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In Reply Refer To: HOTO-1

Mr. Gerry Meis  
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California Department of Transportation  
1120 N Street, MS 36  
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Dear Mr. Meis:

Thank you for your November 29 letter requesting formal approval for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to participate in the use of Clearview fonts in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration Interim Approval for Use of the Clearview Font for Positive Contrast Legends on Guide Signs dated September 2, 2004.

Please be advised that Caltrans and all highway agencies within the State of California are hereby granted approval to use the Clearview Font for positive contrast legends on guide signs in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Highway Administration Interim Approval. For recordkeeping purposes, we have numbered and titled this request, "Interim Approval as IA-5.19, Clearview Font—Caltrans." Please refer to this number and title in any future correspondence. If we can be of further assistance or in the event of further questions, you may contact Mr. Fred Ranck of the FHWA MUTCD team at 708-283-3545.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony T. Furst  
Acting Director, Office of Transportation  
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November 29, 2006

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Re.: Interim Approval Request

Dear Ms. McElroy:

As per the provisions of Section 1A.10 of the 2003 edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the Interim Approval process, the California Department of Transportation hereby requests approval to use the following devices on a blanket basis statewide, including all local jurisdictions within California:

- Interim Interim Approval for Optional Use of RV Friendly Symbol Sign.
- Interim Approval for Use of Clearview Font for Positive Contrast Legends on Guide Signs
- Optional use of wayside horn system (WHS) at highway-rail grade crossings
- Optional use of retroreflective borders on traffic signal backplates

We understand that if approval is granted, in accordance with Section 1A.10, any local jurisdiction using these devices under this statewide interim approval is required to inform the California Department of Transportation of such use. Also, they must agree to terminate the use if it becomes apparent that there are significant safety concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 654-4715 or via e-mail [gerry\\_meis@dot.ca.gov](mailto:gerry_meis@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerry Meis".

GERRY MEIS, Chief  
Office of Signs, markings and Permits