

Section 3B.3

NO PASSING ZONES

3B.3.1 MUTCD SECTION REFERENCE

No-Passing Zone Pavement Markings and Warrants 3B.02; DO NOT PASS (R4-1) sign 2B.28

3B.3.2 LEGAL

Revised Statute 32:71 Driving on right side of road; exceptions, Revised Statute 32:76 Further limitations on passing on the left & Revised Statute 32:77 No passing zones

3B.3.3 CONDITIONS FOR USE

DOTD shall not stripe no passing zones at intersections as per state law. The DO NOT PASS (R4-1) sign may be used in addition to pavement markings to emphasize the restriction on passing. DOTD shall not install or replace the pendant NO PASSING ZONE (W14-3) sign.

3B.3.4 LOCATIONS

Mark no passing zones at:

- a. any approach controlled by a traffic signal or flashing beacon.
- b. all highway-rail grade crossings as shown on Pavement Marking Standard, PM-07.
- c. narrow bridges for a bridge culvert that has a clear width less than the approach roadway (travel lanes plus shoulders).
- d. other situations once an engineering study indicates a need.
(Engineering study may include one or all of the following:
 1. ADT volumes
 2. Directional distribution of traffic
 3. Approach speeds
 4. Turning movements
 5. Vehicle classification
 6. Accident history
 7. Sight distance
 8. Roadway widths

Connect no passing markings when the distance between no passing zones is less than 400 feet.

Calculate no passing zones based on the greater of the posted speed or the 85th percentile speed, but do not exceed the statutory limit.

3B.3.5 IMPLEMENTATION

This policy shall apply to all resurfaced or newly constructed roadways as well as all of the federal and primary highway system. The remainder of the state maintained system shall be brought into conformance with this policy as time permits.