton | 55 | 161.4 | 161.6 | 880.6 | 701 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00039EB | Staunton | 55 | 28.0 | 28.1 | 1,718.3 | 1,640 | 1 |

AADT = annual average daily traffic.

Table A-2. Potential Sites for Curve Warning Message Markings Deployment

| Route | District | Speed Limit (mph) | Start Milepost | End Milepost | Radius (feet) | AADT (2019–2023) | Crashes (2019–2023) |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| R-VA025SC00621NB | Bristol | 25 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 222.8 | 131 | 0 |
| R-VA052SC00606NB | Bristol | 25 | 16.5 | 16.6 | 100.2 | 587 | 0 |
| R-VA052SC00611NB | Bristol | 35 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 365.2 | 161 | 0 |
| R-VA025SC00631NB | Bristol | 30 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 227.4 | 141 | 0 |
| R-VA092SC00637NB | Bristol | 35 | 17.3 | 17.4 | 300.7 | 160 | 0 |
| R-VA098SC00690EB | Bristol | 35 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 288.6 | 509 | 0 |
| R-VA092SC00637NB | Bristol | 35 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 263.9 | 180 | 1 |
| R-VA092SC00644EB | Bristol | 40 | 13.4 | 13.5 | 435.0 | 772 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00083EB | Bristol | 40 | 50.6 | 50.7 | 432.3 | 2,650 | 1 |
| R-VA084SC00665NB | Bristol | 35 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 199.8 | 125 | 0 |
| R-VA083SC00653NB | Bristol | 25 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 118.8 | 238 | 0 |
| R-VA092SC00624NB | Bristol | 30 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 491.0 | 298 | 0 |
| R-VA038SC00634EB | Bristol | 35 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 603.0 | 144 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00042NB | Bristol | 35 | 22.5 | 22.7 | 881.4 | 136 | 1 |
| R-VA086SC00610EB | Bristol | 45 | 16.7 | 16.8 | 330.5 | 163 | 0 |
| R-VA038SC00603EB | Bristol | 45 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 233.8 | 297 | 0 |
| R-VA US00052NB | Bristol | 55 | 57.5 | 57.6 | 345.4 | 791 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00063NB | Bristol | 55 | 29.6 | 29.8 | 345.6 | 822 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00160EB | Bristol | 55 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 545.8 | 224 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00598NB | Bristol | 55 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 723.1 | 152 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00016NB | Bristol | 45 | 30.7 | 30.8 | 968.3 | 2,007 | 0 |
| R-VA US00011NB | Bristol | 55 | 32.0 | 32.2 | 1,408.9 | 2,632 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00042NB | Bristol | 55 | 42.0 | 42.1 | 981.0 | 2,584 | 1 |
| R-VA095SC00762EB | Bristol | 45 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 513.0 | 510 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00083EB | Bristol | 55 | 25.2 | 25.3 | 903.9 | 2,658 | 0 |
| R-VA002SC00637EB | Culpeper | 35 | 12.2 | 12.4 | 435.0 | 1,475 | 0 |
| R-VA039SC00624NB | Culpeper | 35 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 213.5 | 249 | 1 |
| R-VA054SC00628NB | Culpeper | 45 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 137.5 | 419 | 0 |
| R-VA054SC00648NB | Culpeper | 45 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 399.7 | 936 | 0 |
| R-VA030SC00647EB | Culpeper | 45 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 483.9 | 726 | 1 |
| R-VA039SC00667NB | Culpeper | 45 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 470.6 | 544 | 0 |
| R-VA030SC00600EB | Culpeper | 45 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 1,010.7 | 2,512 | 0 |
| R-VA US00033EB | Culpeper | 55 | 90.9 | 91.0 | 976.3 | 3,182 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00020NB | Culpeper | 55 | 73.5 | 73.7 | 1,599.0 | 9,436 | 3 |
| R-VA089SC01496NB | Fredericksburg | 25 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 274.4 | 297 | 0 |
| R-VA050SC01238NB | Fredericksburg | 25 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 212.1 | 140 | 0 |
| R-VA028SC01060EB | Fredericksburg | 35 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 232.0 | 204 | 0 |
| R-VA089SC00724EB | Fredericksburg | 30 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 490.8 | 305 | 0 |
| R-VA050SC00615NB | Fredericksburg | 40 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 298.6 | 315 | 0 |
