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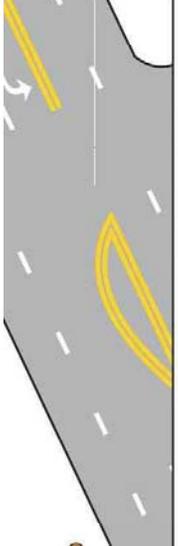
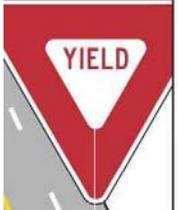
# Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

## and the Standard Municipal Traffic Code

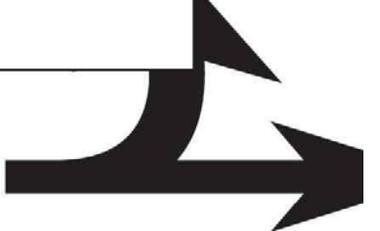
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- (2) After the speed zones, proposed by the local authorities, are reviewed by the Department, they are returned to the municipality for formal adoption by the rule-making body. During this time, the municipality is responsible for any and all hearings required for adoption.
- (3) Upon receipt of notice of formal adoption by the municipality, the Department, acting jointly with the Registry, will certify and approve.
- (4) Certified regulation is returned to municipality.
- (5) Official Speed Limit signs may then be installed in accordance with the specific provisions of the approved speed regulation.
- (6) The Special Speed Regulation is then enforceable against violators.

### **Section 10A-9 Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion**

A truck exclusion from a municipal way may be authorized provided a suitable alternate route is available. The alternate route shall have an effective width and pavement structure which can safely accommodate the additional truck traffic. In addition the alternate route must meet one of the following conditions:

- (1) Lie wholly within the community making application,
- (2) Lie partially in an adjacent community but only on State Highway, or
- (3) Lie partially in an adjacent community but have the adjacent community's written approval.

Numbered routes are ineligible for heavy commercial vehicle exclusions, per Board of Commissioners, November 22, 1995.

An engineering study, as outlined in the Data requested below, must be made. In addition, one or more of the following may be sufficient justification for truck exclusion:

#### **1. Warrants**

- A. A volume of heavy commercial vehicles, which usually is in the range of five (5) to eight (8) percent, reduces the utilization of the facility and is cause for a substantial reduction in capacity or safety.
- B. The condition of the pavement structure of the route to be excluded indicates that further repeated heavy wheel loads will result in severe deterioration of the roadway. (subject to Department review)
- C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in certain instances where land use is primarily residential in nature and a municipality has requested exclusion only during hours of darkness, a specific night exclusion may be granted.

## **2. Data**

Before the Department can consider an exclusion proposal, the following data must be submitted by the municipality:

- A. A twenty-four hour consecutive count of all vehicles using the subject street. (If the exclusion is requested for only twelve hours, a twelve-hour count will suffice.) The count shall be broken into one-half hour intervals showing:
  - (1) Commercial vehicles with a carrying capacity over 2½ tons
  - (2) Other vehicles
- B. Map of the area, with the excluded street marked in red, the alternate route in green.
- C. Physical characteristics of excluded and alternate streets in question, i.e, length, width, type and condition of surface and sidewalk.
- D. Types of buildings or property abutting street (Residential, Business, School, Playground, etc).
- E. Zoning of Street (Residential, Industrial, etc.).
- F. Proximity of probable alternate route to the proposed excluded route and the additional distance to be traveled using the alternate route.
- G. Types of traffic control existing on street.
- H. Hours during which exclusion is to be in effect.
- I. A written statement from the municipality as to the need for the exclusion, and acknowledgement of acceptance of the responsibility for installation and maintenance of appropriate signage.

**EXEMPTIONS:** Exclusions shall not apply to heavy commercial vehicles going to or coming from places upon said streets for the purpose of making deliveries of goods, materials, or merchandise to or similar collections from abutting land or buildings or adjacent streets or ways to which access cannot otherwise be gained; or to vehicles used in connection with the construction, maintenance and repair of said streets or public utilities therein; or to Federal, State, Municipal or public service corporation owned vehicles.