Signing and Marking Design Guidelines
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Chapter 1. Introduction

These design guidelines provide standards, guidelines, and specifications that will be used for the design of traffic signing and pavement markings prepared for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). These design guidelines include a compilation of specific drafting and design standards, plan and specification presentations, and review procedures to ensure that construction documents properly convey the extent and character of work to be performed. Sound traffic engineering judgment shall be exercised in applying these guidelines. Along with the companion document on traffic signal design, these documents contain comprehensive guidelines intended to provide consistency in plans for traffic control devices.


1.1 Definitions

AASHTO “Green Book” – A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets as published by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), latest edition adopted by GDOT. Design standards outlined in this publication shall govern most geometric considerations. This publication provides guidance on the physical design of highways and streets.

Conventional Road – A street or highway other than a freeway, expressway or special purpose road.

Entrance ramp end – The point, as defined in the AASHTO “Green Book,” where the full width of the ramp entering a facility becomes less than the full lane width.

Guide signs – Show route designations, destinations, directions, distances, services, points of interest, and other geographical, recreational, or cultural information.

Interstate – A freeway (divided highway with full control of access).

MUTCD – Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Approved by the Federal Highway Administration as the national standard for the placement and standardization of all signs, signals, and markings placed on public facilities.

Non-Interstate – An expressway (a divided highway with partial control of access).

Overhead signs – Signs that are manufactured using extruded aluminum panels and are mounted over the roadway facility.

- Type I, bridge overhead sign structure – A horizontal structure that spans the roadway and is supported at each end by columns.
- Type II, cantilever overhead sign structure – A horizontal structure that is supported at one end by a single column. No new Type II structures shall be installed.
- Type III, butterfly overhead sign structure – A horizontal structure that extends in opposite directions from a single column support.
- Type IV, combination overhead sign structure – A horizontal structure with two supports, only one of which is at one end of the structure.
• **Type V, cantilever overhead sign structure** – A single, rigid, tube-type horizontal arm that is supported at one end by a single tubular support pole.

• **Type VI, bridge overhead sign structure** – A single, rigid, tube-type horizontal structure that is supported at both ends by single tubular support poles.

• **Type VII, bridge-mounted overhead sign structure** – A structural frame that is attached to a grade-separation structure. Caution is to be used in attaching signs to bridges in accordance with the February 8, 1980 memorandum from J.T. Kratzer, PE, State Bridge Engineer, to Archie C. Burnham, PE, State Traffic and Safety Engineer.

• **Type VIII, butterfly overhead sign structure** – Single rigid tube type horizontal arms extending in opposite directions from a single column support.

*Physical gore* – The point, as defined in the AASHTO “Green Book,” where the ramp intersects with the mainline facility and the pavement surface changes.

*Regulatory signs* – Give notice of traffic laws or regulations.

*Special Purpose Road* – A low-volume, low speed road that serves recreational areas or resource development activities.

*Special roadside signs* – Guide signs that are manufactured using extruded aluminum panels and that are ground-mounted.

*Theoretical gore* (“painted gore”) – The point, as defined in the AASHTO “Green Book,” where the ramp separates from the mainline facility.

*Warning signs* – Give notice of a situation that might not be readily apparent.

### 1.2 Applicable Standards and Specifications

The following specific documents will govern all work efforts:

- **GDOT Standard Specifications – Construction of Transportation Systems** – Latest edition and supplements thereto. Documents listed below provide more detail concerning specific traffic engineering design elements, but all work must be in accordance with the GDOT Standard Specifications.

- **GDOT Signing and Marking Details**

- **GDOT Standard Detail Sheets**

- **GDOT Construction Details**

- **GDOT Plans Presentation Guide (PPG)**

- **GDOT Electronic Data Guidelines (EDG)**

- **MUTCD** – Latest edition adopted by GDOT. This document shall govern those aspects of the application of all signs, signals, and pavement markings.

- **Standard Highway Signs** (Federal Highway Administration [FHWA])

- **Americans with Disabilities Act**
AASHTO “Green Book” – *A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets* as published by AASHTO, latest edition adopted by GDOT. Design standards outlined in this publication shall govern most geometric considerations. This publication provides guidance on the physical design of highways and streets.


*FHWA Work Zone Traffic Control Practices Manual*

*Roadside Design Guide*

*GDOT Design Guide*
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The following standards apply to the preparation and presentation of signing and marking plans.

2.1 Drafting Standards

Drafting standards shall follow the requirements of the EDG.

2.2 Electronic File Structure

Electronic file structure shall follow the requirements of the EDG.

2.2.1 Cell Libraries

The Office of Traffic Operations has a cell library that contains standard cells for signs and pavement marking items. The signing and marking design cell file (as well as other GDOT design cell files) is available from the GDOT ROADS web site.

2.3 Signing and Marking Plan Sheets

Prepare plan sheets to show all permanent roadway signs and pavement markings as they appear upon completion of the project. Place emphasis on designing clear directional signage, identifying roadway names, and coordinating sign placement with signal or utility poles, roadway features, structures, sight distances, and driver awareness. Signing and marking plan sheets shall be the same scale as the construction plans and should use the same match lines. Signing and marking plan sheets shall follow the requirements of the PPG.

2.3.1 Required Information

2.3.1.1 Pavement markings:

Depict and label all required pavement markings to indicate color, width, and spacing as appropriate on each sheet. While it is not necessary to label each pavement item, at least one note typically referencing the applicable standard should be placed on each sheet. Refer to the Pavement Marking Selection Chart located on page 12-1.

2.3.1.2 Raised pavement markers:

Add raised pavement marker (RPM) information to striping callout. Depict and label all RPMs to indicate color, type, and spacing as appropriate on each sheet. While it is not necessary to label each pavement item, at least one note typically referencing the applicable standard should be placed on each sheet.

2.3.1.3 Signs:

Show the location of required signs symbolically and give a representation of the sign face. Orient the symbol, sign code, and sign face to correspond to the direction of travel of the motorists for which they are intended. Reference the placement station, sign code, and size of each sign in a uniform manner throughout the plan set.
2.3.2 Sheet Layout

The signing and marking plan sheet layout shall follow the requirements of the PPG.

2.4 General Notes

The general notes for signing and marking shall be included in Section 4 General Notes of the plans. Refer to the PPG for sheet sequence.

Plans may contain the following general note sheets:

- Standard Signs General Notes
- Special Roadway Signs General Notes
- Overhead Highway Signs General Notes

2.5 Summary of Quantities Sheets

Quantities for pavement markings and signs are presented on separate sheets. Typically, the removal of pavement markings and signs is paid for as part of traffic control lump sum; therefore, it should not be in the summary of quantities unless it is a special circumstance. This is covered in Section 150 of the GDOT Standard Specifications for Construction of Transportation Systems.

The Summary of Quantities for Pavement Markings sheet lists the type and quantity for traffic stripes, raised pavement markers, arrows, words, and symbols.

The Summary of Quantities for Standard Signs sheet presents sign and sign post quantities in a tabular format. Each sign is listed separately by station and sign code. No two separate sign installations shall have the same station number. All signs should be offset by 1 foot, if necessary. There are separate columns for Type 1 and Type 2 sign material and Type 9 and Type 11 reflective sheeting material. Sign posts are separated into Type 7, 8, and 9 posts. If there is more than one sign on a post, then the post is listed in the same row as the first sign on the post.

The Summary of Quantities for Signing and Marking shall be included within the plan assembly’s summary of quantities section. Refer to the PPG for sheet sequence.

Signing and marking plans may contain the following summary of quantity sheets:

- Summary of Quantities – Pavement Markings
- Summary of Quantities – Standard Signs
- Summary of Quantities – Special Roadside Signs
- Summary of Quantities – Remove and Remount Special Roadside Signs
- Summary of Quantities – Overhead Highway Signs
- Summary of Quantities – Remove Overhead Highway Signs and Structures
- Summary of Quantities – Remove and Reset of Logo Signs
- Summary of Quantities - Delineator and Milepost
2.6  Sign Detail Sheets

Sign detail sheets shall be developed for special signs or signs with unique or non-standard legends. Sign detail sheets shall be located after the signing and marking plan sheets. Sign templates are provided in Appendix A of this document.

2.7  Clearance Diagrams

Clearance diagrams shall be developed for overhead highway signs. Clearance diagrams shall be located after signing and marking plan sheets.

Additional requirements for clearance diagrams are included in subsequent sections of this document.
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3.1 General Sign Guidelines

The following are design guidelines regarding the development of signing plans:

1. Sign sizes are determined by the roadway classification. The standard sign size (as defined in tables within in various Parts of the MUTCD and in the “Standard Highway Signs and Marking” book Section 1A.11 and 12) shall be used on two-lane and four-lane roads regardless of speed limit; on divided roads with four lanes or more and speed limits less than 50 miles per hour (mph); and on roads with five lanes or more and speed limits of 45 mph or less. With the exception of route confirmation signing, the expressway sign size is to be used on divided four-lane or more roads with speed limits of 55 mph or greater and on five-lane or more roads with speed limits greater than 50 mph. The freeway sign size is to only be used on interstates and other freeways.

2. Use standard size signage on off ramps to ramps to non-freeway facilities

3. Single-plate signs greater than 9 square feet in area and/or greater than 48 inches in width shall be erected on two posts.

4. Type 1 material is used on signs with areas less than or equal to 9 square feet, while Type 2 material is used on signs greater than 9 square feet in area and/or greater than 48 inches in width. Type 1 and Type 2 material refers to the sign blank itself. The difference between Type 1 and Type 2 material is the thickness of the sign blank (.08 inch for Type 1 and .10 inch for Type 2).

5. The second specification in the signing pay items refers to reflective sheeting. Type 9 and Type 11 is a wide-angle prismatic lens and is also referred to as very high intensity. The use of each type of reflective sheeting is defined in the following subsection.

6. Signs shall not be placed back-to-back on one post unless they are identical in size and shape.

3.2 Regulatory Signs

All red series signs (R1-1, R1-2, R1-3p, R5-1, and R5-1a) shall have Type 11 (very high intensity) reflective sheeting backgrounds. All other regulatory signs shall have Type 9 (very high intensity) reflective sheeting backgrounds unless specified otherwise.

