

Sub-part 7601 – Traffic Engineering Division

Chapter 00800 Specific Service Signs

Purpose

- 100 To establish polices and procedures for the installation of specific service signs within Department of Transportation right-of-way.
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Definitions

- 201 The following words as used in this Rule shall mean:
1. “Department” or “MDOT” means Mississippi Department of Transportation.
 2. “Executive Director” means the Chief Executive Officer of MDOT or his designated representative.
 3. “District” means any one of six subdivisions of MDOT responsible for construction and maintenance activities in a defined geographical area.
 4. “MDOT Program Administrator” means that person assigned by MDOT to oversee and coordinate Contractor’s or MDOT Personnel’s activity.
 5. “Logo Sign Program” is a simplified expression for the Specific Service Sign Program as outlined in the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. It may also be identified as the “Program”.
 6. “Eligible Highways” means those sections of controlled access highways determined by MDOT to be eligible for the Logo Sign Program.
 7. “Eligible Interchange” or “Interchange” means those interchanges or intersections within the eligible sections of highways where the Logo Sign Program may be provided.
 8. “Qualified Business” means those facilities providing “GAS”, “FOOD”, “LODGING”, “CAMPING”, AND “ATTRACTION” services that meet the eligibility criteria defined in this rule.
 9. “Specific Service Sign” means a background panel with border and copy upon which one (1) or more separate business signs may be attached and are located adjacent to the mainline and exit ramps of the eligible highway.
 10. “Business Sign” means a sign mounted on the Specific Service Sign showing the name, symbol, trademark, or combination thereof for a type service available at an interchange.
 11. “Trailblazer” means a business sign with appropriate directional arrows mounted along the route leading from the interchange to the business for traffic direction purposes.
 12. “Site Plan” will be the means of documenting the construction, maintenance, refurbishing, and sight clearing to be performed by Contractor or MDOT Personnel on or for specific service signs within highway right-of-way as well as

the means of obtaining approval of such work from the MDOT Program Administrator.

13. "As-Built Plans" are detailed plans showing the configuration and location of specific service signs and trailblazer signs after the initial construction is completed on an interchange-by-interchange basis.
14. "Visible" means the location of the business can be readily identified by traffic approaching the termini of the highway exit ramp serving the business or approaching an intersection along the route from the exit ramp to the business.
15. "Contractor" means that person, firm, or organization selected by MDOT for the purpose of administering, marketing, construction, refurbishing, and maintaining the existing and future Specific Service Sign Program in Mississippi.
16. "Blanket Authority" will be the means by which Contractor will obtain approval from the MDOT Program Administrator to install, reposition, or remove business signs and to repair specific service background panel signs.
17. "Traffic Control Plan" will be the method and means of informing, directing, and regulating traffic when various construction or maintenance activities are being performed on highway right-of-way by Contractor, or MDOT Personnel.
18. "MDOT District Inspector" means that District person assigned the responsibility of assisting the MDOT Program Administrator in administering the Logo Sign Program.

Administration

- 300 Administration of the Logo Sign Program shall include planning, organizing, directing, and controlling all activities in the Logo Sign Program to assure systematic orderly program progress. All activities are to be coordinated with the MDOT Program Administrator who will inform the appropriate MDOT District Inspectors of planned activities and schedules for all phases of work.

Location

- 400 Eligible Highways - The routes and location of eligible sections of the fully or partially controlled access system of highways where the Logo Sign Program may be provided are listed below. All locations are subject to adequate sign spacing and MDOT approval. The Commission reserves the right to add additional eligible sections of highways and/or interchanges to the Logo Sign Program. Additional highway segments and/or interchanges may be made eligible and added to the program, but written approval in the form of a Commission Order is required before work commences on such segment or interchange.
- 401 The COMMISSION also reserves the right to require Contractor or MDOT Personnel to remove, at Contractor's or MDOT Personnel's expense, all or part of the specific service signs at an existing eligible interchange that becomes in conflict with highway construction, maintenance, or the intent of the Logo Sign Program.