| R-VA089SC00614NB | Fredericksburg | 40 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 291.2 | 814 | 2 |

| Route | District | Speed Limit (mph) | Start Milepost | End Milepost | Radius (feet) | AADT (2019–2023) | Crashes (2019–2023) |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|
| R-VA088SC00606EB | Fredericksburg | 35 | 19.3 | 19.4 | 1,145.6 | 14,247 | 4 |
| R-VA048SC00629EB | Fredericksburg | 45 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 358.1 | 397 | 1 |
| R-VA079SC00624NB | Fredericksburg | 45 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 554.1 | 1,052 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00003EB | Fredericksburg | 55 | 65.6 | 65.7 | 1,041.8 | 7,150 | 1 |
| R-VA096SC00645EB | Fredericksburg | 45 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 715.9 | 815 | 1 |
| R-VA089SC00651EB | Fredericksburg | 45 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 1,108.8 | 3,395 | 2 |
| R-VA SR00002NB | Fredericksburg | 55 | 45.4 | 45.5 | 1,676.7 | 5,257 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00198EB | Fredericksburg | 55 | 14.8 | 14.9 | 2,455.0 | 3,980 | 0 |
| R-VA096SC00631NB | Fredericksburg | 45 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 982.2 | 3,501 | 2 |
| R-VA065SC00606NB | Hampton Roads | 35 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 715.7 | 662 | 0 |
| R-VA US00258EB | Hampton Roads | 35 | 23.9 | 24.0 | 1562.4 | 3,159 | 0 |
| R-VA US00258EB | Hampton Roads | 55 | 25.8 | 26.1 | 2,095.9 | 5,431 | 1 |
| R-VA073SC00688NB | Lynchburg | 35 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 174.6 | 155 | 0 |
| R-VA005SC00609NB | Lynchburg | 35 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 223.1 | 181 | 0 |
| R-VA062SC00634NB | Lynchburg | 25 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 470.5 | 425 | 0 |
| R-VA014SC00670NB | Lynchburg | 35 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 196.4 | 686 | 0 |
| R-VA071SC00845EB | Lynchburg | 35 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 881.1 | 124 | 0 |
| R-VA015SC00615EB | Lynchburg | 35 | 15.7 | 15.8 | 1,108.6 | 445 | 0 |
| R-VA024SC00600NB | Lynchburg | 25 | 14.9 | 15.0 | 648.6 | 408 | 0 |
| R-VA014SC00609NB | Lynchburg | 55 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 385.9 | 126 | 0 |
| R-VA005SC00608EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 192.7 | 196 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00043NB | Lynchburg | 55 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 373.0 | 255 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00056EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 51.8 | 51.9 | 346.3 | 391 | 0 |
| R-VA041SC00603EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 545.7 | 549 | 0 |
| R-VA014SC00652NB | Lynchburg | 55 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 1,145.9 | 548 | 0 |
| R-VA US00060EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 104.5 | 104.6 | 1,161.4 | 1,581 | 0 |
| R-VA US00060EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 84.9 | 85.0 | 859.2 | 1,625 | 2 |
| R-VA073SC00695EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 505.2 | 309 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00056EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 42.2 | 42.4 | 881.0 | 883 | 0 |
| R-VA071SC00844NB | Lynchburg | 45 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 686.8 | 1,880 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00006EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 13.2 | 13.4 | 996.3 | 4,345 | 3 |
| R-VA US00060EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 89.2 | 89.3 | 987.3 | 2,421 | 4 |
| R-VA053SC01156EB | Northern Virginia | 25 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 343.8 | 263 | 0 |
| R-VA076SC00619EB | Northern Virginia | 45 | 17.5 | 17.6 | 333.7 | 2,797 | 2 |
| R-VA037SC00634NB | Richmond | 40 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 323.8 | 195 | 0 |
| R-VA063SC00644NB | Richmond | 35 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 838.1 | 209 | 0 |
| R-VA067SC00618EB | Richmond | 25 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 582.6 | 376 | 0 |
| R-VA US00360EBBUS003 | Richmond | 35 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1,998.8 | 1,961 | 0 |
