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## *Inter-Departmental Memorandum*

**Date:** April 3, 1997  
**To:** Roadway Design Section Engineers  
**From:** Roadway Design Division Engineer  
Wendel T. Ruff  
**Subject:** Intersection Sight Distance at Signalized Intersections

Roadway Design Division has formalized a policy on sight flares at signalized intersections. The following policy is initiated:

At signalized intersections, a sight flare is desirable but not required.

- A sight flare will not be shown on the plans within any of the quadrants that has some type of improvement on it, such as a house or gasoline station; however, a normal construction flare should be included if there are no right-of-way restrictions. Since the MDOT policy does not allow a driveway within the radius of the intersection, the construction flare will not be labeled *No Access*.
- A sight flare will be shown on the plans within any of the quadrants that is free from some type of improvement, and will be labeled *No Access and (Design Speeds) Sight Flare*.

Should additional information be deemed necessary, please advise.

pc: District Construction Engineers  
Roadway Design Division  
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Traffic Engineering Division  
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Central File (via 81-01)  
Design Memo File



April 3, 1997

TO: Richard Young

FROM: John Pickering

SUBJECT: Design Memo for Intersection  
Sight Distance at Signalized Intersections

Attached is a design memo concerning sight distance at signalized intersections. I know you and Wendel discussed this a week or so ago. Wendel is out of the office this week, and I thought I heard you say you would be out next week. I'm asking you to review this as soon as you can and let us know if it conforms to what you and Wendel discussed, so we can get it sent out as soon as possible. Thanks.

If there are any questions, please advise.

Attachment