- 402 Lateral Location - The specific service signs should be located so as to take advantage of natural terrain, to have the least impact on the scenic environment, and to avoid visual conflict with other signs within highway rights-of-way. Sign panel supports shall be of breakaway or yielding design meeting MDOT standards and specifications for breakaway and yielding sign supports.
- 403 Relative Location - In the direction of traffic, successive specific service signs shall be those for "ATTRACTION", "CAMPING", "LODGING", "FOOD", and "GAS", in that order

Business Eligibility Criteria

- 500 Conformity with Laws - Each business identified on a specific service sign shall have given written assurance of its conformity with all applicable laws concerning the provision of public accommodations without regard to race, religion, color, sex, or national origin, and shall not be in breach of that assurance. This statement may be included in the participation agreement format.
- 501 Distance to Services - The maximum distance that service facilities can be located from the terminal of the nearest off ramp to qualify for a business sign shall be fifteen (15) miles in either direction. At intersections that MDOT determines are urban in nature, the maximum distance shall be two (2) miles from the terminal of the nearest off ramp. Measurements shall be from the beginning of the road connecting the ramp to the crossroad or the nose-point of a loop along normal edge of pavement of the crossroad as a vehicle must travel to reach a point opposite the main entrance to the business.
- 502 Should a business qualify for business signs at two interchanges, the business sign(s) shall be erected at the nearest eligible interchange. In no instance shall a business be signed at one interchange to exit at another interchange for access to the business.

Types of Services Permitted

- 600 The types of services permitted shall be limited to "GAS", "FOOD", "LODGING", "CAMPING", and "ATTRACTIONS". To qualify for display on a specific service sign:
1. "GAS" Shall Include:
 - a. Appropriate licensing as required by law.
 - b. Vehicle services of unleaded fuel, oil, and water.
 - c. Free restroom facilities and free drinking water suitable for public use. (Outside faucet with garden hose, restroom sink, etc., are not considered suitable for drinking water.)
 - d. Year-round operation at least sixteen (16) continuous hours per day, seven (7) days a week.
 - e. Telephone available for use by the public.
 2. "FOOD" Shall Include:
 - a. Appropriate licensing and/or permitting as required by law or regulation.

- b. Year-round operation at least eleven (11) continuous days per hour per day between 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. six (6) days a week. Restaurants which do not meet the requirement of hours may participate subject to available space.
 - c. Indoor seating for at least sixteen (16) persons or “drive-thru” or “drive-in” service.
 - d. Public restroom facilities.
 - e. Telephone available for use by the public.
3. “LODGING” Shall Include:
- a. Appropriate licensing as required by law.
 - b. Adequate sleeping accommodations consisting of a minimum ten (10) units with private baths, or in the case of a bed and breakfast establishment, a minimum of three (3) bedrooms with private baths. The bed and breakfast facilities will be noted as such on the individual logo signs.
 - c. Off-street vehicle parking spaces for each lodging room for rent.
 - d. Year-round operation.
 - e. Telephone available for use by the public.
4. “CAMPING” Shall Include:
- a. Appropriate licensing as required by law.
 - b. Modern sanitary and bath facilities which are adequate for the number of campers that can be accommodated.
 - c. At least ten (10) campsites with water and electrical outlets.
 - d. Adequate parking accommodations.
 - e. Continuous operation, seven (7) days a week, twelve (12) months a year.
 - f. Telephone available for use by the public.
 - g. If space is available and they are not currently on standard guide signs, state parks with eligible campgrounds may participate at no charge. Logo panels for these will be furnished by MDOT’s Traffic Engineering Sign Shop.
5. “ATTRACTIONS” Shall Include:
- To qualify for an attraction LOGO sign, a business must: (i) not be currently utilizing other traffic generator guide signs, (ii) have licensing or approval, where required, (iii) provide sanitary public restroom facilities, unless exempted by MDOT, (iv) be in continuous operation at least three (3) days per week in season, (except the requirement shall not apply to the “arena” category), (v) be located within fifteen (15) miles of the interchange and have a route than can easily be navigated by motorists, (vi) be of regional interest to the traveling public and fall into one or more of the following categories:
- a. Historical Site or District: Shall include a structure, site, or district that has definite historical significance as determined by the Mississippi Historical Society as a historical attraction and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
 - b. Cultural Site: Shall include any facility for the performing arts, exhibits, or concerts that is open to all age groups.

