

## ENGINEERING DIRECTIVES AND STANDARDS

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**SUBJECT: MARKING NO PASSING ZONE FOR SPECIAL SITUATIONS**

- 1. PURPOSE:** This directive sets forth the Department of Transportation and Development's (DOTD) policy for marking no passing zones for situations not addressed in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). This policy shall serve as a supplement to and not replace the MUTCD, Standard Plan PM-01, and the Louisiana Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges.
- 2. SCOPE:** This policy is for paved state maintained highways.
- 3. POLICY:**
  - A. Intersections

Mark no passing zones at any approach controlled by:

    - 1) Stop Sign
    - 2) Yield Sign
    - 3) Traffic Signal
    - 4) Flashing Beacon
  - B. Railroad Grade Crossings

Mark no passing zones at all highway-rail grade crossings.
  - C. Narrow Bridges

Mark no passing zones for a bridge or culvert that has a clear width less than the approach roadway (travel lanes plus shoulders).
  - D. Other Situations

Mark no passing zones for other situations once an engineering study indicates a need. Elements of an engineering study include one or all of the following:

    - 1) Average Daily Traffic Volumes
    - 2) Directional Distribution of Traffic
    - 3) Approach Speeds
    - 4) Turning Movements
    - 5) Vehicle Classification
    - 6) Accident History
    - 7) Sight Distance
    - 8) Roadway Widths
  - E. Consecutive No Passing Zones

Connect no passing markings when the distance between no passing zones is less than 400 feet.
  - F. Calculate No Passing Zones based on the greater of the posted speed or the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed, but do not exceed the statutory limit.
- 4. IMPLEMENTATION:** These standards shall apply immediately to all resurfaced or newly constructed roadways as well as all of the federal aid primary highway system. The remainder of the State maintained system shall be brought into conformance with this policy as time permits.

5. **OTHER ISSUANCES AFFECTED:** All directives, memoranda or standard plans, or instructions issued heretofore in conflict with this directive are hereby rescinded.
6. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This directive will become effective immediately upon issuance.

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