TRAFFIC OPERATIONS POLICY DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT:
Inclusion of the following new guide signs in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (California MUTCD):
- Memorial Highway Sign (1-Line) (G12-1(CA)) Sign
- Memorial Highway Sign (2-Line) (G12-2(CA)) Sign
- Veterans National Cemetery (G86-14(CA)) Sign
- XXX (G98(CA)) Sign
- VEHICLE INSPECTION ONLY, NO LOITERING OR CAMPING (S22-1(CA)) Sign

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

IF YES, DESCRIBE
Addends Chapter 2D of the California MUTCD

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

IF YES, DESCRIBE
Chapter 2D. Sections 2D.34, 2D.44, 2D.45, 2D.49 & 2D.109(CA)

DIRECTIVE

Pursuant to 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 shall be included in Part 2 of the California MUTCD, dated September 26, 2006:

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IMPLEMENTATION

In this section, for purposes of clarity, strikethrough text is used to denote text in the California MUTCD that is being deleted and italic text is used to denote text that is being added to the California MUTCD. All other formatting as defined under the Definitions section of this Policy Directive is still applicable.

The following policies shall be included in the California MUTCD:

Section 2D.49 Signing of Named Highways
Standard:
When highway facilities are named by the Legislature, the following guidelines shall apply according to the type of facility:
2. Freeways and Highways. One sign shall be placed at each terminal. Signs shall be white on green. When used, the Memorial Highway (G12-1(CA) & G12-2(CA)) Signs shall be placed at the beginning of the highway segment memorialized by the Legislature.

Section 2D.34 Destination Signs (D1 Series)
Option:
The Veterans National Cemetery (G86-14(CA)) Signs may be placed, one in each direction of travel from and on the nearest State highway, based upon a request from the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs.

Table 2D-104(CA). Criteria for Supplemental Destination Signs (California MUTCD Page 2D-85 – Row #8)
Federal or State Hospitals, and Prisons and National Cemeteries

Section 2D.109(CA) XXX (G98(CA)) Sign
Option:
The XXX (G98(CA)) Sign may be installed on any section of a highway route to number an intersection to assist road users in estimating their progress, and to provide a means for identifying the location on the highway.
The intersection numbering may be reference location numbering or consecutive numbering.
Support:
Reference location numbering is preferred over consecutive numbering for two reasons:
(1) if new intersections are added on a route, the highway agencies do not have to change the numbering sequence; and
(2) reference location numbering assists road users in determining their destination distances and travel mileage.
The G98(CA) signs are used to promote tourism and to provide a simple method for tourists to find their way safely and efficiently along the highway route upon which a great number of tourist destinations are located on or in close proximity.
Guidance:
If used, the G98(CA) signs should be ground-mounted or placed on the traffic signal poles at signalized intersections.
Standard:
The G98(CA) signs shall not be installed on a highway until the intersection numbers are published in a tourist map.

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IMPLEMENTATION (cont’d)

Section 2D.44 Weigh Station Signing (D8 Series)
Option:
The VEHICLE INSPECTION ONLY NO LOITERING OR CAMPING (S22-1(CA)) sign may be placed at
problem locations in the area designated for brake check or safety inspection at weigh stations.

In all applications of this policy, engineering judgment must be exercised. The objective is to provide
uniform applications of signs 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 inclusion of new signs in the California MUTCD is a common practice based on need. The Department,
pursuant to CVC Section 21400; must conduct public hearings before it can approve new signs for use on public
roadways. The California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC) is the forum used to satisfy this
requirement.

The CTCDC has reviewed and recommended inclusion of the following new signs in the California MUTCD:

G12-1(CA) and G12-2(CA) Signs
The existing policy in the California MUTCD provides for the signage of memorialized highway segments as
identified by the legislature. However, the policy did not provide for the specific signs to be used. The Department
requested the CTCDC, at their October 26, 2006 meeting, to recommend approval for the Memorial Highway sign
specifications. The CTCDC agreed with the request and recommended to the Department to include these signs in
the California MUTCD.

G86-14(CA) Sign
The United States Congress authorized the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish eight (8) national
cemeteries in California. Thus far, seven (7) national cemeteries have been established in California. They are the
Sacramento Valley VA, Riverside, San Joaquin Valley, Fort Rosecrans, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Golden
Gate National Cemetery.

The Department, upon request from the Federal Department of Veterans Administration, will install one sign in
each direction of travel from the nearest State highway. Districts may order and install new or replacement signs or
may have the signs ordered and installed by others under an encroachment permit.

The Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery, located 1.3 miles east of Interstate 80, requested a sign to be
installed at the Midway Road exit in Solano County between the cities of Dixon and Vacaville. The Department
requested and received the recommendation of the CTCDC, at their June 7, 2007, to include this sign in the
California MUTCD.
BACKGROUND (Cont’d)

G98(CA) Sign
Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) requested the CTCDC to recommend approval to experiment with a signalized intersection numbering system along State Route 111 through the seven cities of Coachella Valley at their September 24, 2003 meeting. The intent of this proposal is to provide a simple method for many tourists and other visitors to the Coachella Valley to find their way safely and efficiently along the most heavily traveled route through the seven cities. The tourism industry is an important component of the Coachella Valley’s economic base. A great number of tourist destinations are located on or referenced by proximity to Route 111.

After receiving approval to experiment from the CTCDC in 2003, CVAG submitted two preliminary reports and a final report on the experiment in 2007. At the June 7, 2007 CTCDC meeting it was discussed that numbering the signalized intersections was a successful concept, embraced by the affected jurisdictions and the tourist oriented organizations for which it was originally proposed. CTCDC accepted the final report and recommended to the Department to develop a sign and include the policy in the California MUTCD.

S22-1(CA) Sign
The California Highway Patrol has experienced an increasing number of motorists using the weigh stations as a camp area or dumpsite. The Department developed the VEHICLE INSPECTION ONLY NO LOITERING OR CAMPING sign to address this problem. The Department requested and received the recommendation of the CTCDC, at their October 26, 2006, to include this sign in the California MUTCD.

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 Memorial Highway Sign (1-Line) (G12-1(CA)) Sign.
2. Detail of Memorial Highway Sign (2-Line) (G12-2(CA)) Sign.
3. Detail of Veterans National Cemetery (G86-14(CA)) Sign.
4. Detail of XXX (G98(CA)) Sign.
5. Detail of VEHICLE INSPECTION ONLY, NO LOITERING OR CAMPING (S22-1(CA)) Sign.
*NOTE: Variable message memorial sign. Specify message upon ordering.

G12-1 (CA)

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CHP Officer Joe Smith
Memorial Highway

*NOTE: Variable message memorial sign. Specify message upon ordering.

G12-2 (CA)

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NOTES:
1. Alternate message, Line 3: NEXT LEFT, NEXT EXIT, SECOND RIGHT, and SECOND LEFT.
2. The exit number should be located on the left edge of the sign for left exits and on the right edge of the sign for right exits.

G86-14 (CA)

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NOTES:
1. Variable signal number, specify when ordering.
2. When signal number includes a suffix letter, the suffix letter is separated from the number by a space (per FHWA Standard Alphabet Spacing standards).

G98 (CA)

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