- i. Museum: A facility open to the public in which works or artistic, historical, or scientific value are cared for and exhibited to the public.
 - ii. Sites indigenous to Mississippi.
 - c. Educational Site:
 - i. Zoological/Aquariums/Botanical Park: A facility in which living animals, insects, fish, or plants are kept and exhibited to the public.
 - ii. Facility Tour Location: A facility such as a factory, institution, or plant which conducts daily or weekly public tours on a regular scheduled basis year-round.
 - d. Area of Natural Beauty/Scenic Beauty: A natural occurring area of outstanding interest to the general public; examples include, but are not limited to, State and National Parks, wilderness areas, lakes, rivers, and similar areas.
 - e. Recreational Site:
 - i. Recreational Area: An area that includes, but is not limited to, bicycling, boating, fishing, hiking, rafting, picnicking, and water skiing.
 - ii. Amusement Parks: A permanent area, which is open to the general public for entertainment rides and food services. In operation more than three (3) months per year.
 - iii. Arenas: A stadium, sports complex, auditorium, fairground, civic or convention center.
 - iv. Golf Courses: A facility open to the public and offering at least nine (9) holes of play. Miniature golf courses, driving ranges, chip and putt courses, and indoor golf shall not be eligible.
 - v. Water Oriented Tours: i.e., Riverboat, Dinner Cruises, Fishing Charters, and Swamp Tours.
- 6. Number of Signs Permitted:
 - a. The number of specific service sign structures permitted shall not exceed a maximum of four (4) sign structures along the approach to an interchange.
 - b. Specific service signs with directional distance information shall be erected along the ramp approaching the crossroad for all participating businesses not readily visible.
- 7. Trailblazer Signs:
 - a. Where turns are necessary after exiting an interchange onto the crossroad and the business is still not visible, trailblazer signs will be required at all turns until the business is visible.
 - b. Trailblazer signs are to be installed prior to installation of ramp or mainline specific service signs.
 - c. Trailblazer signs not on MDOT right-of-way shall not be installed until appropriate written approval has been obtained from the jurisdiction having authority for sign placement.
 - d. The business will be responsible for furnishing the business sign used on the trailblazer assemblies.
 - e. Access roads to the business must be all weather roads clear of obstructions that could damage a vehicle while traversing that route.

Special Requirements

- 700 The selection by Contractor or MDOT of businesses to be initially displayed on the specific service signs will be made from the businesses conforming to the provisions of the eligibility criteria on a first-come first-served basis. The number of business signs permitted on a sign panel shall be as per the current edition of the MUTCD. Businesses must also meet the distance requirements from each approach independently in order to be signed on each approach. All distance criteria are to be determined in accordance with this Rule. MDOT shall in no way be held responsible or liable for removal of any business sign panel.
- 701 The priority of business sign locations on the mainline specific service sign will be established based on a first-come first-served basis with the business being assigned the highest vacant priority slot available on the date the completed application is submitted. The order of priority on mainline signs will be in vertical columns beginning at the top left and ending at the bottom right. Single row signs shall begin at the left.
- 702 The specific service signs shall be fabricated and installed by MDOT or by MDOT's Contractor. All business signs will be furnished by the business and shall be manufactured in accordance with MDOT standards or special specifications and/or supplements thereto, for both materials and workmanship.
- 703 No business may alter in any form or fashion the layout of the business sign or the actual business signs once they have been approved by the MDOT Program Administrator. Contractor or MDOT will be responsible for reviewing business sign layouts to assure their conformance with MDOT requirements
- 704 If under contract, the Contractor may be required to submit proposed business sign layouts to the MDOT Program Administrator for approval. Upon approval of a specific business sign layout by the MDOT Program Administrator, it will not be necessary for Contractor to submit the approved business sign layout.
- 705 When one or more businesses located at an interchange meeting the eligibility requirements agree to participate in the logo signing program, the general motorist service sign shall be removed. The general services not included in the logo signing program but available at the interchange shall be signed for using an independently mounted symbolic service sign suspended beneath the advance guide sign as directed by MDOT. MDOT or MDOT's Contractor will be responsible for the relocation, mounting, and all necessary supports and hardware based upon approved by the MDOT Program Administrator. If under contract, MDOT will provide the symbolic service sign panel(s) as required at no cost to the Contractor.
- 706 If a participating business is found in non-compliance with the eligibility or other criteria, the business shall be notified by certified mail and given thirty (30) days to correct them. If a participating business is found in non-compliance on a second occasion, the

business' agreement with MDOT or MDOT's Contractor is immediately terminated and the business signs shall be removed from the specific service signs and returned to the business. MDOT or MDOT's Contractor's agreement with each business must include this requirement.

