

Traffic Control Device: **Miscellaneous**

Division:

Subject: **Community Information Signs and Site Locations**

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Purpose

The Department of Infrastructure and Transportation provides a community services signing program, at the community's cost. Refer to Policy/Standard 100-D-5.

Larger communities may wish to supplement community services signs with special Community Information Signs and billboard type maps on specially constructed highway "turn-outs".

Policy

This is a cost shared program.

Community Eligibility - The Department will only participate in this cost shared program with communities having populations greater than 3,000.

Cost Sharing - The Department will assume all of the following costs, and provide the following services:

- all engineering design and construction supervision (earth embankment, asphalt pavement and concrete curb and gutter)
- construction of the earth embankment and exiting/entering roadways (except pavements)
- the required summer and winter maintenance
- advance highway information signs (initial installation and ongoing maintenance)
- litter barrel and its maintenance, where installed

Note: Due to the costs of providing the above services, Department participation will normally be conditional on program approval and the availability of funds. As such, significant lead time will be required, and no assurance of program approval can be provided to applicants.

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Director, Traffic Engineering

APPROVED: "ORIGINAL SIGNED BY"
Executive Director
Highway Engineering

The applicant will assume all of the following costs and provide the following services:

- the cost of all asphalt surfacing and concrete curb and gutter
- all costs associated with the design, installation and maintenance of the on-site community information sign(s).

The applicant must obtain the approval of the Department for the design and orientation of the on-site sign structures and illumination, if provided.

Standard

Turn Outs:

- **Geometric Standards** - The geometry of the roadway turn-out must be commensurate with the Department's current geometric design practices. Actual configurations, locations, and method of construction may vary from site to site, dependent upon highway classification, right-of-way width, traffic volumes, traffic speeds, and roadway geometries. However, the minimum geometric standards must be as shown in Figure 1.
- **Locations** - Wherever possible turn-outs should be located in modified or restricted speed zones and in areas with good approach sight lines. All locations must be acceptable to the applicant and approved by the Director of Regional Operations and the Director of Traffic Engineering.
- **Surfacing Standards** - All turn-outs must have a bituminous or concrete surface on the parking areas and entering or exiting roadways. Curb and gutter must also be installed to separate the parking area from through traffic.

Advance Highway Signing - Advance highway signs will be provided and maintained by the Department in accordance with the sign system shown in Figure 2. Sign sizes will vary dependent upon the highway classification. In general, the sign system to be used will consist of an advance information sign 2 km from the turn off, and an exit direction sign at the turn off. Advance signing will be provided from one direction only.

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Other features - The map board/community information sign is the primary purpose of the highway pull out. However, other features including but not limited to the following list, may be permitted by the Director of Traffic Engineering:

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| - picnic tables | - pay telephone |
| - illumination | - information booth |
| - toilet facilities | - drinking water |
| - landscaping | - garbage container |

When installed, the above features will be provided and maintained by the applicant.

Map Board/Community Information Sign Design - To achieve the program objective, the following basic information should be provided at each site by indicating the location of the following facilities:

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| - alternate highway through routes | - arterial street system |
| - campsites | - museums |
| - tourist information centres - picnic areas | |
| - golf courses | - parks having recreational facilities |
| - civic facilities (police, auditorium, arena, city hall, etc.) | - swimming pools |
| - service stations | - restaurants |
| - hotels, motels | - shopping centres |
| - business areas | - zoos |

Other additional information such as the following, may be of interest and assistance to the motorist:

- promotion of special events (fairs, etc.)
- historical/cultural and other information about the community
- pertinent traffic by-laws, and other regulations or information respecting hours/days of operation of shopping centres, etc.

Applications and Approvals

- Applications should be forwarded to the Director of Regional Operations who will approve the installation.
- Applicants will be required to indemnify the Department against any legal action by the provision of \$2,000,000.00 liability insurance, with the Department named as additional insured in the policy.



NOTES:

- GEOMETRICS SHOWN ARE MINIMUMS
- ALL DIMENSIONS IN METRES
- STANDARD GEOMETRICS APPLICABLE TO BOTH 4 LANE DIVIDED AND 2 LANE ROADS.



1. Signs will have a white legend on brown background.
2. Legend sizes must conform to the standard sizes for the corresponding highway.
3. If community information sign does not contain a map of the community, the word 'MAP' will not be included on the advance exit sign.