

Memorandum

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To: DISTRICT DIRECTORS

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Subject: Economic Stimulus Funding Sign Policy Update

On all State highway projects funded under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (formerly "ARRA," but now and in the future as "Recovery Act"), please advise staff to include Recovery Act project funding signs in project PS&E. For these projects, Recovery Act funding signs will be installed downstream of CA Proposition 1B Bond funding signs, or, construction funding identification signs per Standard Plan T7 if Recovery Act funding is also a part of the project.

This updated sign policy allows flexibility in displaying Caltrans and/or local agency pictographs on these signs, by adding four additional pictograph layout variations to the two existing size options provided by the FHWA. Attached is the updated Economic Stimulus Funding Sign Policy and figure that describes ten Recovery Act funding sign types (A through J).

Details for Recovery Act project funding signs are available at:

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

If you have any further questions, please e-mail Jennifer Perry at jennifer.perry@dot.ca.gov or contact Don Howe at don.howe@dot.ca.gov , or by phone at (916) 654-2634.

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) Project Funding Sign Assembly

Support:

In his address to the nation March 3, 2009, President Obama committed that all projects funded by the economic stimulus initiative, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) will bear a "RECOVERY.GOV" pictograph to make it easier for Americans to access information on-line and monitor projects funded by the Recovery Act. To meet this commitment, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) strongly encourage agencies in California to use the economic recovery signs on all projects funded by the Recovery Act. In California, up to four pictographs can be used as options on the Recovery Act project funding sign.

Standard:

If used, all Recovery Act project funding signs shall always include pictographs for "RECOVERY.GOV" and "USDOT TIGER."

In no case shall these signs be placed such that they obscure road users' view of other traffic control devices.

Guidance:

The following factors should be considered with respect to design and placement of these signs:

Sign Design

All economic recovery sign design layouts and colors should be similar to the sign assembly design attached with this guidance. The signs should be used for the duration of the project funded by the Recovery Act and are consistent with the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Sign specifications for the layout of sign assembly are available on-line at:

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

For presentation of pictographs on Recovery Act signs used in California, see the following table for pictograph layout options for Recovery Act sign types A through J:

Recovery Act Funding Sign (Types A - J) for Use in California

Total Pictographs	Freeway Size (120 in x 108 in)	Conventional Highway Size (84-in x 78-in)	Local	
			Caltrans Pictograph	Agency Pictograph
2	*A	B	NO	NO
3	C	D	YES	NO
3	*E	F	NO	YES
4	G	H	YES	YES
4	*I	J	NO	YES (2)

*The likelihood of sign types A, E and I on freeway projects is not anticipated, as freeway projects will include Caltrans' pictograph and contract management. Freeway size Recovery Act Funding signs will usually default to sign types C or G.

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Sign Placement

Temporary traffic controls, regulatory, warning, and guide signs have a higher priority than the economic recovery signs.

Economic recovery signs should be placed where they can be easily identified with the corresponding projects.

If the placement of economic recovery signs conflicts with newly installed higher priority signs, or traffic signals, or temporary traffic control devices, or other priority devices, the economic recovery sign should be relocated.

On projects where other funding identification signs are used, the economic recovery sign should be placed downstream of the California Proposition 1B Bond Funding, or Caltrans construction project funding identification sign (see Caltrans Standard Plan T-7).

Due to public safety concerns, economic recovery signs should not be allowed at the following locations:

- On the front, back, adjacent to or around any traffic control device, including traffic signs, signals, changeable message signs, traffic control device posts or structures, or bridge piers.
- At key decision points where a driver's attention is more appropriately focused on traffic control devices, roadway geometry, or traffic conditions. These locations include, but are not limited to exit and entrance ramps, intersections controlled by traffic signals or by stop or yield signs, highway-rail grade crossings, and areas of limited sight distance.

Option:

Pictographs for “RECOVERY.GOV” and “USDOT TIGER” may also include one or two additional pictographs of participating funding agencies. The optional Recovery Act Funding Sign Type, options A through J, used in California depend upon roadway facility type, state and/or local agency funding participation are shown on Attachment A.

Standard:

If used, details for Caltrans, or Caltrans and a local agency pictograph shall be coordinated by Caltrans Traffic Operations Office of Signs, Markings and External Support through approval in non-standard special provision 12-003 in project plans and specifications (contact Don Howe or Jennifer Perry** for clarification).**

ATTACHMENT A –

** Recovery Act Funding Sign Types A – J for Use in California – 1 page

Detail sheets:

- Type A and Type B Recovery Act Sign Example – 1 page
- Type C and Type D Recovery Act Sign Example – 1 page
- Type E and Type F Recovery Act Sign Example - 1 page
- Type G and Type H Recovery Act Sign Example – 1 page
- Type I and Type J Recovery Act Sign Example – 1 page
- FHWA Recovery Act funding Sign specifications – 2 pages
- Graphics details for signs, with vector graphics for pictographs:
RECOVERY.GOV, USDOT TIGER, and CT Caltrans – 3 pages (11 total pages)

Total pictographs	Freeway Size (120-in x 108-in)	Conventional Highway Size (84-in x 78-in)	Caltrans Pictograph	Local Agency Pictograph
2			No	No
Type ->	*A	B		
3			Yes	No
Type ->	C	D		
3			No	Yes
Type ->	*E	F		(M) Local Agency Pictograph Example
4			Yes	Yes
Type ->	G	H		
4			No	Yes (2)
Type ->	*I	J		a) Local Agency Pictograph Placeholder

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