- 707 MDOT or MDOT's Contractor will be required to remove, relocate, replace, or otherwise modify existing logo program signs as required by MDOT construction or maintenance operations. This will be done at MDOT's or MDOT's Contractor's expense.

Construction and Maintenance

800 General

1. Existing System

Specific service signs, business signs, and trailblazer signs in place and scheduled for installation, replacement, or maintenance shall continue to be the responsibility of MDOT or MDOT's Contractor after execution of the Contract. All logo program signs, except business signs, shall remain or become the property of MDOT. MDOT's approval of the construction shall constitute transfer of ownership of new signs and supports to MDOT. MDOT's Contractor shall not own any sign systems within MDOT right-of-way.

2. New Sign Construction

Marketing efforts required of MDOT or MDOT's Contractor, new location availabilities and the allowance of Attraction signs, will require new signs to be installed and possible modifications or removal of existing signs. It is the responsibility of MDOT or MDOT's Contractor to perform necessary business and sign inventories and integrate new sign construction or modifications into the Logo Sign Inventory.

3. Inventory

MDOT maintains records of specific service signs and business signs; however, it is MDOT's Contractor's responsibility to develop a field inventory of all existing signs showing location, size, and type of signs in place at or prior to the time of contract execution. This basic information is required to determine necessary sign modification, addition, or replacement required as a result of the marketing process. MDOT's Contractor shall maintain and update said inventory on a regular basis each quarter.

4. Sight Clearing

- a. All existing, modified, or added specific service signs or trailblazer locations shall be cleared or provided to allow full view by an approaching motorist of total sign surfaces at the distances shown below:
- b. MDOT or MDOT's Contractor shall flag the trees to be cut prior to submitting a site plan. An approved site plan shall be obtained from the MDOT Program Administrator prior to performing any tree, limb, brush, vegetation, or any other clearing operations. Under NO circumstances shall MDOT or MDOT's Contractor cut, trim, or alter in any form magnolia trees that exist on state right-of-way.

- c. Because MDOT's Contractor will pay MDOT for the marketable timber cut in accordance with an approved site plan, the MDOT Program Administrator will initiate a cruise of said timber. Upon receipt of the cruise document(s), the MDOT Program Administrator shall submit the cruise document(s) to MDOT's Contractor for payment. MDOT's Contractor shall make the check payable to the MDOT Program Administrator. Approval of the site plan by the MDOT Program Administrator will be contingent upon receipt of payment for the marketable timber.
- d. It will be the responsibility of MDOT's Contractor to dispose of the vegetation cut or trimmed in accordance with an approved site plan. The right-of-way shall be cleared of the vegetation and all stumps cut flush with the surrounding surface. MDOT's Contractor shall strictly adhere to the approved traffic control plan for such operations.

5. Site Plans

Prior to beginning any construction or maintenance operation, site plans for proposed construction or maintenance shall be developed and submitted for approval as directed by MDOT. The site plans shall be developed by interchange for each mainline approach, exit ramp, and loop or crossroads where trailblazer signs are required. The plans may be line drawings not to scale contained on 8-1/2" x 11" sheets. The following information is to be provided as a minimum:

- a. A line drawing, showing the mainline approach and exit ramp and loop (if applicable) with sufficient space to show symbols for location of proposed and existing pertinent signs.
- b. Relative location of all existing and proposed signs.
- c. Distances from and to all existing non-specific service signs and proposed logo program signs.
- d. Offset from edge of pavement to near edge of proposed program signs.
- e. Size and type of existing and proposed logo program signs.
- f. A title block including space for MDOT approval.
- g. A line drawing showing the trailblazer signs and location required for businesses on that interchange approach's specific service signs.
- h. Site clearing to be performed.
- i. General notes required by MDOT.

All work associated with an approved site plan must be accomplished by MDOT's Contractor within ninety (90) days of approval by the MDOT Program Administrator.

6. Blanket Authority

- a. Immediately following the execution of the contract between MDOT's Contractor AND MDOT, MDOT's Contractor shall request the MDOT Program Administrator to furnish MDOT's Contractor a blanket authority to perform such work as inventories, sign location staking, cross sectioning for support lengths, and installing, removing, or replacing business signs. The blanket authority shall include specific requirements and restrictions in addition to approved traffic control plans.

