TRAFFIC OPERATIONS POLICY DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT:
Revision to Signs and Pavement Markings for Persons with Disabilities in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (California MUTCD).

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DOES THIS DIRECTIVE AFFECT OR SUPERSEDE ANOTHER DOCUMENT?
☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE
Addends Sections 2B.39, 3B.19 and Figure 3B-19(CA) of the California MUTCD

WILL THIS DIRECTIVE BE INCORPORATED IN THE CALIFORNIA MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES?
☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE
Changes to Sections 2B.39, 3B.19 and Figure 3B-19(CA)

DIRECTIVE

Pursuant to the requirements of Assembly Bill 1531 (DeSaulnier) and the authority granted to the California Department of Transportation (Department) in Section 21400 and 21401 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC), the following new signs and revisions to existing signs shall be included in Part 2 of the California MUTCD, dated September 26, 2006:

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IMPLEMENTATION

The following revisions shall be included in the California MUTCD:

Section 2B.39 Parking, Standing, and Stopping Signs (R7 and R8 Series)

Standard-Option:
The Disabled Accessible Parking Only (R99(CA)) sign in combination with MINIMUM FINE $250 (R99B(CA)) plaque; or, Accessible Parking Only Minimum Fine $250 (R99C(CA)) sign may shall be used in on-street and off-street parking facilities to designate stalls for vehicles with a special identification license plate or a distinguishing placard for disabled persons with disabilities.

Support:
The R99(CA) sign in combination with the R99B(CA) plaque; or, R99C(CA) sign, blue pavement markings and handicapped symbol International Symbol of Accessibility Marking, are required for enforcement of these parking areas. Refer to CVC 22511.7 and 22511.8.

Standard:
The VAN ACCESSIBLE (R7-8b) sign shall be mounted below the Disabled Accessible Parking Only (R99(CA)) sign in combination with MINIMUM FINE $250 (R99B(CA)) plaque; or, Accessible Parking Only Minimum Fine $250 (R99C(CA)) sign of the disabled person parking space for persons with disabilities designated as the van accessible space as provided in the California Building Code Section 1129B.

Option:
The TOW-AWAY SPECIAL PLACARD OR LICENSE PLATE REQUIRED (R100A(CA)) sign may be used with the R99(CA) sign in combination with the R99B(CA) plaque; or, R99C(CA) sign to inform motorists that their vehicle will be towed away if they do not have a special identification license plate or a distinguishing placard for disabled persons with disabilities.

Standard:
The Disabled Tow-Away (R100B(CA)) sign shall be placed immediately adjacent to, and visible from, the stall or space, or at each entrance to an off-street parking facility to inform motorists that their vehicle will be towed away if they park in designated stalls or spaces without a special identification license plate or a distinguishing placard for disabled persons with disabilities. The sign shall include the address where the towed vehicle can be reclaimed and the telephone number of the local traffic law enforcement agency. Refer to CVC 22511.8 and 22511.9.
IMPLEMENTATION (cont’d)

Section 3B.19 Pavement Word and Symbol Markings
Standard Option:

The International Symbol of Accessibility parking space markings may-shall be placed in each parking space designated for use by persons with disabilities. A blue background with white border may-shall supplement the wheelchair symbol as shown in Figure 3B-19 (CA).

If used, new construction of accessible off-street parking spaces, and, loading and unloading areas shall include pavement marking details shown on Figure 3B-19 (CA), or as shown on the Department’s Revised Standard Plan A90A. The loading and unloading area shall be marked by a border and hatched lines. The border shall be painted blue and the hatched lines shall be painted a suitable contrasting color to the parking space (blue or white paint is preferred).

If used, new construction of accessible on-street parking shall include a blue painted curb, as shown on the Department’s Revised Standard Plan A90B. If on-street parking designated and designed for persons with disabilities includes a loading and unloading area, it shall be marked by a border and hatched lines. The border shall be painted blue and the hatched lines shall be painted a suitable contrasting color to the parking space (blue or white paint is preferred).

