TO:        All District Division Chiefs  
          for Traffic Operations Program    

FROM:      DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
          Traffic Operations  
          Mail Station 36  

SUBJECT:   Safety Corridors  

Date: November 30, 1998  
File No:  

In the past year (or so) there has been considerable interest in developing “Safety Corridors” to focus efforts on accident reduction on some conventional state highways. The California Highway Patrol generally takes the lead in these.

Because of the interest in Safety Corridors and because the participants in these usually request highway signs, we have developed guidelines for the signs and their installation. These are:

1) Signs will be installed on conventional state highways (non-freeways) at the written request of an official Corridor Safety Task Force.

2) One sign will be posted at each end of the corridor.

3) General sign specifications should be:
   - No larger than eight feet wide and four feet high
   - White background with black lettering having a primary safety message
   - A logo and any secondary message (along with colors) must be agreed upon by the Task Force. The logo and secondary message shall not cover more than 25 percent of the sign’s surface area

4) Caltrans will purchase and install the signs.

5) The task force is to advise Caltrans, in writing, as to how long the signs are to remain on the highway. This time period should not exceed three years.

Attached is a specification for a safety corridor sign. You will note that the logo graphics may cause some complications in the sign specifications. Therefore, I suggest that your staff contact Mr. Gerry Kundert at Calnet 464-5251 before agreeing to have the sign fabricated.

Regarding any policy questions, please call me at Calnet 464-4551 or Mr. Greg Edwards at Calnet 464-3507.


Original Signed by  

GERRY MEIS, Chief  
Office of Signs, Delineation  

Attachment
Note: Route Shield and Logo shown are examples only. The Route Shield and Logo shall not occupy more than 25% of the sign's surface area. Unless specified, the logo will be supplied by others.

COLORS
BACKGROUND - WHITE (REFLECTIVE)
LEGEND & BORDER - BLACK (NON-REFLECTIVE)
ROUTE SHIELD & LOGO - SEE NOTE (REFLECTIVE)

- THE POLICY FOR INTENDED USAGE OF THIS SIGN IS SHOWN ON REVERSE SIDE -