- b. Regardless of the work to be performed under a blanket authority or site plan, MDOT's Contractor shall advise the MDOT Program Administrator and/or the appropriate MDOT District Inspector at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to beginning work on the state right-of-way. In cases of emergencies, MDOT will forego the twenty-four (24) hour prior notification requirements; however, this does not relieve MDOT's Contractor from contacting the appropriate MDOT personnel as soon as possible.

7. Traffic Control

- a. Traffic control plans shall be developed by MDOT's Contractor for each preconstruction, construction, and maintenance activity, and submitted to the MDOT Program Administrator for approval. These plans shall show signs, channelizing devices, flashing lights, etc., as required for operations on and off the shoulder of the mainline approaches, ramp and loop approaches, and trailblazer location (generally two-lane and two-way).
- b. All operations requiring different traffic control shall be identified by MDOT's Contractor and specific traffic control plans developed for MDOT approval. MDOT's Contractor shall obtain input and MDOT approval for traffic control devices required for preconstruction operations.

8. Sign Support Sizes

The size of steel beams utilized for support of mainline and ramp specific information signs shall be determined by MDOT or MDOT's Contractor utilizing the design process provided by the MDOT Program Administrator. Calculations for each sign support shall be kept on record for review by MDOT as required.

9. As-Built Plans

MDOT's Contractor shall provide the MDOT Program Administrator two (2) sets of as-built plans within ninety (90) days of completion of interchanges. These plans may consist of site plans corrected to show actual sign locations and types.

801 New Construction

- 1. New sign or modified existing sign construction shall be determined by MDOT or MDOT's Contractor following a systematic inventory and marketing process. Estimated quantities shall be shown in Contractor's proposal, if under contract.
- 2. Location of signs shall conform to the longitudinal, transverse, and vertical clearances specified in the standard plans and typical layout sheets. These controls include distance between signs, offsets from edges of pavement, and vertical clearances from pavement and ground surfaces.
- 3. Work shall be performed in a systematic orderly process by route through the Districts. MDOT or MDOT's Contractor shall develop a proposed schedule of all work, including site plan development, showing beginning and ending dates for statewide coverage on all routes. These schedules will also be presented to the MDOT Program Administrator for approval prior to beginning of any preconstruction or construction activity.

802 Refurbishing Specific Service Signs, and Business Sign Replacement

1. Beginning on July 1, 2005, MDOT or MDOT's Contractor shall systematically refurbish the background panel sheeting of signs so that one-fifteenth (1/15th) of the existing program inventory is refurbished during each year of the Contract term. A report including this information will be provided quarterly and annually as required. It is MDOT's or MDOT's Contractor's responsibility to coordinate field determination of actual signs to be refurbished with the MDOT Program Administrator. The final determination of specific service signs and business signs to be refurbished or replaced will be made by MDOT personnel prior to beginning construction at an interchange. Contractor shall determine by marketing what type and number of signs will be required to accommodate business participation and shall provide through construction, refurbishing, or modification those specific service signs required and shall replace those business signs determined by MDOT to be replaced provided these businesses continue to participate. New business signs added by marketing or new participation shall be provided by the business and installed by MDOT or MDOT's Contractor.
2. Site plans for refurbishing, modification, or business sign replacement shall be provided as outlined and may be shown on the site plans for new construction. It is intended that only one site plan per interchange approach be provided.
3. The proposed schedule of work shall be inclusive of all refurbishing, modification, and business sign replacement work. It is intended that all construction required at an interchange and for initial statewide construction coverage be performed as MDOT or MDOT's Contractor proceeds with work through an interchange as shown on the proposed and final approved work schedule. This does not preclude sporadic construction required as a result of participation by businesses that decide to participate at later dates.

803 Removal of Existing Specific Signs

1. As MDOT or MDOT's Contractor proceeds with marketing and determination of sign types required by anticipated business participation, certain existing specific service signs may require removal. MDOT or MDOT's Contractor shall remove these signs and all salvageable material shall be delivered to the appropriate MDOT District Office and become the property of MDOT. The MDOT District Inspector will advise where to deliver material.
2. MDOT or MDOT's Contractor shall remove all foundations and stubs to one foot below normal ground line. Holes shall be back-filled with dirt and compacted to leave a finished ground line to match existing. MDOT may require MDOT's Contractor, at his own expense, to reseed or sprig bare surfaces dependent upon size of disturbed area.

