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Travelling through temporary speed restrictions

This information has been prepared to inform Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators about changes of travelling through temporary speed restrictions.

During a temporary speed restriction on affected portions of track, temporary speed restriction signs are placed on the Network in accordance with *NSG 604 Indicators and signs* and *NPR 713 Placing temporary speed signs*.

Rail traffic stopping at platforms between the WARNING and CAUTION signs have been found to be a distraction to Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators, causing:

- over speeding through degraded infrastructure
- unnecessary cautious travel leading up to the speed restricted area.

Trials using INTERMEDIATE WARNING signs as a final reminder to rail traffic, that a CAUTION sign is ahead, were received with significant positive feedback.

Information about the use of INTERMEDIATE WARNING signs is available on RailSafe to assist Qualified Workers.



Intermediate Warning signs

INTERMEDIATE WARNING signs have been used for the purpose of warning rail traffic of an approaching speed restriction, which have not passed the normal WARNING signs.

As an additional purpose, INTERMEDIATE WARNING signs can now be also used as a final reminder, to Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators that a CAUTION sign is ahead.



FIGURE 1: An Intermediate Warning sign indicating 1000m to Caution.

Location of Intermediate Warning Signs

INTERMEDIATE WARNING signs are located beyond the departure end of the last platform immediately before the speed restricted area.

They are placed on the left hand side of the track, in view of approaching rail traffic.

See Figure 2.

If the line is bidirectional, an additional INTERMEDIATE WARNING sign will be in place for the other running direction.

See Figure 3.

Travelling through a temporary speed restriction

The introduction of using INTERMEDIATE WARNING signs for this purpose allows Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators to:

- manage correct rail traffic speed safely and accordingly
- have confidence a final reminder is placed beyond the last point of distraction, before a CAUTION sign.



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Location of Intermediate Warning signs

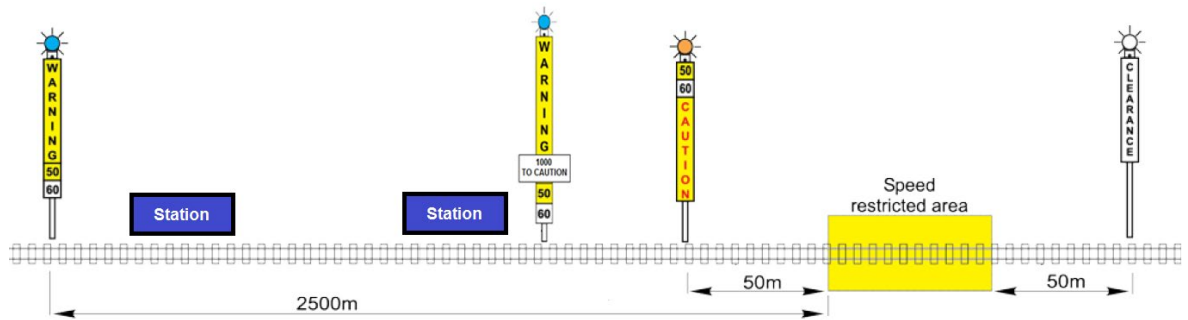


FIGURE 2: An Intermediate Warning sign is located beyond the last station stop before the Caution sign.

Location of Intermediate Warning signs on bidirectional track

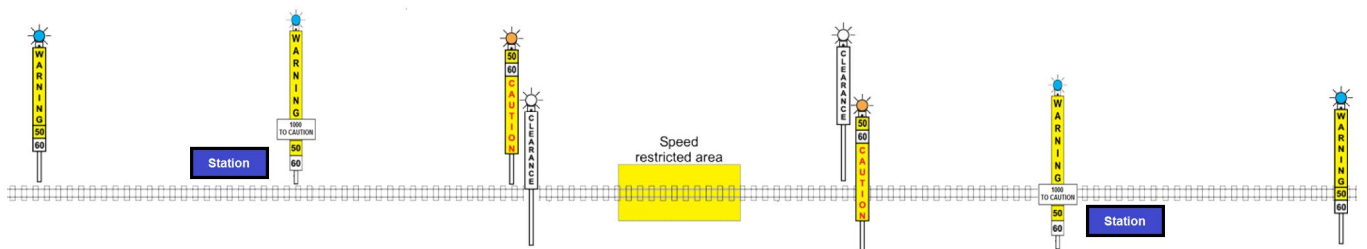


FIGURE 3: Intermediate Warning signs are located at the last station stop for both running directions on a bidirectional track.