| R-VA055SC00701NB | Richmond | 45 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 429.4 | 288 | 0 |
| R-VA042SC00605EB | Richmond | 45 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 210.7 | 340 | 1 |
| R-VA058SC00655NB | Richmond | 45 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 204.2 | 593 | 2 |

| Route | District | Speed Limit (mph) | Start Milepost | End Milepost | Radius (feet) | AADT (2019–2023) | Crashes (2019–2023) |
|------------------|----------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|
| R-VA037SC00606NB | Richmond | 45 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 306.7 | 837 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00046NB | Richmond | 55 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1,527.3 | 1,377 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00006EB | Richmond | 55 | 85.0 | 85.1 | 1,562.3 | 5,515 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00005EB | Richmond | 45 | 21.2 | 21.3 | 1,273.3 | 5,148 | 0 |
| R-VA026SC00624NB | Richmond | 45 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 982.0 | 288 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00006EB | Richmond | 55 | 79.9 | 80.2 | 1,808.9 | 4,352 | 0 |
| R-VA072SC00614NB | Richmond | 45 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 537.2 | 696 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00040EB | Richmond | 55 | 159.3 | 159.5 | 586.9 | 1,299 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00049NB | Richmond | 55 | 20.4 | 20.6 | 1,808.9 | 1,781 | 1 |
| R-VA US00033EB | Richmond | 55 | 108.9 | 109.0 | 760.5 | 5,053 | 1 |
| R-VA033SC00643NB | Salem | 35 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 321.2 | 585 | 0 |
| R-VA033SC00602NB | Salem | 25 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 262.5 | 173 | 0 |
| R-VA011SC00640EB | Salem | 40 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 413.6 | 941 | 0 |
| R-VA060SC01255EB | Salem | 25 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 191.3 | 297 | 0 |
| R-VA009SC00695NB | Salem | 35 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 193.0 | 148 | 0 |
| R-VA033SC00821NB | Salem | 40 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 260.3 | 243 | 0 |
| R-VA033SC01105NB | Salem | 25 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 227.6 | 153 | 0 |
| R-VA044SC00606NB | Salem | 40 | 9.7 | 10.0 | 390.2 | 955 | 1 |
| R-VA070SC00728NB | Salem | 35 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 537.0 | 277 | 0 |
| R-VA033SC00945NB | Salem | 45 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 286.1 | 1,443 | 0 |
| R-VA031SC00681EB | Salem | 45 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 470.9 | 880 | 1 |
| R-VA044SC00610NB | Salem | 45 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 419.2 | 875 | 0 |
| R-VA031SC00681EB | Salem | 45 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 673.5 | 537 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00043NB | Salem | 55 | 54.7 | 54.8 | 1,011.2 | 656 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00024EB | Salem | 55 | 21.9 | 22.1 | 892.6 | 2,364 | 1 |
| R-VA081SC00679NB | Staunton | 25 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 233.8 | 502 | 1 |
| R-VA081SC00631EB | Staunton | 30 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 763.8 | 1,466 | 1 |
| R-VA007SC00657NB | Staunton | 45 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 293.8 | 335 | 0 |
| R-VA034SC00641NB | Staunton | 45 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 244.7 | 1,347 | 2 |
| R-VA007SC00608NB | Staunton | 45 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 303.6 | 528 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00018NB | Staunton | 55 | 16.8 | 17.0 | 256.7 | 1,270 | 2 |
| R-VA US00250EB | Staunton | 55 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 943.5 | 331 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00252NB | Staunton | 55 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 608.1 | 288 | 1 |
| R-VA US00340NB | Staunton | 55 | 84.4 | 84.5 | 2,203.4 | 5,429 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00042NB | Staunton | 55 | 195.5 | 195.6 | 781.0 | 3,257 | 1 |
| R-VA US00250EB | Staunton | 55 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 933.4 | 331 | 0 |
| R-VA US00220NB | Staunton | 55 | 152.1 | 152.3 | 671.2 | 812 | 0 |