3.2.1 Stop Signs (R1-1)

Stop signs on state routes or on roads approaching state routes should be a minimum of 36 inches in width. Stop signs of 48 inches in width should only be used based on engineering judgment on the basis of an engineering study or in accordance with traffic engineering practices.

3.2.2 Yield Signs (R1-2)

Yield signs on state routes and/or on roads approaching state routes should be a minimum of 36 inches in width on conventional roads and 48 inches in width on expressways.
3.2.3 **Speed Limit Signs (R2-1)**

Speed limits on non-interstate roads should be confirmed after every junction with a numbered (state or U.S.) route. In rural areas in the absence of junctions with numbered routes, speed limits are to be confirmed at a maximum 5 mile interval, with a preferred 2 mile interval and at political boundaries. In more developed or higher vehicular volume areas, this interval should be reduced to a 2 mile interval. Speed limit signs are also placed at speed limit changes.

3.2.4 **Right (Left) Lane Must Turn Right Signs (R3-7)**

Right Lane Must Turn Right signs should be used when the right turn lane drops (trap lane). Left Lane Must Turn Left signs should be used when the left lane drops only. Refer to Section 2B.19.05 of the 2009 MUTCD edition.

3.2.5 **Keep Right Signs (R4-7)**

R4-7 signs (Keep Right) should be installed only at the beginning of a physical median (raised or depressed) and on raised medians only when the median width (face-of-curb to face-of-curb distance) is 4 feet or greater. Install ten (10) feet behind nose. Refer to Figure B-1 in Appendix B.

3.2.6 **Do Not Enter Signs (R5-1)**

R5-1 signs (Do Not Enter) should be placed on the outside shoulder and should not be placed more than 50 feet from the median nose station measured along the roadway. Other locations are approximate.

Oversized (48” x 48”) signs should be used at the end of off-ramps to deter wrong way drivers from accessing the roadway in the wrong direction. The mounting height should be between three and four feet (MUTCD, Section 2B.41 Par 6).

3.2.7 **Wrong Way Signs (R5-1a)**

R5-1a signs (wrong way) should be placed on median divided roadways 200 feet from R5-1 (do not enter) signs.

3.2.8 **Divided Highway Crossing Signs (R6-3)**

R6-3 signs (divided highway crossing) should be used under R1-1 signs only on divided roadways. R6-1 signs (one way) should be used on all divided roadways with medians that are greater than 30 feet wide. Divided roadways with medians less than 30 feet wide should not include R6-1 signs. See Figures 2B-15 and 2B-16 of the 2009 MUTCD.

3.2.9 **State Line Signing**

Specific signs and sign sequences are required on all roadways entering the state. Refer to Figure 3-1 in Appendix F for all signs and sign installation order that shall be installed on expressways and conventional roadways. Contact GDOT Office of Traffic Operations for freeway (limited access) roadway signage.

3.2.10 **Selective Exclusion Signs (R5-10a)**

R5-10a signs shall be added to the right shoulder of all interstate and major freeway on-ramps.
3.3 Warning Signs

All warning signs on State Routes shall have Type 11 (very high intensity) reflective sheeting backgrounds and shall be a minimum of 36 inches. The setback distance for intersection warning signs shall be as recommended in the 2009 MUTCD, Table 2C-4. This distance shall be measured from either the radius point of the crossroad or the stopping point (stop bar) when there is no deceleration lane. When turn lanes are present, intersection advance warning signs shall be placed a minimum of 150’ in advance of the beginning of the taper(s).

3.3.1 W3-1 and W3-3

W3-1 and W3-3 signs may be measured from the intersection stopping point (stop bar).

3.3.2 W3-5

W3-5 signs may be used in conjunction with speed limit reductions and shall be placed in accordance with section 2B.13 of the 2009 MUTCD.

Guidance for the curve ahead can be found in the 2009 MUTCD, Table 2C-5 (Horizontal Alignment Sign Selection).

3.3.3 Road Name Signs Used in Conjunction with Warning Signs (W16-8)

These signs are supplemental to warning signs and shall have yellow reflectorized backgrounds with black legends, borders, and symbols.

W16-8 signs (road name signs) shall be used in rural areas when the side road has a local name only. County road numbers shall not be used on W16-8 road name signs. W16-8 signs shall be installed below the W2-X (advance intersection warning) sign or the W3-3 (signal ahead) sign (when used). W16-8A shall be used for locations with two different named roads with arrows pointing to side.

Four-inch lettering should be used on all conventional W16-8 signs and six-inch lettering should be used on expressway signage with the first letter upper case and the remaining letters lower case. The maximum width of the sign is recommended to be within 10% of the advanced warning sign width. Refer to Table 2C-2 (page 107) Figure 2C-12 (page 132) MUTCD.

3.3.4 Bicycle Warning Signs (W11-1)

Bicycle warning signs should be placed on roadways intersecting those that have bicycle facilities, i.e. bike lanes or shoulders as depicted in Appendix C.

3.3.5 Share the Road Signs (W16-1)

The share the road sign is used in conjunction with the W11-1P warning sign. The “bikes may use full lane” (R4-11) sign, described in Section 3.3.6, is preferred, rather than the “share the road” (W16-1P) sign. The “bikes may use full lane” sign more clearly communicates the proper interaction of motorists and bicyclists on the roadway. The “share the road” sign may be implemented in very rural areas where motorists typically travel at speeds greater than 40mph or areas with inadequate sight distance to serve as a warning of bicyclists on the roadway. The “share the road” sign should not be used on roads with dedicated bicycling facilities such as striped bicycle lanes, protected
bicycle lanes, or paved bikable shoulders (shoulders with at least 4-ft of smooth paved surface not interrupted by rumble strips. Roadways where paved shoulders or bicycle lanes are present will not be considered unless a special safety or road courtesy problem exists.

3.3.6 Bikes May Use Full Lane Signs (R4-11)

The “bikes may use full lane” is appropriate for alerting motorists to the lawful position of bicyclists in their line of travel. It is lawful for bicyclists to travel on all non-limited access roadways in Georgia; the use of the “bikes may use full lane” sign brings added attention in locations that meet any of the criteria listed below. An optional placard reading “change lanes to pass” is appropriate on roadways where a motorist must change lanes in order to give the lawful 3-ft of passing clearance and is on a multilane roadway. Similar to the “share the road” sign, the “bikes may use full” sign should not be used on roads with dedicated bicycling facilities such as striped bicycle lanes, protected bicycle lanes, or paved bikable shoulders (shoulders with at least 4-ft of smooth paved surface not interrupted by rumble strips). Roadways where paved shoulders or bicycle lanes are present will not be considered unless a special safety or road courtesy problem exists.

Signs should be considered for installation at locations that meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Where there is significant bicycle traffic (where motorists are likely to pass one or more bicyclists at least every three miles during peak traffic hours).
- After a bike lane ends and bicyclists and motorists enter a shared lane situation.
- On stretches of road that are used to connect two sections of a shared use path.
- Roadway sections with a significant history of bicycle crashes.
- Where there is a documented conflict or courtesy problem between motor vehicles.
- Where there are gaps in paved shoulders or where shoulder width is reduced.
- Where curb lane widths are narrower than 12’ for multi-lane roadways, or narrower than 14’ for 2-lane roadways.

3.4 Guide Signs

3.4.1 Route Markers

Route markers are either 24 inches in width (one- or two-digit numbers) or 30 inches in width (three-digit numbers) on all roads, except on limited-access roads, where they are either 36 inches in width (one- or two-digit numbers) or 45 inches in width (three-digit numbers). Cardinal direction signs are 24 inches in width on all roads, except on limited-access roads, where they are 30 inches in width.

When more than one type of route marker is used within an assembly, the order of preference is interstate, U.S., state (left to right, top to bottom). Within the same classification of route marker, the order of preference is from lowest number to highest number.

3.4.1.1 Placement Guidelines

Routes shall be confirmed after every junction with a numbered (state or U.S.) route. In rural areas in the absence of junctions with numbered routes, the routes are to be confirmed at a
maximum 5-mile interval and a preferred 2-mile interval. In more developed or higher vehicular
volume areas, this interval should be reduced to a 2 mile interval.

**Figure 3-2, Figure 3-3, and Figure 3-4** provide typical route signing through different cases of
intersecting routes. These figures show four-lane divided roads, but they also apply to two-lane
roads. “Overhead span wire” signs should be used on approaches of all multilane state route
approaches to other state routes. The use of overhead signs may eliminate the need for some
shoulder mounted signs. See section 3.6.

### 3.4.1.2 Mile Post Signing

Mile Post signs shall be confirmed at 1-mile intervals. In areas where roads are barrier
separated, Mile Post signs shall be confirmed at 0.2 miles intervals.

### 3.4.2 Political Boundary Signs

Political boundary signs, I-2, shall consist of a single City or County name on each sign or one sign
blank with a separation line when the City Limits and the County Line are at the same location.

### 3.4.3 Directional Signs for Recreation and Cultural Interest Areas

Directional signs that are recreationally or culturally oriented shall have Type 9 (very high intensity)
brown reflectorized backgrounds with white reflectorized legends, borders, and symbols.

#### 3.4.3.1 Memorial or Dedication Signs

Memorial or dedication sign shall follow the same design guidelines as the I-3 Information signs.
Signs shall have a Type 9 (very high intensity) brown reflectorized background with white
reflectorized legend and borders.

### 3.4.4 Tourist-Info Visitor Center

Directional signs used for tourist-oriented purposes shall have blue Type 9 (very high intensity)
reflectorized backgrounds with white reflectorized legends, borders, and symbols. Per 2009
MUTCD, Section 2K on page 320.

### 3.4.5 Public Interest Open House (PIOH) Signs

Information on PIOH signs should be limited to the following:

- GDOT Public Meeting
- Project Location/ PI #
- Project Type
- Meeting Time and Location

Signs shall have Type 9 (very high intensity) white reflectorized background with black legend and
borders. Text should be 3" in height typically and increased to 5" on roadways with a speed limit
greater than 45 mph. Signs should be limited to two (2) sign posts. Signs shall be placed on their
own sign posts, independent of any additional signs, proposed or existing.
3.4.6 Lettering Guidelines

For non-interstate signs, there shall not be more than a one-series difference between legends within a sign (i.e., use Series D and C, not Series D and B).