804 Maintenance

1. General
If under contract, Contractor shall after execution of the Contract continue to be responsible for the maintenance of the existing logo program sign system. Contractor shall maintain all existing signs and supports and all new signs and supports for the life of the contract.
2. Routine Maintenance

- a. MDOT or MDOT's Contractor shall inspect all sign surfaces annually to determine adequate legibility and retro-reflective performance. These inspections may be subjective nighttime appraisals; however, in case of differences of opinion by MDOT's Contractor and MDOT personnel, final determination will be made by MDOT using a retro-reflectivity measuring instrument furnished by MDOT's Contractor and used as directed by the sheeting manufacturer. Inspections shall be documented.
 - b. Signs and supports shall be inspected annually to determine integrity of the support and hanging system. Bolts shall be re-torqued as required and any noticeable rust spots, sheeting damage, loose rivets, vandalism damage, etc., shall be repaired. Inspections shall be documented.
 - c. Sight distance as initially required and outlined in this Rule shall be maintained for the life contract. Inspections and efforts to maintain sight distance requirements shall be documented.
 - d. All logo program sign surfaces shall be cleaned as needed. Cleaning shall be performed as recommended by the manufacturer of the retro-reflective sheeting and shall be documented.
3. Emergency Maintenance
- a. Sign damage that poses an immediate danger to the traveling public shall receive immediate attention. When MDOT or MDOT's Contractor becomes aware of the sign damage, action shall be initiated immediately to remove the danger to the public.
 - b. MDOT or MDOT's Contractor shall then initiate procurement of materials and make necessary repairs. Sign repairs requiring ordering of materials from suppliers outside the local area shall be accomplished within thirty (30) days from the date of awareness. Sign repairs requiring materials available from Contractor's stock or locally available shall be performed within five (5) days from date of awareness of need. The intent of this section is to allow reasonable time for procurement of materials; however, Contractor should make reasonable efforts to have stockpiled or readily available sources of materials for maintenance.
 - c. The MDOT District Maintenance personnel will cooperate with Contractor by advising of needed sign or support maintenance that they notice. Contractor shall provide the appropriate MDOT personnel with names and emergency phone number of Contractor's maintenance personnel that will respond to maintenance requirements.

805 Sign Design and Composition

1. Sign Panels

The sign panels shall have a blue background with a white reflectorized border. The size of the sign panel shall not exceed the minimum size necessary to accommodate the maximum number of business signs permitted using the required legend height and the interline and edge spacing specified in the current edition of the MUTCD.

2. Business Signs

The principal legend should be at least equal in height to the directional legend on the sign panel. Where business identification symbols or trademarks are used alone for a business sign, the border may be omitted, the symbol trademark shall be reproduced in the colors and general shape consistent with customary use, and any integral legend shall be in proportionate size. Messages, symbols, and trademarks which resemble any official traffic control device are prohibited. The vertical and horizontal spacing between business signs on sign panels shall not exceed 8" and 12" respectively.

3. Legends

All directional arrows and all letters and numbers used in the name of the type of service and the directional legend shall be white and retro-reflectorized.

4. Single Exit Interchange

The name of the type of service followed by the exit number shall be displayed in one line above the business signs. At unnumbered interchanges, the directional legend NEXT RIGHT (LEFT) shall be substituted for the exit number. The "GAS", "FOOD", "LODGING", "CAMPING" or "ATTRACTION" specific service signs shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) business signs.

5. Double-Exit Interchanges

The specific information signs shall consist of two (2) sections, one for each exit. The top section shall display the business signs for the first exit and the lower section shall display the business signs for the second exit. The name of the type of service followed by the exit number shall be displayed in a line above the business signs in each section. The number of business signs on the sign panel (total of both sections) shall be limited to six (6) for each type of service. At unnumbered interchanges, the legends NEXT RIGHT (LEFT) and SECOND RIGHT (LEFT) shall be substituted for the exit numbers. Where a type motorist service is to be signed for at only one (1) exit, one (1) section of the specific service sign may be omitted, or a single-exit interchange sign may be used.

806 Sign Size

1. Specific Service Signs

Sizes for specific service signs for each type service are described herein.

