Memorandum

To: All District Division Chiefs
for Traffic Operations Program

From: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Traffic Operations
Mail Station 36

Subject: Safety Corridors

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.

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)