

2-2.15 Motorist Information Plans, Details and Quantities

Motorist information plan sheets are to be included in the set of project plans when a determination is made that additional traffic advisory or informational signs are required outside of the project limits to help manage traffic flow during project construction. This determination is made by the district traffic manager on a project-by-project basis. Motorist information plan sheets were formerly named transportation management plan sheets. See Section 2-2.16 of this manual regarding traffic handling within the project limits.

The motorist information plan sheets should include, but not be limited to, advance closure signs, closure alert signs, and alternate route signing. The intent is reduce the volume of traffic passing through the project area. To achieve this goal, traffic is to be detoured around the project area by redirecting the motorist to alternate routes. Electronic message signs, portable changeable message signs, extinguishable signs, and stationary mounted signs are typically used to display motorist information.

The mapping like that used for the project title sheet is typically used for motorist information plan sheets. The mapping should extend beyond the work limits shown on the title sheet to graphically show locations of the motorist information signs. Only those existing topographic features essential for orientation purposes need to be identified on the motorist information plans.

The limits of work shown on the title sheet is properly limited to the essential work of construction itself and should not be

expanded to include additional contractor responsibilities such as placement of motorist information signs some distance from the project limits.

Add a note to the motorist information plan sheets regarding additional construction area signs shown on other plan sheets (stage construction plans, traffic handling plans, detour construction plans, construction area sign plans) when such plans are included in the project plan set.

Details

Standardized temporary construction signs shall be identified on the project plans by their California or Federal sign code designation and sign message. Nonstandard temporary construction signs should be identified as special signs.

The California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) contains uniform standards and specifications for all official traffic control devices, including construction work zones. Part 6 of the CA MUTCD deals exclusively with temporary traffic control and is available at this website:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/signtech/mutcdsupp/ca_mutcd.htm

Sign codes appended by "(CA)" indicate signs unique to California. You can find links to drawings for both California signs and Federal signs at this website:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/signtech/signdel/specs.htm>

Detailed drawings of standard signs in the project plans are not required for temporary construction signs. A detailed drawing with the size of the sign panel, sign message and message layout of the sign panel shall be included for each special (nonstandard) temporary construction sign used. See Section 2-2.18 for further information regarding details for special signs.

Quantities

Temporary signs shown on the motorist information plan sheets shall be summarized as described in Section 2-2.14.

The summary shall be included on motorist information plan sheets if sufficient space is available, otherwise motorist information quantity plan sheets shall be included to summarize these signs.