Spacing shall not be reduced by more than 30%.

The most recent GDOT-approved software program shall be used for all sign designs.

3.5 School Zone and Pedestrian Crossing Signs

All school zone signs (S1-1, S2-1, S3-1, S4-3, S4-5 and the top portion of S5-1) and pedestrian crossing signs (W11-2) shall have Type 11 (very high intensity) fluorescent yellow-green (FYG) reflective sheeting backgrounds. All regulatory signs placed as part of the school zone signing shall have Type 9 (very high intensity) reflective sheeting backgrounds of the appropriate color.

3.6 Overhead Signs

Overhead signs shall be used whenever there are multiple turn lanes in any one direction (dual left-turn lanes or dual right-turn lanes). On state routes, U.S. routes, or interstate ramps, overhead span wire signs should be used on the approaches of multilane state route approaches to other state routes.

Overhead signs may be used in other situations based upon engineering judgment. If overhead signs are used, some shoulder-mounted post signs can be omitted. See Overhead Signing Detail (Figure 3-9) for proper placement on the span wire.

Overhead Street Name signs shall be composed of initial upper & lower case letters, 11 inches in height, on 18 inch sign blank without a border. Signs shall have 2.5 inch spacing on top and 4.5 inch spacing on bottom. The total length of sign should not exceed 120 inches.

Typical sign installations on surface streets will be post-mounted in accordance with the MUTCD. The following is a list of situations that may warrant the installation of overhead signing instead of a post-mounted sign, but each individual occurrence must be properly studied and concurrence received from the General Office of Traffic Operations before a final determination is made:

- Traffic volumes at or near capacity
- Complex intersection and/or signalization design
- Three or more traffic lanes in each direction
- Restricted sight distance
- Closely spaced intersections
- Interstate exit ramps
- High percentage of truck traffic
- Very high travel speeds
- Insufficient space for ground signs
- Dropping a through lane as a turn-only lane
All overhead span wire signs shall have Type 9 (very high intensity) reflective sheeting. Strain poles for overhead span wire signs shall be shown on construction and utility plan sheets with station & offset in accordance with the EDG.

It is recommended that the levels for drainage and utilities be turned on temporarily while placing strain poles to minimize conflicts.

### 3.7 Sign Posts

#### 3.7.1 Description

Type 7, 8, and 9 sign posts are square tube posts. Type 8 posts are larger than Type 9 posts. Type 9 posts are larger than Type 7 posts. Only Type 8 posts may be installed on a breakaway sign support. For reference, see Construction Detail T-3A and T-3B.

#### 3.7.2 Wind Loads

The primary factor in selecting the appropriate type of post is the amount of resistance required to withstand the applied wind load. Use Construction Detail T-3A and T-3B to select the proper square tube post.
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To provide for proper spacing between signs and to provide consistent information to the motoring public, a standard sequence and spacing are desirable when exiting and entering an interstate or other limited-access facility. It is desirable to locate signs at a minimum 800 feet apart; however, because of physical constraints, this may not be possible. As a minimum, the designer should maintain spacing at 500 feet between signs.

4.1 Exit Signing

The timely display of information provides the road user exiting a limited-access facility with critical information to make a decision without being confused. The MUTCD classifies interchanges as follows:

Major interchanges – Subdivided into two categories: (a) interchanges with other expressways or freeways; or (b) interchanges, other than those named in (a), with high-volume multilane highways, principal urban arterials, and major rural routes where the volume of interchanging traffic is heavy or includes many road users unfamiliar with the area.

Intermediate interchanges – Interchanges with urban or rural routes not in the category of major or minor interchanges as defined herein.

Minor interchanges – Interchanges with local, very light traffic, such as interchanges with land service access roads. Where the sum of exit volumes is estimated to be lower than 100 vehicles per day in the design year, the interchange is classified as minor.

For major interchanges, two advance guide signs shall be used, but three signs are preferred. Placement should be at 2 miles, 1 mile, and 0.5 mile in advance of the theoretical gore of the exit when three signs are used. When only two advance guide signs are used, they shall be placed 1 mile and 0.5 mile in advance of the theoretical gore of the exit.

For intermediate and minor interchanges, two advance guide signs should be used. Placement should be at 1 mile and 0.5 mile from the theoretical gore of the exit.

All interstates with three or more lanes in each direction require overhead guide signs. All interstates with four or more lanes in each direction require signs to be placed over travel lanes.

All interchanges require an overhead exit guide sign placed at the theoretical gore of the exit ramp. Figure 4-1 indicates the locations of the required exit signs.

Rest areas require only one advanced exit sign placed 1 mile in advance of the theoretical gore of the ramp. An exit gore sign is required at the physical gore of the exit ramp.

All signing in a given direction should display destinations in order with the closest destination listed first. If the destinations include a road, the road should be listed first on the signs.

For interchanges where it is desirable to indicate more than two destinations, a supplemental sign may be used. Supplemental guide signs should be located between the 0.5-mile and 1-mile exit signs.
The use of other signs within the exit sign sequence is to be avoided unless the signs are political boundary signs or required regulatory signs, warning signs, or logo signs. When possible, logo signs should be placed before the 1-mile sign (see Section 11).

The default background color for all guide signs is green. For guide signs that are clearly associated with cultural and recreational destinations, the background shall be brown. Interstate shields and guide signs for evacuation routes shall have a blue background. In addition, information signs concerned with road user services shall have a blue background. These signs include ride share, 511, hospital, rest area, dial 911, and tourist information signing. These signs shall have Type 9 (high intensity) Reflective Sheeting. Refer to Color Code per 2009 MUTCD, Section 1A.12.

**Color Code**

A. Black—regulation  
B. Blue—road user services guidance, tourist information, and evacuation route  
C. Brown—recreational and cultural interest area guidance  
D. Coral—unassigned  
E. Fluorescent Pink—incident management  
F. Fluorescent Yellow-Green—pedestrian warning, bicycle warning, playground warning, school bus and school warning  
G. Green—indicated movements permitted, direction guidance  
H. Light Blue—unassigned  
I. Orange—temporary traffic control  
J. Purple—lanes restricted to use only by vehicles with registered electronic toll collection (ETC) accounts  
K. Red—stop or prohibition  
L. White—regulation  
M. Yellow—warning

### 4.2 Post-Interchange Sequence Signing

If an interchange is for new traffic that is entering the facility, the sign sequence must identify the route and speed limit. Interchanges associated with traffic that is continuing on the facility (e.g., rest areas, weigh stations) do not require a post-interchange sign sequence. The standard sequence of signs to be provided is described below and is shown in Figure 4-2.

**Merge Sign** – If the entrance ramp is a non-continuing lane, the merge sign shall be a W4-1X (48), where the X shall be either R (for right) or L (for left) depending on the side of the mainline road on which the ramp is located. The W4-1X (48) sign shall be located 500 feet in advance of the physical gore of the entrance ramp. The W4-5 sign shall be used on entrance ramps when the mainline W4-1 is not visible from the ramp.

**Added Lane Sign** – If the entrance ramp is a continuing lane, the added lane sign shall be a W4-3X (48), where the X shall be either R (for right) or L (for left) depending on the side of the mainline road on which the ramp is located. The W4-3X(48) sign shall be located as close as possible to the physical gore of the entrance ramp and where the sign may be viewed by both mainline and
entrance ramp traffic. The W4-6 sign shall be used on entrance ramps when the mainline W4-3 sign is not visible from the ramp.

*Route Confirmation Sign* – The route shield(s) and direction(s) should be indicated 500 feet beyond the end of the entrance ramp.

*Speed Limit Sign* – The speed limit sign should be placed 1,000 feet beyond the route confirmation sign. Refer to [GA CODE § 40-6-181](#).

*Minimum Speed Sign* – The minimum speed sign should be placed 1,000 feet beyond the speed limit sign (when used).

*Distance Sign* – As an option, a distance sign may be used that gives the distance to the next exit and a control city. This sign should be located 1,000 feet beyond the speed limit sign in place of the minimum speed sign. The mileage shall be the distance to the center of the destination. Any destinations listed on the sign other than the control city shall be associated with the next exit.

In locations with closely spaced interchanges, the post-interchange sequence may have to be altered or eliminated because of exit signing for the next interchange.

### 4.3 Mile Post Signs

D10-4 signs should be placed every 1 mile. D10-5 signs should be placed every 0.2 mile in areas where barrier medians exist.

### 4.4 Political Boundary Signs

Political boundary signs on the interstate are required at the boundary of political entities (county and city). These signs must be placed as close to the actual boundary as possible and shall have a green background. If the political entity has a speed detection permit, then an I550-1 sign (speed checked by detection devices) is required and should be located 500 feet beyond the political boundary sign (see Figure 4-3).

#### 4.4.1 Specialty Signs for Champion Signs

Recommend signs to be cluster together at or near the political boundary outside the shoulder points vs. spread out along the roadside.

### 4.5 Waterway Signs

Signs indicating waterways shall be posted only if the waterway is located on the state map. These signs shall have a green background and shall be placed immediately prior to the waterway crossing. Refer to 2009 MUTCD, Figure 2H-1.

### 4.6 Hospital Signs

Hospital signs are supplemental guide signs and shall have a blue background. Placement of these signs shall be in accordance with GDOT’s Policy and Procedures (P&P) 6775-1.
4.7 Bridge Caution Signs

W8-13 signs (bridge ices before road) shall be located 500 feet in advance of any bridge structure.

4.8 No Trucks Over 6 Wheels Allowed in Left X Lanes Signs

R554-X signs (no trucks over 6 wheels allowed in left X lanes) are standard regulatory signs that are attached to overhead road bridge structures. The value of X is determined by subtracting 2 from the number of lanes (including a high-occupancy vehicle lane if present).

4.9 Truck Use I-285

The R554-11 sign (all thru trucks over 6 wheels must use I-285) is a standard regulatory sign that is attached to overhead road bridge structures (see Figure 4-4).

4.10 Emergency Parking Only Signs

R8-4 signs (emergency parking only) are standard regulatory signs that should be posted at 8- to 10-mile intervals.

