CONSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM
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TO: District Deputy Commissioners
    District Highway Operation Directors
    District Construction Engineers
    District Testing Engineers
    District Area Engineers
    Project Engineers/Supervisors

FROM: Mark A. Miller, Director
      Division of Construction Management

SUBJECT: House Enrolled Act 1623, Construction Signs

The legislation referenced above requires the Department to design and erect signs on all roadway work zones informing motorists of increased penalties for driving infractions. This requirement becomes effective July 1, 2007.

Contracts in future lettings will include bid items and quantities for these new signs; however, the signs must be installed on all active contracts also. Since this is not a standard drawing, the signs will be paid for as Type C signs per 801.04 of the Standard Specifications. The signs will be manufactured in accordance with the attached drawing.

A minimum of two signs will be required for each project. A sign should be placed in advance of the first Road Construction Ahead sign in each direction of travel on the mainline(s). The signs should be placed a distance of 500 feet in advance of the first RCA sign in rural areas, 100 feet in advance of the RCA sign in urban areas, or as directed by the Project Engineer/Supervisor. These signs will not be required on ramps or side streets. The PE/PS may contact District Traffic or the Work Zone Safety Section with questions concerning sign placement.

Please direct your contractor to order and place these signs as soon as possible. For active contracts without an existing item for Type C construction signs, the PE/PS will generate a Change Order to add the item and quantity for the signs.

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