# WORK ZONE SAFETY PRESS RELEASE: OKLAHOMA

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**[Organization] Supports the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Work Zone Safety Outreach Campaign in Oklahoma**

**[City, State]** – **[Organization]** announced today it is joining efforts to help reduce large truck crashes in works zones by supporting a state-wide work zone safety outreach campaign led by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). **[Organization]** calls on all drivers to “share work zones safely” by staying alert, obeying traffic signs and allowing all vehicles extra space while driving through Oklahoma’s active work zones.

Throughout the campaign FMCSA will amplify safety messages through outlets such as billboards and audio ads, reaching commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers traveling through work zones including:

* I-40 narrowed to 1 lane near between Muldrow and Sallisaw, Sequoyah Co.
* I-40 narrowed to 2 lanes at Douglas Blvd. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co.
* I-40 will be narrowed to 1 lane in one direction at a time between US-270 and I-40
* Business in El Reno, Canadian Co.
* I-40 narrowed to 1 lane at SH-66/Airport Rd. in Weatherford, Custer, Co.
* I-40 narrowed to 1 lane at Washita River in Clinton, Custer Co.

“We are pleased to be a part of an effort to remind not only CMV drivers, but all those on Oklahoma’ roadways to slow down and pay attention when driving through work zones,” said **[spokesperson].** “There is a clear need to raise awareness on work zone safety. We’re proud of the great state of Oklahoma for many reasons–but we still need everyone to do their part to prevent roadway crashes.”

Oklahoma ranks ninth in the U.S. for fatal crashes involving CMVs in work zones. Additionally, according to the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse, in 2019 32% of work zone fatalities involved a CMV driver. These are just a few statistics showing the importance of work zone safety outreach efforts in Oklahoma, for the collective effort to reduce work zone crashes and save lives.

For more information on work zone safety, visit the campaign [website](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ourroads/work-zone-safety-shareable-material).

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