Supplemental, General Service and No Services

Purpose

To define the use of supplemental, general service and no services signing on freeways.

Policy

Supplemental Guide Signing

Freeway supplemental guide signs for qualifying traffic generators must be consistent with the current adopted edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the current edition of AASHTO’s Guidelines for the Selection of Supplemental Guide Signs for Traffic Generators Adjacent to Freeways, and this policy.

1. No supplemental guide signs on freeways for qualifying traffic generators shall be installed without prior approval of the Division of Traffic and Safety (see Policy 06C-21).

2. Not more than one supplemental guide sign for a qualifying traffic generator shall be provided in each direction along any one freeway. Signs for these facilities shall be located in advance of the closest interchange that provides the most direct and best route to the facility. The signs may contain a maximum of three traffic generator destinations. In the event there are more than three qualifying destinations, the three that create the greatest traffic demand should be shown.

3. There should be a maximum of one supplemental guide sign per interchange direction.

4. Supplemental guide signing is considered supplemental to overall signing and may not be installed where insufficient longitudinal spacing exists from adjacent signing.

5. Supplemental guide signs should not be installed in advance of freeway-to-freeway interchanges.

6. Signing for qualifying traffic generators that operate seasonally may be displayed on a supplemental guide sign where the legend can be covered, folded, or otherwise not seen. The legend shall not be displayed when the generator is not open. Seasonal generators are included in the maximum of three qualifying destinations.
7. Criteria for qualifying traffic generators are found in the most recent adopted edition of the MUTCD, and the current edition of AASHTO’s Guidelines for the Selection of Supplemental Guide Signs for Traffic Generators Adjacent to Freeways. Satisfying criteria as a qualifying traffic generator shall not in itself require the generators inclusion on supplemental guide signs. Consideration for signing those facilities meeting the criteria will be based upon those providing the greatest benefit for the motorist. Preferential order for inclusion on supplemental guide signs should be:

a. Incorporated municipalities
b. Major traffic generators
c. Unincorporated areas
d. Other generators

General Services Signing

General services signing shall be in conformance with the most recent adopted edition of the MUTCD. General services signing should not be installed at locations where logo signing for the same type service is in place.

Hospital

Qualifying facilities shall be within 15 miles of the interchange.

At the crossroad near the ramp termini, a sign with the legend HOSPITAL or the H symbol with direction and optional mileage noted shall be installed.

Trailblazing signing from the interchange to the facility shall be provided by the appropriate governmental agency having jurisdiction over the route before the hospital signs are installed on the freeway.

In the event that more than one hospital is accessible from one interchange, the closest facility considered to have the best route and the least delay should be signed.

No Services Signing

At interchanges where there are no services within 15 miles of the exit, advance and exit directional guide signs shall be supplemented with a plaque bearing the legend NO SERVICES. At these exits, a sign with the legend NO SERVICES AHEAD shall be installed on the ramp near the crossroad. However, if services exist beyond 15 miles from the exit, a sign with the legend NEXT SERVICES XX MILES, with direction noted, may be installed on the ramp.
The NEXT SERVICES XX MILES sign should be installed in advance of the last location where services are available when the distance between available services is 40 miles or greater. The NEXT SERVICES XX MILES sign should be placed between the 1-Mile and the ½-Mile advance guide signs. The information may be placed as a supplemental lower panel on the advance guide signs if necessary.
Procedures
Supplemental, General Service and No Services Signing
On Freeways

Responsibility: Region Director

Actions

1. Receives request for supplemental, general service, or no services signing on a freeway.


3. Respond to requestor with determination.

4. When decision is made to proceed with sign installation(s), create work order.

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5. Log in receipt of work order.

6. Schedule material, equipment, and personnel.

7. Review field location of installation(s) with Region Traffic Engineer (if required).

8. Record installation date.

9. Maintain record of installation(s) (Policy 06C-21).