4.11 Up to $1,200 Fine for Throwing Trash on Highway Signs

R553-1 signs (up to $1,200 fine for throwing trash on highway) are standard regulatory signs that should be posted at 8- to 10-mile intervals and at the state boundary (see Figure 4-6).

4.12 Slower Traffic Keep Right Signs

R4-3 signs (slower traffic keep right) are standard regulatory signs that should be posted at 6- to 8-mile intervals. This sign is to be posted on the left side of the road (in the median).

4.13 Keep Off Median Signs

R11-1 signs (keep off median) are standard regulatory signs that should be posted at 6- to 8-mile intervals in areas where there is a grassed median. This sign is to be posted on the left side of the road (in the median).

4.14 Reduced Speed Ahead Signs

W3-5 signs (reduced speed ahead) shall be posted in advance of speed limit reductions, per MUTCD.

4.15 Overhead Regulatory Signs

R570-1 & 570-2 (move over…) signs, and R570-3 & 570-4 (move accidents…) signs should be posted at approximately 20-mile intervals and at the state boundary. Refer to Figure 4-5 and Figure 4-6 in Appendix F.
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Chapter 5. Specific Sign Sequencing for Particular Applications

The sequence and spacing of signs for specific applications are defined and should be adhered to using sound engineering judgment. These particular applications are lane reduction, lane drop (continuous lane), and lane drop (auxiliary lane).

5.1 Lane Reduction for Interstates

The lane reduction application is used for ending a lane between interchanges. See Figure 5-1R for a right-lane drop and Figure 5-1L for a left-lane drop. These figures indicate the four warning signs, the sign spacing, and the pavement marking spacing required. The signs are:

- W20-5AX (0.5 mile) – Right/left lane ends in 0.5 mile
- W20-5AX (1500 FT) – Right/left lane ends in 1,500 feet
- W9-1X – Right/left lane ends
- W4-2X – Graphical right/left lane ends

5.2 Lane Reduction for Conventional Roads

If there is insufficient room for all three lane width transition signs, omit the W9-2 sign. If there is insufficient room for the remaining two lane width transition signs, use the W4-2 sign only. The lane reduction signing requirements are shown on Figure B-1.

5.3 Lane Drop – Continuous to Exit Lane

The lane drop – continuous to exit lane application is used for ending a lane as part of an exit where the lane has been continuous prior to the exit. Figure 5-2 indicates the specific signs and the sign and pavement marking spacing required. The only sign required other than the exit signing is the R3-8 Sign.

5.4 Lane Drop – Auxiliary Lane

The lane drop – auxiliary lane application is used for ending a lane as part of an exit where the lane has not been continuous prior to the exit. Figure 5-3 indicates the specific signs and the sign and pavement marking spacing required. The only sign required other than the exit signing is the R3-8 Sign.

5.5 Lane Drop – Drop Option

The lane drop – drop option application is used for ending a lane as part of an exit when a second exit lane has the option of exiting. Figure 5-4 indicates the specific signs required.

5.6 Lane Drop – Drop Option Auxiliary Lane

The lane drop – auxiliary lane application is used for ending a lane as part of an exit where the lane has not been continuous prior to the exit and a second exit lane has the option of exiting.
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6.1 General

Standard signs are mounted on square tube sign posts (Type 7, Type 8, or Type 9). Figure 4-5, Figure 4-6, and Figure 6-1 show the details of Georgia-specific signs.

The area (square footage) of the sign determines the type of sign material that is used for each sign. If the area exceeds 9 square feet, Type 2 sign material is required. For any sign with an area less than or equal to 9 square feet, Type 1 sign material may be used.

Design plans must specify the number, type, length, and spacing of sign posts for standard signs. Detail T-03a provides a chart for the selection of the number and type of sign posts. To use the chart, the width, height, area, and mounting height of the sign must be known. Details for mounting a single sign support are also shown on Detail T-03a. Detail T-02 shows the details for mounting signs using a breakaway support. Detail T-01 shows the standard signs and the mounting holes in the sign blanks.

The design plans identify the locations of standard signs to be installed with the station number, sign code, and sign template with no dimensions. No two signs shall have the same station number. The locations of standard signs that shall be removed are indicated by the sign template with no dimensions, the station number, and the note “REMOVE HIGHWAY SIGN, STANDARD X EACH.” Existing standard signs that shall remain are shown with the sign template with no dimensions and the note “RETAiN IN PLACE.”

The removal of signs is normally paid for as part of clearing and grubbing. If a sign is to be retained, the pay item to “Remove” the sign should be used and the sign replaced as new to ensure the current retro-reflectivity sheeting and latest design layout is used.

Examples of the summary of quantities sheets are provided in Appendix D.

Examples of the general notes sheets are provided in Appendix E.
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7.1 General

Sign detail layouts are provided for specific applications. The length of the legend should be calculated for each sign by using the most recent GDOT-approved software. Sign measurements shall be in 6-inch increments.

Table 7-1 shows the border and radius requirements for all sign layouts.

Table 7-1: Border and Radius Requirements

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*Signs 5’-6” to 7’-0” in height with 10” or 12” capital letters or 13.33” upper case/10” lower case and greater letters shall have 2” borders.

Sign layouts for specific signs are detailed in figures as shown below.

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Appendix A provides details and use of the layout. The signs are grouped by categories of advance exit signs, intermediate exit signs, exit signs, destination signs, and political boundary signs. This includes:

- Exit numbering – Numbered or unnumbered
- Mounting – Overhead or ground
- Sign sequence position – Advance, intermediate, or exit
- Exit lane arrangement – Normal, one lane continuous, one lane continuous with an optional lane, two or more lanes continuous
- Number of destination lines on the sign – One, two, or three
- Exit route shields and directions – Interstate shield, U.S. or Georgia route shield, cardinal directions
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Chapter 8. Special Roadside Signs Interstates/Freeways

8.1 General

Special roadside signs are ground-mounted signs that require extruded aluminum panels. Typical special roadside signs include destination signs, political boundary signs, exit gore signs, and supplemental guide signs. Use Detail T-3B to select the proper square tube posts and footings. Advanced exit signs and exit signs are also classified as special roadside signs if the facility is two lanes or less.

The height, width, and cross section of the sign are used to calculate the foundation and structural shape posts needed. The information can be calculated by using current GDOT standards referenced as:

#9054A: Erection and Foundation Details for Special Roadside Signs, Breakaway Type Posts
#9054B: Erection and Foundation Details for Special Roadside Signs, Breakaway Type Posts
#9054C: Erection and Foundation Details for Special Roadside Signs, Breakaway Type Posts

Only structural steel shape or square tube posts shall be used. The post length is a function of the height of the sign and the cross-section slope. Standard 9054A indicates that the bottom of the sign should be at least 7 feet above the outside normal edge of pavement. In addition, no portion of the sign shall be less than 2 foot above the ground.

Special roadside signs with structural shape posts have a foundation that requires concrete. The amount of concrete is dependent on the foundation type, post size(s), and depth of the foundation. Table 8-1 provides calculations for the amount of concrete. D is the depth of the footing.

The locations of special roadside signs to be installed are identified on the plans with the station number, special sign number, and sign template with overall sign dimensions. The special sign number is a unique number assigned to all special roadside signs that are removed or installed. This number is in station order and requires that all signs with the same size and legend have the same number. The sign number is unique to each type of sign. Special roadside signs are defined with a two-digit number.
Table 8-1: Class A Concrete for Special Roadside Signs

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#### 8.2 Placement

The locations of special roadside signs to be removed are shown on the plans with the station number, sign template with no dimensions, special sign number, and the following note: “REMOVE HIGHWAY SIGN SPECIAL ROADSIDE, X EACH,” where X is the number of signs to be removed. Special roadside signs that shall be left are noted with “RETAIN IN PLACE.”

The following are common pay items associated with special roadside signs:

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<td>GALV STEEL STR SHAPE POST</td>
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<td>PILING IN PLACE, SIGNS, STEEL H, HP 12 X 53</td>
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Each special roadside sign to be installed requires a layout showing the details of that sign with all of the dimensions. These are provided on Details of Special Roadside Signs sheet(s). The Special Roadside Signs General Notes are required.

- An example of the Summary of Quantities for Special Roadside Signs to be installed sheet and Summary of Quantities, Remove and Remount Special Roadside Signs is provided in Appendix D.
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Chapter 9. Overhead Highway Signs/Structures - Contents
Chapter 9. Overhead Highway Signs/Structures

9.1 General

Overhead highway signs are signs that are mounted over the roadway on overhead highway sign structures. All advance exit signs and exit signs on facilities that have three lanes or more in one direction shall be installed overhead. In addition, the “no trucks over six wheels in left X lane(s)” sign (R554-X, Figure 7-1) is mounted on bridges or other structures as an overhead sign. Refer to section 4.15.

Approval from the State Bridge Design Engineer is required before attaching sign(s) to a bridge.

9.2 Placement

Advance exit signs may be mounted on Type I, Type III, or Type VII sign structures. Type I or Type VII structures are required if the advance exit sign is for an exit-only lane. Type I structures are required for all signs that contain arrows. All structures require barrier or guardrail protection.

All interstates with three or more lanes in each direction require overhead guide signs. All interstates with four or more lanes in the direction of travel require guide signs to be placed over the travel lane.

Each overhead sign requires a clearance diagram that indicates the relative position of each sign and the position of the structure with relationship to the roadway cross section. The clearance diagram also indicates the layout of each overhead sign, including all dimensions. Type I structures require that the entire width of the roadway be shown with future signs. See Section 10 for more information on clearance diagrams.

All overhead signs on a single structure should be the same height with the exception of general information or regulatory signs such as Rest Area or an R554-X. A minimum 1-foot horizontal spacing shall be maintained between each sign.

The locations of overhead signs to be installed are identified on the plans with the station number or mile post, special overhead sign number, sign template with overall sign dimensions, and a note indicating the structural support number and structure type. The special overhead sign number is a unique number assigned in station order to each special overhead sign that is removed or installed. If the sign is removed with the sign structure, then no special overhead sign number is assigned. The sequence of sign numbers for overhead signs should begin with a sequence that is not used by the special roadside signs. For example, if there are less than 100 numbered special roadside signs, the overhead sign numbers should begin with 101.