| R-VA US00033EB | Staunton | 55 | 43.7 | 43.9 | 1,321.4 | 6,853 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00039EB | Staunton | 55 | 24.9 | 25.1 | 848.5 | 1,640 | 2 |
| R-VA US00340NB | Staunton | 55 | 81.5 | 81.6 | 1,363.0 | 4,521 | 2 |

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Table A-3. Potential Reference Sites

| Route | District | Speed Limit (mph) | Start Milepost | End Milepost | Radius (feet) | AADT (2019–2023) | Crashes (2019–2023) |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| R-VA010SC00612EB | Bristol | 35 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 163.0 | 139 | 0 |
| R-VA013SC00660NB | Bristol | 25 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 236.7 | 218 | 0 |
| R-VA038SC00624NB | Bristol | 35 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 286.5 | 570 | 0 |
| R-VA013SC00648EB | Bristol | 30 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 261.7 | 128 | 0 |
| R-VA097SC00738NB | Bristol | 25 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 207.6 | 454 | 0 |
| R-VA010SC00620EB | Bristol | 25 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 270.0 | 144 | 0 |
| R-VA092SC00644EB | Bristol | 40 | 12.9 | 13.1 | 204.0 | 772 | 0 |
| R-VA092SC00699NB | Bristol | 35 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 377.7 | 953 | 0 |
| R-VA025SC00631NB | Bristol | 40 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 377.3 | 173 | 0 |
| R-VA038SC00711EB | Bristol | 35 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 395.1 | 241 | 0 |
| R-VA086SC00637NB | Bristol | 35 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 190.5 | 758 | 1 |
| R-VA084SC00619NB | Bristol | 35 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 624.9 | 545 | 0 |
| R-VA098SC00644EB | Bristol | 35 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 687.3 | 174 | 0 |
| R-VA083SC00615EB | Bristol | 45 | 20.2 | 20.3 | 202.1 | 154 | 0 |
| R-VA025SC00652NB | Bristol | 45 | 20.4 | 20.5 | 124.9 | 118 | 0 |
| R-VA US00058EB | Bristol | 55 | 140.9 | 141.0 | 346.7 | 442 | 0 |
| R-VA US00052NB | Bristol | 55 | 60.2 | 60.3 | 270.7 | 184 | 0 |
| R-VA US00058EB | Bristol | 55 | 126.2 | 126.5 | 463.8 | 532 | 0 |
| R-VA038SC00882NB | Bristol | 45 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 498.2 | 808 | 0 |
| R-VA US00052NB | Bristol | 55 | 76.8 | 76.9 | 1,145.2 | 570 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00063NB | Bristol | 55 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1,561.5 | 3,913 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00016NB | Bristol | 55 | 13.2 | 13.3 | 701.3 | 1,291 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00061EB | Bristol | 55 | 15.5 | 15.7 | 996.2 | 411 | 0 |
| R-VA030SC00688NB | Culpeper | 40 | 25.3 | 25.5 | 205.7 | 206 | 0 |
| R-VA032SC00626NB | Culpeper | 40 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 491.0 | 298 | 0 |
| R-VA002SC00676NB | Culpeper | 35 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 429.3 | 340 | 0 |
| R-VA054SC00850NB | Culpeper | 35 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 747.0 | 224 | 0 |
| R-VA032SC00631NB | Culpeper | 45 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 299.0 | 353 | 0 |
| R-VA054SC00639EB | Culpeper | 50 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 229.1 | 374 | 0 |
| R-VA023SC00711EB | Culpeper | 45 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 429.7 | 209 | 0 |
| R-VA032SC00640NB | Culpeper | 45 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 572.8 | 1,170 | 1 |
| R-VA032SC00629EB | Culpeper | 45 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 513.0 | 148 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00231NB | Culpeper | 55 | 18.5 | 18.7 | 673.1 | 1,291 | 0 |
| R-VA016SC00613NB | Fredericksburg | 30 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 404.3 | 111 | 0 |
| R-VA079SC00612EB | Fredericksburg | 35 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 314.8 | 194 | 1 |
| R-VA088SC00667NB | Fredericksburg | 25 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 347.2 | 114 | 0 |
| R-VA016SC00601EB | Fredericksburg | 40 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 1,494.5 | 523 | 0 |
| R-VA050SC00608EB | Fredericksburg | 40 | 11.1 | 11.2 | 929.1 | 598 | 0 |
