

To: All HQ Directors: Operations, Planning & Major Projects
All Regional Directors
All District Highway Managers
Manager, Provincial Sign Shop

Subject: Placement of KM marker signs, and use of Radio Call-In signs on Ministry of Transportation (MoT) non-numbered highways (secondary roads).

Purpose:

This Technical Circular clarifies the standards for the placement of KM marker signs and the use of Radio Call-In signs along MoT non-numbered highways in the province.

Background:

KM marker signs may be used as reference points by road users in estimating their progress, to provide location for incident management, and to aid in road maintenance. The signs are placed in 1 km, 2 km, or 5 km increments with the zero distance starting at the south or west terminus points where the non-numbered highway begins. For non-through highways the zero distance reference point starts where the highway connects to another route.

The MoT does not accept the use of Radio Call-In signs on any MoT roads ⁽¹⁾. MoT roads, including non-numbered highways are for the use of all members of the public and therefore all traffic control devices used on MoT roads must be accessible to all users. Radio Call-In signs when used as a means of traffic control are accessible to only a small group of road users. In order to ensure long term safety performance along MoT roads traffic control devices that establish the rules of the road must be available for all who use MoT roads.

- 1) **Exception** - *By approval from the MoT District Highways Manager and/or MoT Regional Traffic Engineer Radio Call-In signs may be erected at locations where narrow road widths prevent large vehicles from passing. The Radio Call-In signs provide a method of communication where a large vehicle can hold position where two large vehicles can pass.*

Scope and Application:

The installation of KM markers signs along non-numbered highways is optional. To aid in road maintenance and incident management the MoT districts may choose to fund KM marker installation along selected MoT non-numbered highways.

Radio Call-In signs are not to be used on roads under the jurisdiction of the MoT ⁽¹⁾.

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