The structural support number combines an alphabetic code for the direction and facility with the milepost location in tenths of a mile. See Figure 9-1 for Overhead Sign Structure Numbering. For example, I-95 southbound uses the alphabetic code of HH, so an overhead structure located at milepost 67.5 on I-95 southbound becomes structure number HH0675. The note for the location of new overhead signs and structure should be “STRUCTURAL SUPPORT #XYYY TYPE Z STRUCTURE REQUIRED,” where X = alphabetic code for facility and direction, YYY = milepost location in tenths of a mile, and Z = type of overhead sign structure.
The locations of overhead signs to be removed as part of a sign structure are shown on the plans with the station number, sign template with no dimensions, and the following note: “REMOVE STRUCTURAL SUPPORT #XYYYY, TYPE Z – LUMP.”

Removal shall include the following:

- Removing structure, complete, from STA. \textit{AAAA}+\textit{AA}, \textit{I-BB} \textit{CBL} (including removal of concrete footing to a depth of 1 foot below the existing ground line)

- Disposing of sign and structure by the contractor, unless specified otherwise in the plans.

Where:

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{X} – Alphabetic code for the interstate facility and direction
  \item \textit{Y} – Milepost for the location in tenths of a mile
  \item \textit{Z} – Overhead sign structure type
  \item \textit{A} – Station number
  \item \textit{B} – Number of the interstate facility
  \item \textit{C} – Cardinal direction of the facility
\end{itemize}

The following are common pay items associated with overhead signs and structures.

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An example of the \textbf{Summary of Quantities for Overhead Highway Signs} is provided in Appendix D.
Chapter 10. Clearance Diagrams for Overhead Signs - Contents

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Chapter 10. Clearance Diagrams for Overhead Signs

10.1 General

Clearance diagrams are required for all overhead signs. The length of the legend should be calculated for each sign using the current GDOT-approved software. Sign height measurements shall be in 6-inch increments and width measurements shall be in 1-inch measurements.

10.2 Design Elements

Critical elements on the clearance diagrams are:

- Project Number
- The location of existing guardrail or barrier wall
- The cross section of the roadway and shoulders, including the widths of paved surfaces
- The location of any proposed guardrail or median barrier to protect sign structures within the clear area that are not of breakaway construction
- The horizontal and vertical location of the signs in relation to the cross section of the roadway and lanes
- The structural support number and station number
- The sign design layout
- The design sign area (sq. ft.) for the existing structure.
- The design sign area (sq. ft.) for the proposed structure.
- The location of any footings for the sign structure
- Structure Type
- Bridge Name and Number for Type VII Bridge Attachments

The location of existing guardrail is indicated on the clearance diagram by the note “EXISTING GUARDRAIL.” The location of existing guardrail or barrier should be shown for all roadways within the clear zone of the proposed structure, including frontage roads and in medians.

Existing guardrail should be verified to meet current standards.

An example of a clearance diagram for a Type I structure is shown on Figure 10-1. New Type I structures shall be designed to accommodate maximum loading. The maximum loading (sq. ft.) can be calculated by multiplying the width of the roadway plus half of each shoulder by maximum height of 22 feet. Maximum loading shall be included in the Design Data table as Design Sign Area on the clearance diagrams. Figure 10-2 shows an example of a clearance diagram for a Type III structure. The maximum sign width shall be 25 feet for Type III structures. Figure 10-3 is an example of a clearance diagram for a Type I structure with a concrete median barrier. Figure 10-4 is an example of a clearance diagram for a Type VII structure.

The placement of guardrail and barrier wall must also be shown on the plan view of the plans. The placement must be in accordance with GDOT standards. The GDOT standard for a median barrier is Standard 4940, CONCRETE BARRIER. Construction details for Type 26 and 26S median barriers with sign supports can be obtained by contacting the Office of Design Policy and Support.

The Overhead Highway Signs General Notes shall be included in Section 4 of the plan set.
Chapter 11. Specific Service Signs (Logo Signs) - Contents

11.1 General
Chapter 11. Specific Service Signs (Logo Signs)

11.1 General

The design and location of logo signs are not normal parts of an interstate signing project. The design and installation of logo signs are a function of Georgia Specific Service Signs, which designs, installs, and maintains these signs on the right-of-way. However, in the design of an interstate signing project, there may be conflicts with existing logo signs. As part of the interstate signing project, it is required that any logo signs that conflict with locations where a new sign is to be installed be moved and remounted. Relocation should be considered if a special roadside or overhead sign structure needs to be installed within 800 feet of the logo sign.

The GDOT Policies and Procedures (P & P) 6775-10, Standards for Signs Giving Specific Information – LOGO Business Signs, details the specific information on design and placement of logo signs. The relocation of any logo signing should be in accordance with this document. Relocation of one logo sign for an interchange may require moving other logo signs to provide for the sequence of 24-hour pharmacies, attractions, camping, lodging, food, and gas in the direction of travel.

An example of the Summary of Quantities for Removing and Resetting Logo Signs sheet is provided in Appendix D.

The following are common pay items associated with relocating logo signs.

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Designer/Contractor shall contact Georgia Logos, LLC 770-447-6399 or 1-800-783-2361 prior to the removal & replacement of LOGO signs. Replacement cost should be included in overall bid price. Existing signs shall remain during construction on a movable structure. New signs to be installed at proposed locations when construction activities conclude in the area.
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Chapter 12. Pavement Marking Designs Standards

12.1 Materials

Pavement marking material on asphalt is typically thermoplastic (preferred) or paint; however, other materials with contrast should be used on bridges and all other concrete surfaces. Widths for longitudinal lines, hatching, and stop bars are defined in the GDOT Signing and Marking Details. Striping shall be offset two (2) inches from the longitudinal joint. Pavement marking material should conform to Policies and Procedures (P&P) 6146-2 for maintenance activities.

12.1.1 Pavement Marking Selection Chart

It is the policy of the Georgia Department of Transportation to place and maintain pavement markings on the State Highway and Interstate Systems in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. This policy governs the selection and use of pavement marking materials for construction and maintenance projects on fresh pavement. See Material Compatibility Matrix to determine whether recommended materials can be used over existing markings.

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H – Paint Traffic Stripe (652),
T – Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe (653),
F – Preformed Plastic Pavement Markings (657).
P – Polyurea Traffic Stripe (658)
HT – Hot Applied Preformed Plastic Pavement Marking (659)
M – Methyl Methcrylate

1. * Contrast markings shall be used for ALL lines on PCC surfaces (includes skip and edge lines). See Detail T-11B
2. Words and symbols shall be thermoplastic (653) or preformed material (657 & 659). Raised pavement markers (654) shall be used on all roadways in all categories.
3. Preformed plastic pavement marking material should not be used on pavements with open-graded surface treatment.
12.2 Pavement Markings

12.2.1 Edge lines

Edge lines shall be placed on all paved roadways, including curb and gutter sections. When the width of a roadway with curb and gutter exceeds the normal distance from face of gutter to face of gutter for the number of travel lanes, the edge line shall be placed the appropriate distance from the centerline markings based on a lane width of 12 feet. Edge lines shall not be placed on roadways with curb and gutter if parallel or angle parking is permitted.

12.2.2 Bicycle Lanes

All pavement markings for bicycle lanes, including the edge line separating vehicular and bicycle traffic, shall be as specified in Detail **T-16**. Type 1 arrows & Type 4 symbols shall be Hot Applied Preformed Thermoplastic. Appendix C contains examples of pavement markings for bicycle lanes.

12.2.3 Crosswalks

The design of crosswalks shall be in accordance with the GDOT Specific details and MUTCD standards. It is strongly preferred for crosswalk patterns to be striped per GDOT Detail **T-11A**.

If a local government would like to stripe and maintain a crosswalk of a different pattern, it must at a minimum comply with MUTCD standards:

- All striping shall be white
- Solid white lines shall mark the crosswalk. Crosswalk lines shall not be less than 6 inches or greater than 24 inches in width.
- Either transverse or parallel lines shall be used; it is preferred by the Department for both transverse and parallel lines to be used.

Further, FHWA Ruling 3(09)-25I – Application of Colored Pavements – clearly describes acceptable and unacceptable color and pattern treatments for crosswalks. Local governments should refer to this ruling when considering designs that differ from Detail T11-1A. GDOT will assess any variations in crosswalk design in light of this ruling. GDOT is not in favor of crosswalks including graphics or elaborate designs.

The installation of crosswalks shall conform to the attached Crosswalk Guidance (Table 12-1, page 12-5) and shall be provided across paved public side roads where sidewalk exists. Contrast marking (black/white) shall be used on all concrete surfaces.

12.2.4 Borders

Borders around detail yellow striping and borders around detail white striping are included in the square yard pay item as indicated in the Construction Detail T-14. For pavement marking Detail A & B yellow & white the border is both sides of the hatching. For Detail C & D yellow & white the border is only on the travel lane side.

12.2.5 Pavement Marking “ONLY”

Pavement marking “ONLY” should be where a thru lane becomes a turn lane and where multiple adjacent left turn lanes exist as indicated in the Construction Detail T-12A.
12.2.6 Pavement Marking Arrows

Pavement marking arrows should be spaced every 100 feet (150 feet if “ONLY” words are used) as indicated in the Construction Detail T-12A.

12.2.7 Pavement Marking Shields

Pavement marking shields, when used along interstates should coincide with the location of the advance guide signs which are typically placed 1/2, 1 and 2 miles in advance of the theoretical gore. Additional pavement marking shields may be used on a case-by-case basis, using sound engineering judgement. Along arterials and collectors, the pavement marking shields should be spaced similarly to pavement marking arrows. Please refer to GDOT Construction Detail T-13D.

12.3 Raised Pavement Markers

Raised pavement markers shall be provided in the design for all new roadways and on reconstruction where new pavement marking will be provided. The GDOT Signing and Marking Details referenced above describe each type of marker and provide guidelines for the location and spacing of raised pavement markers, T-15A, 15B & 15C.

12.4 Guidance on Marking Crosswalks

This guidance is intended to address the need to provide safer pedestrian crossings on Georgia’s roads. The guidance promotes engineering strategies to decrease pedestrian injuries and fatalities. Research indicates that simply marking a crosswalk does not necessarily improve pedestrian safety, and in some situations may decrease pedestrian safety. This guidance establishes the recommended pedestrian crossing treatment for various types of roadways.

