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TO: All HQ Directors: Operations, Planning & Major Projects
All Regional Directors
All District Highways Managers

SUBJECT:

Manual of Standard Traffic Signs & Pavement Markings

PURPOSE:

Introduction of the new manual.

BACKGROUND:

The Manual of Standard Traffic Signs & Pavement Markings, Interim Edition, establishes ministry policy and warrants for the installation of standard traffic signs and pavement markings on the provincial highway system. This manual replaces the 1988 Interim Revised edition of the Manual of Standard Traffic Signs .

The final edition of this manual will be published upon completion of: the Information Sign Chapter, any editing required to the interim edition and subject to approval of funding for publication.

Consolidating the Manuals of Standard Traffic Signs and Pavement Marking into one publication will assist with centralizing the traffic engineering information for the Ministry. There is no major revisions to the forthcoming Section "B" Pavement Markings other than page reformatting.

NEW POLICY:

This manual is in effective on **August 1st, 1998**. All signing and marking applications conducted on or after this date must conform to the policies and warrants as described in this manual.

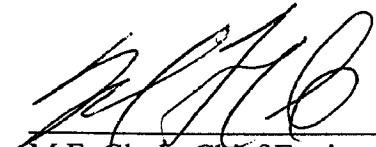
Section B5.01 to B5.31, *Information Signs*, contained in the 1988 Interim Revised Edition of the Manual of Standard Traffic Signs is still valid until further notice.

Section B, Pavement Markings is not included in this edition. Standards and policies outline in the current Pavement Marking Manual is still in effect until further notice.

This version of the manual introduces a new concept in sign placement for B.C. Appendix A-1 contains Table 1, " Guide for Advance Placement of Signs." New sign installations or sign relocations must conform to the criteria specified in this table.

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