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Mr. Gerry Meis
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Dear Mr. Meis:

Thank you for your November 29 letter requesting approval to use retroreflective yellow borders on traffic signal backplates on a blanket basis statewide in California, including all local jurisdictions. Your request is made under the provisions of Section 1A.10 of the 2003 edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and our Interim Approval memorandum IA-1 dated February 6, 2004.

Your request is approved. Please maintain and periodically update a list of locations where the backplate borders are installed in California, including any installed off the State highway system by cities and counties under this statewide interim approval. Your specific approval has been numbered IA-1-15 ("Backplate Border – California DOT"). Please reference this number in any future correspondence.

Thank you for your interest in improving traffic signal visibility. If we can be of further assistance on this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Scott Wainwright of this office by e-mail at **scott.wainwright@dot.gov** or by telephone at 202-366-0857.

Sincerely yours,

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November 29, 2006

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Re.: Interim Approval Request

Dear Ms. McElroy:

As per the provisions of Section 1A.10 of the 2003 edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the Interim Approval process, the California Department of Transportation hereby requests approval to use the following devices on a blanket basis statewide, including all local jurisdictions within California:

- Interim Interim Approval for Optional Use of RV Friendly Symbol Sign.
- Interim Approval for Use of Clearview Font for Positive Contrast Legends on Guide Signs
- Optional use of wayside horn system (WHS) at highway-rail grade crossings
- Optional use of retroreflective borders on traffic signal backplates

We understand that if approval is granted, in accordance with Section 1A.10, any local jurisdiction using these devices under this statewide interim approval is required to inform the California Department of Transportation of such use. Also, they must agree to terminate the use if it becomes apparent that there are significant safety concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 654-4715 or via e-mail gerry_meis@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Gerry Meis

GERRY MEIS, Chief
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