| R-VA016SC00630EB | Fredericksburg | 35 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 1,374.9 | 398 | 1 |
| R-VA088SC00656NB | Fredericksburg | 35 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 563.4 | 1,034 | 0 |

| Route | District | Speed Limit (mph) | Start Milepost | End Milepost | Radius (feet) | AADT (2019–2023) | Crashes (2019–2023) |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| R-VA057SC00611EB | Fredericksburg | 25 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 687.5 | 704 | 0 |
| R-VA088SC00605EB | Fredericksburg | 40 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 505.4 | 1,509 | 1 |
| R-VA048SC00609NB | Fredericksburg | 25 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 929.0 | 1,726 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00218EB | Fredericksburg | 45 | 16.2 | 16.3 | 424.6 | 3,534 | 2 |
| R-VA SR00003EB | Fredericksburg | 55 | 96.7 | 96.9 | 2,021.5 | 4,784 | 0 |
| R-VA036SC00629NB | Fredericksburg | 45 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 928.7 | 2,923 | 1 |
| R-VA US00301NB | Hampton Roads | 55 | 25.7 | 25.8 | 826.3 | 958 | 0 |
| R-VA US00258EB | Hampton Roads | 55 | 34.0 | 34.3 | 1,210.4 | 4,728 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00180EB | Hampton Roads | 55 | 9.6 | 9.8 | 2,546.2 | 1,188 | 2 |
| R-VA SR00180EB | Hampton Roads | 55 | 6.9 | 7.4 | 2,291.5 | 1,188 | 4 |
| R-VA024SC00600NB | Lynchburg | 25 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 603.0 | 279 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00059EB | Lynchburg | 40 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1,322.1 | 1,452 | 0 |
| R-VA041SC00621EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 15.6 | 15.7 | 491.1 | 224 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00056EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 50.8 | 50.9 | 142.4 | 391 | 1 |
| R-VA006SC00608EB | Lynchburg | 45 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 414.1 | 935 | 0 |
| R-VA071SC00750NB | Lynchburg | 45 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 464.4 | 2,080 | 2 |
| R-VA SR00344EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 332.0 | 770 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00013EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1,057.6 | 1,016 | 0 |
| R-VA071SC00729NB | Lynchburg | 45 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 636.5 | 2,181 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00360EB | Lynchburg | 55 | 15.7 | 15.9 | 592.3 | 979 | 2 |
| R-VA SR00020NB | Lynchburg | 55 | 18.5 | 18.7 | 1,432.2 | 5,593 | 4 |
| R-VA053SC00692EB | Northern Virginia | 25 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 235.1 | 165 | 1 |
| R-VA053SC00663EB | Northern Virginia | 25 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 272.1 | 708 | 1 |
| R-VA063SC00618NB | Richmond | 40 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 398.9 | 499 | 0 |
| R-VA020SC00780NB | Richmond | 25 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 428.7 | 361 | 0 |
| R-VA012SC00675EB | Richmond | 40 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 1,010.9 | 192 | 0 |
| R-VA055SC00653EB | Richmond | 35 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 582.7 | 373 | 0 |
| R-VA037SC00669NB | Richmond | 45 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 235.4 | 133 | 0 |
| R-VA055SC00635NB | Richmond | 45 | 13.2 | 13.3 | 458.0 | 838 | 0 |
| R-VA042SC00605EB | Richmond | 45 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 218.6 | 889 | 1 |
| R-VA042SC00733EB | Richmond | 45 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 513.2 | 603 | 0 |
| R-VA012SC00646NB | Richmond | 45 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1,227.6 | 283 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00046NB | Richmond | 55 | 30.4 | 30.5 | 1,762.4 | 1,933 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00045NB | Richmond | 45 | 35.0 | 35.1 | 1,057.7 | 1,081 | 0 |
| R-VA072SC00613NB | Richmond | 45 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 701.0 | 4,278 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00004NB | Richmond | 55 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 1,126.9 | 1,166 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00046NB | Richmond | 55 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 1,403.1 | 1,377 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00273NB | Richmond | 45 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1,041.4 | 4,317 | 1 |
