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Time consumed by distraction can result in an inability to avoid a hazard in the roadway.

When traveling at 40 mph you are moving 60 feet per second. Let's say your attention is distracted away from the roadway for 3 seconds and when you look back, all of the traffic in front of you has come to a complete stop.

- That means in 3 seconds, you traveled 180 feet;
- Another 40 feet to react to the hazard plus braking time (dependent on speed and conditions);
- This means you have traveled more than 260 feet before coming to a stop from the time you looked away;
- By the time you actually stop it may be too late to avoid the hazard.