2. Business Signs

- a. Each business sign displayed on the "GAS" specific information sign shall be contained within a 48" wide and 36" high rectangular background area, including border.
- b. Each business sign on the "FOOD", "LODGING", "CAMPING", and "ATTRACTION" specific information signs shall be contained within a minimum 48" wide and 36" high rectangular area, including border.
- c. Legend. All letters used in the name of the type of service and the directional legend shall be 10" capital letters. Numbers shall be 10" in height.
- d. Ramp Signs
 - i. Each business sign displayed on the ramp specific information sign shall be 24" wide and 18" high for "GAS" and a minimum of 24" wide and 18" high for "FOOD", "LODGING", "CAMPING", and

“ATTRACTION”. Maximum sign size shall be governed by the current edition of the MUTCD.

- ii. The legend on the ramp business sign shall be the same only proportionately smaller.

807 Materials

1. General

- a. All materials to be used for sign fabrication, support fabrication, and foundation materials shall conform to the requirements of Section 721 of the current MDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, as amended by special provisions and/or special specifications.
- b. The basis of acceptance of all materials included in this section shall conform to the requirements of Section 721 of the current MDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, as amended by special provisions and/or special specifications.
- c. In addition to the above general requirements, the reflective sheeting, sign substrate, and sign supports shall conform to the specific requirements as described in this Rule.

2. Retro-reflective Sheeting

- a. Specific service signs background, border, and copy shall be ASTM type III sheeting.
- b. Specific service signs border and copy may be either direct applied or demountable ASTM type III sheeting.
- c. Business sign sheeting shall be ASTM type III sheeting.
- d. Business sign copy, symbols, and border may be provided by silk screening with appropriate inks. This production process shall meet the requirements of the sheeting manufacturer.

3. Sign Substrate

All signs shall be fabricated with aluminum.

4. Sign Supports

- a. Mainline and ramp specific service sign support shall be steel beams fabricated for slip base breakaway design as detailed in the standard plans.
- b. Trailblazer sign assemblies shall be steel posts for small signs. MDOT's Contractor may submit to the MDOT Program Administrator an alternate breakaway sign support system for approval when the number of trailblazer signs dictates such a system.

Fees and Agreements

900 Annual Fees, Installation Fees, Quarterly Reporting, Annual Reporting, Termination Agreement, Appeals, Books and Records, Applicable Laws, Annual Payments to the Department, Ownership of the Specific Service Sign Program at Expiration of Termination of the Contract Assignment, Supplemental Agreements and Remedies, Indemnity and Insurance, Surety Performance Bonds, Responsibility of MDOT, Authorization, Conflict of Interest, Entire Agreement, Covenant Against Contingent Fees

and Lobbying, and Employment of Commission's Personnel shall be in accordance with the current contract for the Administration of Mississippi Logo Sign Program.

Procedures

- 1000 MDOT or MDOT's Contractor's Representative will furnish the business with a permit application and the "Guide and Specifications for Logo Design and Fabrication". The Representative's responsibilities will include the following:
 1. Thoroughly explain the program to the applicant.
 2. Advise the applicant what information must be submitted to the Representative.
 3. Advise the applicant not to have his business signs fabricated until the applicant receives an approved permit application.
- 1001 The applicant must complete the permit application and have prepared a sign layout of their business sign.
- 1002 The applicant must submit to the Representative the completed permit application sign layout, and a check to cover the installation fee which will be equivalent to the current installation fee times the number of business sign(s) to be installed by the Department's Contractor on Department right-of-way.
- 1003 The Representative should review the permit application, the check, and the sign in order to determine if the appropriate information is shown and correct.
- 1004 The Representative will advise the applicant as to whether the layout was approved or denied. If the layout is denied, specific reasons for the denial will be provided.
- 1005 If the layout is approved, the Representative will furnish the applicant a copy of the approved permit application.
- 1006 If the layout is denied, the applicant must resubmit a new sign layout to the Representative. This process will continue until such time the layout is approved.
- 1007 The Representative will furnish the applicant with a copy of the approved permit application and advise him that he may proceed with having his business signs fabricated.
- 1008 The sign manufacturer must fabricate the business sign(s) in accordance with the specifications and shall have them delivered to the Representative in accordance with current instructions from the Representative.
- 1009 The applicant must submit the remaining balance to the Representative within thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice. Failure to do so will result in the termination of the permit and the removal of the business signs.

1010 Sites for the Mississippi Code are available at www.state.ms.us and MUTCD information is available at mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov. Any other publications may be viewed during regular business hours at the MDOT Administration Building.