Parking Restrictions at Intersections

The existing MUTCD 2003 California Supplement Section 3B.18 text is deleted and replaced, as shown below.

Standard:
At all intersections, one stall length on each side measured from the crosswalk or end of curb return shall have parking prohibited. A clearance of 1.8 m (6 ft) measured from the curb return shall be provided at alleys and driveways.

Guidance:
At all intersections, one stall length on each side measured from the crosswalk or end of curb return should have parking prohibited. A clearance of 1.8 m (6 ft) measured from the curb return should be provided at alleys and driveways.
IMPLEMENTATION

This directive applies to parking stall markings at all intersections, alleys and driveways on all roads that are subject to California Vehicle Code 21400 and 21401.

DELEGATION

All persons or entities that are responsible for operating and maintaining parking stall markings at all intersections, alleys and driveways on all roads that are subject to California Vehicle Code 21400 and 21401.
BACKGROUND

This directive makes the MUTCD 2003 California Supplement Section 3B.18 text consistent with the previous Caltrans Traffic Manual Section 6-02.1, and is in response to California Traffic Control Devices Committee's (CTCDC) recommendation to Caltrans at the July 28, 2005 meeting.

The previous Caltrans Traffic Manual contained two versions of this text, one in Chapter 6 and another in Chapter 8, which were identical except in the usage of the verbs "shall" and "should". Chapter 6, Section 6-02.13 text used the verb "should" in both sentences of the paragraph. Chapter 8, Section 8-02.2 text used the verb "shall" in both sentences of the paragraph. To remove this ambiguity, the more stringent policy of Chapter 8 (verb "shall") was included in the California Supplement during its development.

Following are the two text versions, as they appeared in the previous Traffic Manual:

Chapter 6, Section 6-02.13 - Parking Stall Markings, page 6-12.
first column, second paragraph, first two sentences
At all intersections, one stall length on each side measured from the crosswalk or end of curb return shall have parking prohibited. A clearance of 1.83 m measured from the curb return should be provided at alleys and driveways.

Chapter 8, Section 8-02.2 - Policy on Parking Restrictions, page 8-3.
second column, first paragraph, first two sentences
At all intersections, one stall length on each side measured from the crosswalk or end of curb return shall have parking prohibited. A clearance of 1.8 m measured from the curb return shall be provided at alleys and driveways.

More details and discussion for this recommendation are available under meeting agenda and meeting minutes topics for the July 28, 2005 meeting on the CTCDC web site at the following web link:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/signtech/newtech/

A detailed discussion and typical calculations comparing the AASHTO Green book sight distance criteria and the practice of allowing on-street parking on residential streets is contained in Institute of Transportation Engineer's Traffic Control Device Handbook 2001 Edition in Section 7.2.1.
DEFINITIONS

When used in this Traffic Operations Policy Directive, the text shall be defined as follows:

1) **Standard** - a statement of required, mandatory, or specifically prohibited practice. All standards text appears in **bold** type. The verb **shall** is typically used. Standards are sometimes modified by Options.

2) **Guidance** - a statement of recommended, but not mandatory, practice in typical situations, with deviations allowed if engineering judgement or engineering study indicates the deviation to be appropriate. All Guidance statements text appears in **underlined** type. The verb **should** is typically used. Guidance statements are sometimes modified by Options.

3) **Option** - a statement of practice that is a permissive condition and carries no requirement or recommendation. Options may contain allowable modifications to a Standard or Guidance. All Option statements text appears in normal type. The verb may is typically used.

4) **Support** - an informational statement that does not convey any degree of mandate, recommendation, authorization, prohibition, or enforceable condition. Support statements text appears in normal type. The verbs shall, should and may are not used in Support statements.

ATTACHMENTS

None