| R-VA009SC00734NB | Salem | 30 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 464.2 | 291 | 0 |
| R-VA070SC00694EB | Salem | 25 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 281.2 | 352 | 0 |
| R-VA009SC00660NB | Salem | 35 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 177.9 | 135 | 0 |

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|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| R-VA009SC01061NB | Salem | 25 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 154.1 | 130 | 0 |
| R-VA022SC00615EB | Salem | 35 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 440.6 | 121 | 0 |
| R-VA009SC00695NB | Salem | 35 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 414.2 | 148 | 0 |
| R-VA044SC00681EB | Salem | 35 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 361.6 | 776 | 0 |
| R-VA009SC00635NB | Salem | 35 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 95.0 | 203 | 0 |
| R-VA044SC00632NB | Salem | 35 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 174.8 | 175 | 0 |
| R-VA009SC00645EB | Salem | 40 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 471.0 | 478 | 1 |
| R-VA033SC00688NB | Salem | 40 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 361.6 | 707 | 0 |
| R-VA044SC00698NB | Salem | 40 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 458.1 | 2,848 | 2 |
| R-VA SR00043NB | Salem | 55 | 55.4 | 55.5 | 372.1 | 656 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00100NB | Salem | 55 | 38.4 | 38.6 | 358.2 | 4,636 | 7 |
| R-VA SR00061EB | Salem | 55 | 40.6 | 40.8 | 2,217.6 | 562 | 0 |
| R-VA035SC00635EB | Salem | 45 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 716.1 | 822 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00311NB | Salem | 55 | 24.6 | 24.7 | 771.8 | 1,596 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00097EB | Salem | 55 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1,126.6 | 2,165 | 2 |
| R-VA SR00057EB | Salem | 55 | 41.1 | 41.3 | 1,909.8 | 2,109 | 0 |
| R-VA US00221NB | Salem | 55 | 34.4 | 34.5 | 1,868.2 | 2,494 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00057EB | Salem | 55 | 34.4 | 34.5 | 982.1 | 3,445 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00040EB | Salem | 55 | 40.3 | 40.5 | 848.6 | 6,155 | 3 |
| R-VA003SC00629NB | Staunton | 35 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 305.8 | 982 | 0 |
| R-VA021SC00601NB | Staunton | 40 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 166.6 | 1,145 | 9 |
| R-VA069SC00662NB | Staunton | 25 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 317.6 | 473 | 0 |
| R-VA007SC00635NB | Staunton | 45 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 390.4 | 959 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00252NB | Staunton | 55 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 359.3 | 519 | 0 |
| R-VA034SC00703NB | Staunton | 45 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 161.5 | 482 | 1 |
| R-VA034SC00641NB | Staunton | 45 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 390.2 | 1,347 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00311NB | Staunton | 55 | 48.8 | 48.9 | 1,091.1 | 493 | 0 |
| R-VA US00220NB | Staunton | 55 | 136.8 | 136.9 | 759.6 | 1,789 | 0 |
| R-VA US00033EB | Staunton | 55 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 1,302.0 | 1,763 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00042NB | Staunton | 55 | 214.1 | 214.2 | 686.7 | 2,623 | 1 |
| R-VA SR00253EB | Staunton | 55 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 2,291.6 | 5,781 | 1 |
| R-VA082SC00613NB | Staunton | 45 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 563.3 | 1,339 | 2 |
| R-VA SR00084EB | Staunton | 55 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 1,857.9 | 208 | 0 |
| R-VA US00220NB | Staunton | 55 | 173.9 | 174.2 | 3,182.7 | 593 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00252NB | Staunton | 55 | 19.1 | 19.3 | 859.0 | 1,283 | 0 |
| R-VA007SC00613NB | Staunton | 45 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 648.4 | 1,549 | 0 |
| R-VA SR00055EB | Staunton | 55 | 22.0 | 22.3 | 1,249.8 | 4,454 | 1 |

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