Guidance:

The following provisions for pedestrian facilities at intersections are recommended for Georgia DOT preconstruction and maintenance projects, commercial driveway, and access permits:

12.4.1 Controlled Intersections:

a. At signalized intersections, marked crosswalks should be placed across all approaches that have adequate ADA and pedestrian accommodations/displays. Limited right-of-way and other limiting factors may not allow adequate pedestrian access.

b. At all-way stops, marked crosswalks should be placed across all roads where there is sidewalk, or any evidence of pedestrian movement (such as worn paths on the roadside, transit stops, adjacent land uses that generate pedestrian trips – schools, parks, retail, dense residential development, etc).

12.4.2 Uncontrolled Intersections:

a. At uncontrolled intersections *, where only the side road is required to stop or yield, marked crosswalks should be placed across all side roads where there is sidewalk, or any evidence of pedestrian movement (such as worn paths on the roadside, transit stops, adjacent land uses that generate pedestrian trips – schools, parks, retail, dense residential development, etc).
b. At uncontrolled locations*, see Table 12-1, marked crosswalks and/or additional crossing enhancements should be placed across the state route or main route in accordance with Table 12-1.

c. Marked crosswalks may be used at non-signalized street crossing locations in designated school zones to delineate preferred pedestrian paths across roadways. Use of adult crossing guards, school signs and markings, and/or traffic signals with pedestrian signals (when warranted) should be considered in conjunction with the marked crosswalk, as needed.

d. Crosswalks and pedestrian crossing improvements at uncontrolled mid-block locations should be considered on a case-by-case basis based on sound engineering judgment or an engineering study.

Exceptions:

Crosswalks should not be installed at locations with poor sight distance, complex or confusing designs, or substantial heavy truck volume without first providing adequate design features and/or traffic control devices.

12.5 Two-Stage Crossing

This guidance is intended to ensure that proper pavement markings are installed when introducing two-stage crossing to an intersection with a divided median wider than 20ft. See Detail M3-C or Appendix E the proposed layout.

Two-stage crossings may be considered only after a traffic engineering study has been performed by the district. If sight distance for a single-stage turning maneuver is sub-standard this could solution to the problem. Design vehicles should be confirmed to ensure all vehicles expected to travel through the intersection can make the necessary movements.
### TABLE 12-1: Crosswalk Criteria

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* These guidelines include intersection and midblock locations with no traffic signals or stop signs on the approach to the crossing. They do not apply to school crossings. Crosswalks should not be installed at locations that could present an increased safety risk to pedestrians, such as where there is poor sight distance, complex or confusing designs, a substantial volume of heavy trucks, or other dangers, without first providing adequate design features and/or traffic control devices. Adding crosswalks alone will not make crossings safer, nor will they necessarily result in more vehicles stopping for pedestrians. Whether or not marked crosswalks are installed, it is important to consider other pedestrian facility enhancements (e.g., raised median, roadway narrowing, enhanced overhead lighting, curb extensions), as needed, to improve the safety of the crossing. These are general recommendations; good engineering judgment should be used in individual cases for deciding where to install crosswalks.

** Where the speed limit exceeds 64.4 km/h (40 mi/h), marked crosswalks alone should not be used at unsignalized locations.

*** The raised median or crossing island must be at least 1.2 m (4 ft) wide and 1.8 m (6 ft) long to serve adequately as a refuge area for pedestrians, in accordance with MUTCD and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) guidelines.

C = Candidate sites for marked crosswalks. Marked crosswalks must be installed carefully and selectively. Before installing new marked crosswalks, an engineering study is needed to determine whether the location is suitable for a marked crosswalk. For an engineering study, a site review may be sufficient at some locations, while a more in-depth study of pedestrian volume, vehicle speed, sight distance, vehicle mix, and other factors may be needed at other sites. It is recommended that a minimum utilization of 20 pedestrian crossings per peak hour (or 15 or more elderly and/or child pedestrians) be confirmed at a location before placing a high priority on the installation of a marked crosswalk alone.

P = Possible increase in pedestrian crash risk may occur if crosswalks are added without other pedestrian facility enhancements. These locations should be closely monitored and enhanced with other pedestrian crossing improvements, if necessary, before adding a marked crosswalk.

N = Marked crosswalks alone are insufficient, since pedestrian crash risk may be increased by providing marked crosswalks alone. Consider using other treatments or other substantial crossing improvement to improve crossing safety for pedestrians.
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Chapter 13. Roundabout Signing and Marking

13.1 General

This chapter along with Chapter 4 of the GDOT Roundabout Design Guide provides standards and guidelines that must be used in the design of roundabout traffic signing and pavement markings prepared for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). All signs and markings provided in this chapter conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 672.

13.2 Signing

13.2.1 Advanced Warning Signs

Advance roundabout warning signs with advisory speed plaques (W2-6 and W13-1P) are required on all high-speed approaches or when Yield signs are not readily visible. They are optional when the approach speed is 40 MPH or less. Refer to MUTCD, page 108, Table 2C-4, for placement of W2-6 signs.

13.2.2 Yield Sign

Yield signs R1-2 shall be placed on the right and left of the road at the point where vehicles are to yield when entering the roundabout. The right-side yield sign may also include underneath it the sign R559-1 (Refer to Fig. 4-7 in Appendix F) to help reinforce yielding to vehicles circulating. The left side yield sign may also include underneath it the sign R6-2 to help establish the traffic flow within the roundabout.

13.2.3 Guide Signs

a. D1-5 guidance signs should be used along state route approaches and are recommended along county/city route approaches, except where posted speeds are below 40mph – in which D1-3d signs should be used. D1-5, diagrammatic style signs are especially preferred on rural high-speed roadways because they reinforce the form and the shape of the approaching intersection. Use D1-3d with minimum 6-inch letter heights when lateral space is limited.

b. W16-8P and W16-8aP supplemental sign plaques may be used instead of W16-9 supplemental plaque, specifically when a D1-5 sign will not be in use along the same approach.

c. Exit guide signs with State Route/US Route shields (M-Series assembly or D1-1e signs) or street name signs (D1-1d) with a minimum text height of 6" should be placed on the splitter islands oriented toward traffic on the circulatory roadway. Flag-type guide signs indicating the correct directional exit for service, recreational and cultural destinations are required for major destination routes. (See Figure 2D-9, MUTCD 2009)
13.2.4 Lane Use Signs

Lane use R3-6 signs should be installed overhead on any multilane entry. If overhead R3-8 signs are infeasible then R3-8 signs should be used. R3-8 series signs should be modified to show the placement of a ‘dot’ under the left arrow of the leftmost lane; this graphically helps depict the lane usage to the driver in the left lane only. These signs should be installed on both sides of the roadway if possible; left side splitter lane and right side terrace.

Overhead lane use signs are encouraged over the ground-mounted signs. By giving lane use guidance to the motorist in advance allows them to be in the correct lane at the roundabout approached and discourages them from making a lane change with the roundabout. Signs may be repeated if necessary but no closer than the beginning of the solid line. Arrows style should match the pavement markings. Placement should be at the first set of pavement marking arrows.

13.2.5 Other Signs

Pedestrian signs should be placed in advance of the crosswalk. W11-2 shall be used for multilane roundabout approaches. Sign R4-7 shall be placed on nose point of splitter islands, 10’ back from face. R6-4 Signs should be used within the central island of mini-roundabouts and R6-4B shall be used within the central island of single or multilane roundabouts.

13.3 Marking

13.3.1 Yield Line

a. Wide dotted white extension of the circulatory roadway edge line must be 18” skip white (2’ segment, 2’ gap) and shall be curved along the outline of the circulatory roadway. 18” skip white should be used on asphalt and 24” skip white with contrast should be used on concrete.

b. Yield triangles or “Shark’s teeth” should not be used to mark the location at which drivers must yield.

13.3.2 Lane Use

Type 15 word “YIELD” pavement marking is required on all approaches located between the crosswalk and the yield bar. On multilane approaches, placement is duplicated in each lane.

Lane use pavement markings, including arrows and solid or dashed lines should be used on multilane roundabouts. Solid or dotted lines should be 8” wide along the roundabout approaches as well as within the circulatory roadway to deter lane changes. Audible thermoplastic striping is also an option within the circulatory roadway. For more information refer to Figures 3C-3 through 3C-14 of the 2009 MUTCD.

13.3.3 Multilane Pavement Markings

On all multilane approaches of a roundabout standard arrows with a dot to the left of the arrow for the left lane only, shall be used. Within the circulatory roadway, standard arrows should be used. See Figure 3C-2, MUTCD 2009.
13.3.4 Pedestrian Crossings

All pedestrian crossings shall be marked. Refer to Section 12.4 and Construction Detail T-11A. For roundabout approaches with a single stage crossing proposed across multiple lanes, include conduit and pull boxes along approach for future pedestrian accommodations. (Refer to the PROWAG for additional information)

13.3.5 Rumble Strips

Rumble strips should be used in the following instances:

- Approaches with limited visibility
- Where the posted speed limit is 50 mph or greater

Rumble strips should be considered where there are high crash rates and are seen as a viable solution. Rumble strips should not be used in residential areas unless agreed upon by District Traffic Engineer. Refer to Construction Detail T-19 for installation.

13.3.6 Marking Materials

Pavement marking material selection shall be based on AADT of the circulatory roadway. Refer to Section 12 for more information on Pavement Markings Designs Standards.