Loading and unloading areas shall include the words “NO PARKING” within the blue border and shall be painted in white letters no less than 0.3 m (12 in) high (See detail in Figure 3B-19 (CA)). Refer to California Code of Regulations Title 24, Section 1129B.4.

Also appropriate NO PARKING pavement markings may be placed on the accessibility aisle per Figure 3B-19(CA). Refer to California Code of Regulations Title 24, Section 1129B.4.

In all applications of this policy, engineering judgment must be exercised. The objective is to provide uniform applications of signs and pavement markings statewide. If there are any questions regarding implementation, districts should consult with the Headquarters Traffic Operations Liaison.

DELEGATION

No new delegations of authority are created under this policy.
BACKGROUND

The purpose of this directive is to implement requirements of AB 1531 (DeSaulnier) in administrative law in the California MUTCD. This directive applies to construction of new parking facilities and rehabilitation of existing parking facilities on or after July 1, 2008. Existing parking facilities are required to meet these requirements if they are repaired, remodeled or when alterations are made. Assembly Bill 1531 was signed into law by the Governor in October 2007 to amend California Vehicle Code (CVC) Sections 22511.59, 22511.7, 22511.8, and 42001.13. Also, Section 22511.95 was added to the CVC.

The California MUTCD establishes standards, guidance and options for placement of signs and pavement markings for parking spaces and adjacent loading and unloading areas designed and designated for persons with disabilities. With the passage of AB 1531, updated sign specifications, pavement marking details, and policy language updates are required.

The applicable provisions of this policy have been incorporated by the Division of Design into Standard Plans A90A, A90B and A24C, as amended.

This policy will be retired when it is incorporated in the next revision of the California MUTCD.

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 judgment or engineering study indicates the deviation to be appropriate. All Guidance statements text appears in underline type. The verb should is typically used. Guidance statements are sometime 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

1. Detail of Accessible Parking Only (R99(CA)) sign and MINIMUM FINE $250 (R99B(CA)) plaque.
2. Detail of Accessible Parking Only Minimum Fine $250 (R99C(CA)) sign.
3. Detail of Disabled Tow-Away (R100B(CA)) sign.
4. Amended Figure 3B-19 (CA) showing typical application of the R99(CA) and R99C(CA) signs, and, the R99B(CA) plaque.
NOTE: For symbol details, see Standard Highway Signs, Appendix, "Handicapped".

COLORS: BORDER & LEGEND - WHITE (RETROREFLECTIVE)
BACKGROUND - BLUE (RETROREFLECTIVE)

R99 (CA)

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R99B (CA)

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NOTE: For symbol details, see Standard Highway Signs, Appendix, “Handicapped”.

R99C (CA)

COLORS: BORDER & LEGEND - WHITE (RETROREFLECTIVE)
BACKGROUND - BLUE (RETROREFLECTIVE)

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Unauthorized vehicles parked in designated accessible spaces not displaying distinguishing placards or special license plates issued for persons with disabilities will be towed away at the owner’s expense.

Towed vehicles may be reclaimed at
(Insert Address)

Or by telephoning
(Insert Telephone Number)

R100B (CA)

Colors: Border & Legend - Black
Background - White (Retroreflective)

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Figure 3B-19 (CA). Examples of Pavement Markings for Accessible Parking Spaces

NOTES:
1. The design details for this symbol, legends, and related markings are shown in the Department of Transportation's Standard Plans. See Standard Plan A24C for square unit area for painting the ISA parking space marking.
2. The words “NO PARKING” shall be painted in the loading and unloading area in white letters no less than 305 mm (12 in) high on a contrasting background and located so that it is visible to traffic enforcement officials. See Standard Plan A24E for square unit area for painting the legend “NO PARKING”.
3. Loading and unloading area border shall be marked in blue paint. The border shall be painted blue and the hatched lines shall be painted a suitable contrasting color to the parking space. Blue or white paint is preferred.