Curb and Pavement Marking for Parking Control

Purpose
Define the proper process for the Utah Department of Transportation (Department) marking curbs and pavements for parking control.

Policy
Local jurisdictions are responsible for any curb painting and pavement markings for parking control. Local jurisdictions must not place new curb painting, extend existing curb painting, install new pavement markings, or maintain existing pavement markings on state highways without Department approval. Permits must be issued by the appropriate Region office in order for the local jurisdiction to perform any such activities.

Special uses such as truck loading zones, bus and taxi zones, and passenger loading zones may be established on state highways upon written request from local authorities and approval by the Department. A Traffic Engineering Order (TEO) is required for any special use. Curbs painted for these types of special uses must be yellow and only be used in conjunction with Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) compliant signs.

Parking time restrictions may be established on state highways upon written request from the local jurisdiction and approval by the Department. A TEO is required for all non-statutory parking restrictions. The restriction will be established by MUTCD compliant signs or by the local jurisdiction installing parking meters with MUTCD compliant parking space markings. The local jurisdiction will maintain the parking space markings. Curbs in these areas will not be painted.

Red curb markings are supplemental to “No Parking” signs and may not be used without MUTCD compliant signing except in defined statutory zones. The following statutory no parking zones may be indicated by red curb markings:

a. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
b. Within 20 feet of a non-school crosswalk
c. Within 30 feet of an intersection
d. Within 20 feet of a fire station driveway
e. Within 50 feet of a railroad crossing
f. Within the prescribed areas for school crosswalks as found in Utah’s Traffic Controls for School Zones manual

g. Wherever parking would encroach upon a traffic lane with a safety need

The Department may coordinate with local jurisdiction when a location has been identified for additional parking restrictions. Parking messages cannot be stenciled or otherwise painted on curbs. Parallel parking stalls that are MUTCD compliant may be installed by local authorities with Department approval.
Responsibility: Region Director or Region Traffic Operations Engineer

Actions

1. Receive a request from a local jurisdiction to establish a special use parking zone, parking time restriction, or “No Parking” prohibition. Review request for completeness and determine if request is reasonable. Request must include a detailed location and verification that a majority of fronting property owners are in agreement with the proposed parking control and a commitment of enforcement by the local jurisdiction. Consult with the local jurisdiction if necessary.

Responsibility: Region Traffic Operations Engineer

2. Conduct field review of location as specified by the local jurisdiction.

3. Send a reply letter to the local jurisdiction stating the request is approved or not approved. Send supporting documentation with a request for a TEO to the Traffic and Safety Studies Engineer if approved.

Responsibility: Traffic and Safety Studies Engineer

4. Write cover letter and TEO and forward to the Engineer for Traffic and Safety for signature.

Responsibility: Engineer for Traffic and Safety

5. Review the documentation and recommendation of the Traffic and Safety Studies Engineer. Sign the TEO and return it to the Traffic and Safety Studies Engineer upon approval.

Responsibility: Traffic and Safety Studies Engineer

6. Make a copy of the TEO and send original to the Region Traffic Operations Engineer for execution.

Responsibility: Region Traffic Operations Engineer

7. Take appropriate steps to ensure execution of the TEO and verify completion of the TEO.
8. Notify the Traffic and Safety Studies Engineer of satisfactory completion of the TEO requirements by sending back the completed original TEO.

**Responsibility:**  Traffic and Safety Studies Engineer

9. File the completed original TEO.