13.3.7 Guidance on Marking Crosswalks

Refer to Section 12.4 and Construction Detail T-11A.
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LEGEND
R  DETERMINED BY CENTERING: 18” MINIMUM IF GOVERNING LINE OF COPY
S  DETERMINED BY CENTERING: 8” MINIMUM IF GOVERNING LINE OF COPY
T  DETERMINED BY CENTERING: 24” MINIMUM IF GOVERNING LINE OF COPY
U  13” MINIMUM
V  15” MINIMUM
W  SIGN WIDTH (FEET & INCHES)
X  DETERMINED BY LENGTH OF DESTINATION NAME
Y  DETERMINED BY CENTERING: 15” MINIMUM AND 20” MAXIMUM IF GOVERNING LINE OF COPY
Z  DETERMINED BY CENTERING: 12” MINIMUM IF GOVERNING LINE OF COPY
#  DETERMINED BY LENGTH OF DISTANCE/CARDINAL DIRECTION LETTERING:
A - 1
ADVANCE GUIDE SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Local Road" E Mod; "1 MILE" E Mod;

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Destination" E Mod; "Destination" E Mod;
" ½ MILE" E Mod;

Note: E-WP is a Standard Highway Sign. Specific dimension information can be found in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings Book.
A - 2
ADVANCE GUIDE SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

E1-2R
EXIT 2

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Local Road" E Mod; "1 MILE" E Mod;

Local Road
1 MILE

W

E2W2W
EXIT 22

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Destination" E Mod; "Destination" E Mod;
"½ MILE" E Mod;

Destination
Destination B
½ MILE

W

Note: E-49 is a Standard Highway Sign. Specific dimension information can be found in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings Book.
A - 3
ADVANCE GUIDE SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

12" Radius, 2' Scale, White on Green:
"Local Road" E Mod; "1 MILE" E Mod;

12" Radius, 2' Scale, White on Green:
"NORTH" E Mod; "Destination" E Mod;
"Destination" E Mod; "1/2 MILE" E Mod;

Note: E-571 is Standard Highway Sign; Specified dimensional information can be found in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings Book.
EXIT DIRECTION SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

12" Radius, 3" Border, White on Green;
"Local Road" E Label; Arrow 18° - 45°;

12" Radius, 3" Border, White on Green;
"Destination" E Label, "Destination" E Label; Arrow 18° - 45°;

Note: E X X is a Standard Highway Sign. Specific installation information can be found in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings Book.
A - 5
EXIT DIRECTION SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

"3" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"EAST" E Bold; "Local Road" E Bold; Arrow 18 - 42" 40";

"3" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Destination" E Bold; "Destination" E Bold; Arrow 18 - 42" 40";

Note: E - SP is a Standard Highway Sign, Specific dimension information can be found in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings Book.
A - 6
EXIT DIRECTION SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green
"Local Road" E Mot; Arrow 18 - 42" 45°;

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green
"SOUTHE" E Mot; "Destination" E Mot;'Destination" E Mot;
Arrow 18 - 42" 45°;

Notes: 21-007 is a Standard Highway Origin Specific Orientation Information can be found in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings Book.
A - 7
ADVANCE LANE DROP SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Local Road" E Mod; "1 MILE" E Mod;

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Destination" E Mod; "Destination" E Mod;
* "1 MILE" E Mod;

Noted E-10P and E-11-1 are Standard Highway Signs. Specific Dimensional Information can be found in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings Book.
A - 8
ADVANCE LANE DROP SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

Note: EXIT and EXIT are standard highway signs. Specific dimension information can be found in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings Book.

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ADVANCE LANE DROP SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green:
"Local Road" E Mod; "1 MILE" E Mod.

Note: E-W, L, and L-W are Standard Highway Signs. Specific dimensional information can be found in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings Book.
A - 10
LANE DROP SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Local Road" E Mod.

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Destination" E Mod; "Destination" E Mod.

Note: E-400 and E-151 are Standard Highway Signs. See the dimension information can be found in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings Book.
A - 11
LANE DROP GUIDE SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"SOUTH" E Mod, "Local Road" E Mod.

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Destination" E Mod, "Destination" E Mod.

Note: EWP and E 1/4 are standard highway signs. Drawing dimension information can
be found in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings Book.
A - 12
DROP LANE GUIDE SIGNS
-NO SCALE-

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Local Road" E Mod;

12" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Destination" E Mod; "Destination" E Mod;

Note: EOMP and C1W are Standard Highway Signs. Specific dimension information can be found in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings Book.
A - 13
SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDE SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

Destination
EXIT 222

6" Radius. 2" Stroke. White on Green; "Destination" E Mod. "EXIT 222" E Mod.

Destination
Destination B
EXIT 222

6" Radius. 2" Stroke. White on Green; "Destination" E Mod. "Destination" E Mod. "EXIT 222" E Mod.
A - 14
INTERCHANGE SEQUENCE SIGNS
- NO SCALE -

Local Road XX
Destination XX

Local Road XX
Destination XX Destination B XX

8" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
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8" Radius, 2" Border, White on Green;
"Local Road" E Mod; "Destination" E Mod; "Destination B" E Mod; "XX" E Mod
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SIGNING TO/FROM DIVIDED HIGHWAY
Typical Signing and Pavement Marking

Figure B-3

Signing at a Closed Median "T" Intersection
MARKING AT A CLOSED MEDIAN "T" INTERSECTION

FIGURE B-4
Figure B-5: Signing at R-Cut Intersection

Notes:
1. See detailing for additional guidance on RPM placement of 4 or less in width.
2. Include on-3 signs with narrow signs.
3. Add direction and lane marking detail.
NO SCALE

MARKING AT R-CUT INTERSECTION

FIGURE B-8
Typical Signing and Pavement Marking

Figure B-12

Marking at Type B Median "T" Intersection

Notes:
1. See detail 1-56 for additional guidance on RPM placement and usage.
2. Use only for a U-turn only median opening.

No Scale
NOTES:
1. RS-1500 NOT ENTER SIGNS SHALL BE ORIENTED TOWARD THE MAINLINE LEFT TURN LANES.
2. RS-1500 (STOP AHEAD) SIGNS (NOT SHOWN) SHALL BE PLACED ON ALL CROSS ROADS IN RURAL AREAS. THE DISTANCE FROM THE RS-1500 SIGNS SHALL BE BASED UPON FIELD CONDITIONS, BUT IN NO CASE LESS THAN THE DISTANCE AS DEFINED IN THE MANUAL.
3. ADDITIONAL SIGNING MAY BE REQUIRED AS DETERMINED BY A SUFFICIENT TRAFFIC ENGINEERING STUDY BASED UPON CONDITIONS AT EACH LOCATION.
4. RS-1500 RS-1501 (ONE WAY) SIGNS SHALL BE USED ONLY IF MEDIAN IS GREATER THAN 30'.
5. SEE FIGURE B-16 FOR MARKING DETAIL.
NO SCALE

SCHOOL ZONE SIGNING

FIGURE B-17

NOTE:
1. DISTANCE (D) BETWEEN S/H/WG-SP AND S/H/ME-TP SIGNS SHALL BE AS DEFINED IN THE MUTCD.
2. THE S/H/WG-SP SIGN SHALL BE USED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL ZONE WHEN FLASHING LIGHTS
   ARE USED.
3. THE S/H/ME-TP SIGN SHALL BE USED AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL ZONE WHEN FLASHING LIGHTS
   ARE USED.
4. ON MUTL-LANE ROADSWAYS, INCLUDE STOP BAR IN ADVANCE OF CROSSWALK LINES.
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**TOTALS** #

All existing signs including panel signs to be removed shall be salvaged. The contractor shall bundle all removed signs on a pallet. Signs of the same size and type shall be removed together. The contractor shall haul these signs to a location to be determined by the engineer. The contractor shall unload the signs. The contractor shall contact the sign shop by phone 404-656-5611 (PACELT) one working day prior to the removal of the signs to ensure that department personnel will be available to unload the signs.

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# Appendix E. General Notes

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GENERAL NOTES - STANDARD SIGNS

1. All standard highway signs shall be fabricated and erected in accordance with the details shown in the plans, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, current edition, and the Georgia specifications, supplemental specifications, and/or special provisions.

2. Sign erection stations are approximate and may be adjusted to meet field conditions where necessary, but shall be within the limitations set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, current edition. No sign location shall be changed by the contractor or by the project engineer without prior approval from the office of traffic operations.

3. All standard highway signs shall be erected at a height of 7 feet above the normal edge of pavement to the bottom of the sign or height, if sidewalk is proposed on existing signs. The signs shall be erected at a height of 7 feet above the sidewalk.

4. Horizontal clearance for standard highway signs on interstate highways shall be 32 feet from the normal edge of pavement to the nearest edge of the sign(s). Unless specified otherwise in the plans, horizontal clearance for standard highway signs on ramps shall be 2 feet from the normal edge of paved roadway or edge of grass shoulder when present.

5. Horizontal clearance for standard highway signs on all other roadways shall be 6 feet from the edge of the paved roadway on 12 feet from the normal edge of pavement to the nearest edge of the sign(s), whichever is greater. The horizontal clearance in non-mountable curb sections shall be at least 3 feet from the curb face to the nearest edge of the sign(s).

6. When supports are present or being proposed, signs shall be posted a minimum distance behind curbs.

7. Single plate, horizontal rectangular signs over 48 inches in width shall be mounted on two posts with 2 4 x 8 in. x 10 ft. U-H bolts with 1/4 inch diameter, aluminum or galvanized steel strap. The strap shall be flush with the back of the sign with the edge across the top and bottom of the sign. The centerline of each post shall be 1/2 inch from the side of the sign. Sign plate bolt holes shall be 1/4 inch diameter drill on 10 ft. U-H bolts as shown on the sign plate details.

8. Sign assembly shall be mounted on aluminum or galvanized steel strap frames. For details and strap specifications refer to sign assembly typical framing details.

9. Type 1 - Very high intensity reflective sheathing shall be used for all standard highway signs requiring reflectorized backgrounds except as specified below or specified otherwise in the plans. Either Class 1 or Class 2 adhesive backing is permissible.

10. Type 1 - Very high intensity fluorescent yellow reflective sheathing shall be used for all red series signs (R-1, R-2, R-1P, R-4, R-5A, R-5B).

11. Type 1 - Very high intensity fluorescent yellow reflective sheathing shall be used for school signs (52-1, 52-1, 52-1, 54-1, and the top portion of the 54-1 signs). All regulatory signs within the school zone shall have type 1 very high intensity reflective sheathing.

12. A 1/4 inch minimum air space shall be required between all sign plates within an assembly.

13. Where signs within an assembly extend below the standard mounting holes on the post(s) additional 1/4 inch diameter holes shall be drilled or punched shall be removed to properly mount the assembly.

14. All mountable, curb, and standard highway signs extending below the top of the road may be required to be gusset to prevent potential collapse.

15. All Interstate, U.S., and Georgia shield signs requiring all 48 x 48 inch, 10 ft. U-H bolts, shall be gusseted to prevent potential collapse.

