

This is the next sign that he sees. This sign is somewhat dirty, and I deliberately show this photograph to point that out, that after a snowstorm we do get things like this. The sign is covered with dirt from the trucks passing by.

Here are two lights that flash, when they are operating, and the drawbridge sign which says it is 500 feet to the draw span. If you miss that first sign, this is your next chance.

Speed limit on the bridge is 60 miles an hour. You are traveling 88 feet a second at that speed. You have to read the sign, if you see it and you have to comprehend it. You have to understand what it means and know that there is a possibility that the drawspan may go up.

Mr. W. MAY. You have a few hundred feet.

Mr. O'HARA. 500 feet.

Mr. W. MAY. However, if the span is up and the traffic has stopped, the traffic can back up toward this sign, so he may have a lot less than a few hundred feet to stop.

Mr. O'HARA. That is correct. This can be a problem at night, as I will show you in several slides from this one. I will show you what can happen.

Here is the sign we were just talking about; beyond that at the drawbridge is the next sign. This says, "Drawbridge", and hanging over the roadway is the traffic light. If that truck had been over in the same lane as I and had been a little closer to me, I may have had difficulty seeing it.

There is no other light, other than this one, and the three other lights which are mounted on the barrier. If those three lights are flashing at the barrier and there is somebody in front of me, chances are I am not going to see them, because I am on an upgrade, and they are at the top.