16. For details of special design highway signs - see details of installation signs.

17. Refer to plan sheets for location of the District Engineer's office to be shown on all RS-1 limited access signs in this project, if any.

18. The contractor shall assist the District Traffic Operations Engineer in removing and reinstalling all existing signs that are replaced by new signs.
GENERAL NOTES - SPECIAL ROADSIDE SIGNS

1. Special roadside signs shall conform to the requirements set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, current edition, and all supplements thereto, as well as to the Georgia Standards Specifications and/or Special Provisions.

2. Special roadside signs shall be fabricated using aluminum bolted extruded panels.

3. Background and special roadside signs shall be standard interstateline green, Type 9 high intensity reflective sheeting, unless otherwise in the plans.

4. Legends for special roadside signs shall be white, Type 1, high intensity reflective sheeting letters, numbers, symbols, and border or color 0020 inch aluminum cutouts.

5. Sheeting shall be 0.020 inch aluminum of the size and shape specified in the plans. U.S. and Georgia sheeting legends shall be black numbers and letters. Signs shall be Type 9 high intensity reflective sheeting, unless otherwise specified in the plans.

6. Sheeting shall be per the manual on uniform traffic control devices, current edition.

7. For details of U.S. and Interstate shields and arrows, refer to the manual on uniform traffic control devices, current edition.

8. Legends for overhead highway signs shall be applied to signs via silk screen or direct apply.

9. Spacing between letters or other characters that is not shown in the plans may be recommended by the manufacturer, but shall conform to interstate shield requirements.

10. For details of special roadside signs, see details of special roadside signs.

11. Sign erection stations are approximate and may be adjusted to meet field conditions where necessary. All signs shall be within the limits set forth in the manual on uniform traffic control devices, current edition, and all supplements thereto. All sign location shall be changed by the contractor or any approved engineer without prior approval from the district office of traffic operations.

12. Horizontal clearance for special roadside signs shall be 30 feet from the normal edge of pavement to the near edge of the sign unless otherwise specified in the plans.

13. Special roadside signs erected on steel cut spars shall have a minimum clearance of 5 feet above the groundline and maximum height of 10 feet above the normal edge of pavement to the bottom of the sign.

14. Exit sign shall be erected with a range of 25 feet minimum to 100 feet maximum from the critical edge of the ramp. Minimum clearance of 3 feet from the edges of the ramp and make paved shoulders to the right and left edges of the sign, respectively, shall be maintained.

15. Post length, post size, and footing size for special roadside signs are estimated. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to determine the correct length and sizes according to Georgia Standards prior to ordering materials for erection and framing. Special roadside signs with break-away posts, refer to Georgia Standards 9003, 9004, and 9058.

16. Galvanized steel post shall have all identification numbers re-established after completion of galvanizing.

17. For break-away posts, the contract bid price for class 4 concrete shall include the cost of turning and placing reinforcement steel and stirrups as shown in the footing details on Georgia Standards 9058.

18. The rear edge of signs erected behind guard rail shall be 5 feet behind the face of the guard rail.

19. The contractor shall observe that all special roadside signs installed by this project have a minimum sight distance of 100 feet, clearing of obstacles to obtain the minimum sight distance and shall be installed with a clearance of at least 10 feet from any obstruction.

20. Break-away posts marked with an "X" are special design. The contractor shall not change these posts in any way without approval from the district office of traffic operations.

GENERAL NOTES - OVERHEAD HIGHWAY SIGNS

1. Overhead highway signs shall conform to the requirements set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, current edition, and all supplements thereto, as well as to the Georgia Standards Specifications and/or Special Provisions.

2. Overhead highway signs shall be fabricated using aluminum bolted extruded panels.

3. Backgrounds for overhead highway signs shall be standard interstateline green, Type 11 high intensity reflective sheathing, unless otherwise specified in the plans.

4. Legends for overhead highway signs shall be white, Type 11 high intensity reflective sheeting letters, numbers, symbols, and borders of 0.020 inch aluminum cutouts.

5. Sheeting shall be 0.020 inch aluminum of the size and shape specified in the plans. U.S. and Georgia sheeting legends shall be black numbers and letters. Signs shall be Type 11 high intensity reflective sheathing, unless otherwise specified in the plans.

6. Sheeting shall be per the manual on uniform traffic control devices, current edition.

7. For details of U.S. and Interstate shields and arrows, refer to the manual on uniform traffic control devices, current edition.

8. Legends for overhead highway signs shall be applied to sign via silk screen or direct apply.

9. Spacing between letters or other characters that is not shown in the plans may be recommended by the manufacturer, but shall conform to interstate shield requirements.

10. Yellow overlays shall be 0.020 inch aluminum of the size and shape specified in the plans. Legends shall be black letters, numbers, and symbols. Signs shall be standard interstateline yellow, Type 11 high intensity reflective sheeting backgrounds. See general notes for border. All panels behind yellow overlays shall be the same color as the rest of the sign.

11. All overhead structures shall be designed for external illumination. Although illumination is not required in this product, for specifications on structural supports for overhead highway signs, see Section 630 of the Georgia Standards Specifications and Supplements thereto.

12. Structure number shall be placed on outside shoulder vertical support of structure using SI OUT 3.5 inch centers to 4.5 inch centers for Type 1 yellow legends reflective sheeting, characters on standard interstateline green, Type 1 yellow legends reflective sheeting, the structure number which shall be read from top to bottom shall be placed at eye level and positioned so that it is visible to oncoming traffic. Coast area where structure number is to be placed with primer and allow to dry before placing structure number.

13. Structure number shall be placed on Type 1 aluminum sign material, engraved, or molded to have the structure number and external illumination sheathing fastened and attached to bridge pier or outside shoulder in the same orientation or above.

14. For assembly details and component details on aluminum bolted extruded panels, refer to Georgia Standards 9001 and 9057.

15. Anchor bolts shall meet the requirements of ASME A307 Grade 5.

16. The responsibility to determine that the spans lengths shown on the plans are correct and to determine the realignment of the highest point of the pavement or shoulders and of the groundline of the structure on the existing construction is to be performed by the contractor for all overhead structures prior to the design.

17. Shoring shall be included at no cost to the department, if required for footing construction on sign projects with no roadway construction.

18. It shall be the contractor's responsibility to avoid any interference with underground utilities. Any damage to utilities caused by the contractor shall be repaired at the contractor's expense. Contractor shall call georgia 1-800-786-2313 prior to any digging.

19. Cost for any required temporary erosion control shall be included in the contract bid for site structure.

20. All signs shall be designed to comply with federal and state standards for sight distance. Sight distance shall be in accordance with Section 293 of the Georgia Standards Specifications. The cost for this work shall be included in the overall price bid for the project.

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### State Line Signing Sequence (Non-Limited Access)

#### Figure 3-1

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**NOTES:**
1. Install signs on all routes entering the state. If there is insufficient space for all signs, the order of preference is from top to bottom of this chart.
2. R550-series signs are installed only in counties that have permits to operate detection devices.

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NO SCALE

ROUTE SIGNING FOR TURNING ROUTE

FIGURE 3-2
SINGLE TURNING LANE

ONLY
R3-5L
NO NUMBERED ROUTE
(CENTER SIGN OVER LANE)

ONLY
R3-5R
NUMBERED ROUTE
(CENTER SIGN ASSEMBLY OVER LANE)

DUAL TURNING Lanes

ONLY
R3-5L
NO NUMBERED ROUTE
(CENTER SIGNS OVER EACH LANE)

ONLY
R3-5L
NUMBERED ROUTE
(CENTER 3-5L OVER EACH TURN LANE)

ONLY
R3-5L
M-SPECIAL #
(CENTER SHIELD(S) OVER LANE LINE)

ADVANCE TURN LANE

ONLY
R3-5T
M-SPECIAL #
(CENTER SIGN ASSEMBLY OVER LANE)

CONFIRMATION

TO
M-SPECIAL #
WEST
M-SPECIAL #
SOUTH
M-SPECIAL #
(CENTER SIGN ASSEMBLY OVER ALL THROUGH LANES)

NOTES:
1. DO NOT USE R3-5T OR R3-5To SIGNS IN CONJUNCTION WITH CONFIRMATION SIGNS OR TO DESIGNATE THROUGH LANES UNLESS ROADWAY GEOMETRY IS UNCLEAR.
2. ADVANCE TURN LANE SIGNING IS USED WHEN A THROUGH LANE TRANSITIONS TO A TURN LANE AT AN INTERSECTION AND SIGNING IS NEEDED BEFORE AN INTERVENING INTERSECTION OR INTERSTATE RAMP.

OVERHEAD SIGNING

FIGURE 3-9
NO SCALE

POLITICAL BOUNDARY SIGNING

FIGURE 4-3
ALL THRU TRUCKS OVER 6 WHEELS MUST USE I-285

SIGN SHALL HAVE WHITE REFLECTORIZED BACKGROUND WITH BLACK LEGEND AND BORDER.

FIGURE 4-4 ALL THRU TRUCKS SIGN DETAILS
TO
CIRCULATING
TRAFFIC

R559-1_48x36;
3.0" Radius, 1.3" Border, 0.8" Indent, Black on, White;
"TO", D 2K;
"CIRCULATING", D 2K 28% spacing;
"TRAFFIC", D 2K specified length;

SIGN SHALL HAVE WHITE REFLECTORIZED BACKGROUND WITH BLACK LEGEND AND BORDER.

FIGURE 4-7 SUPPLEMENTAL ROUNDBOUGHT YIELD SIGN SIGN DETAILS
FIGURE 5-1L  LANE REDUCTION SIGNING

NOTE:
1. d = ADVANCE WARNING DISTANCE
2. L = 1500 - d/4

(SEE MUTCD FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE: TABLE 2C-4)
NOTE:
1. $d$ = ADVANCE WARNING DISTANCE
2. $L = 1500 - d^A$

SEE MUTCD FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE: TABLE 2C-4
Overhead sign structures will be numbered with a letter (from the list below) and 3 or 4 digits. The digits will be determined by the mainline mile post to the nearest tenth of a mile. Structures on ramps will include an “R” between the appropriate route letter and mainline mile post to the nearest tenth of a mile.

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