

South Carolina Department of Transportation
Traffic Engineering Guidelines

NUMBER: TG-23

SUBJECT: Signs to Be Erected at Entrances to the State and County Lines

BACKGROUND: The MUTCD and the SC supplement to the MUTCD list different signs that are needed at various locations on the roadways. No guidance is provided concerning what signs are recommended on the roadways as they enter the state. This guideline is for regulatory and information signs that should be erected on roadways as they enter the state.

GUIDELINE: The Welcome to South Carolina (I-2.1-192) sign shall be used on all interstate routes entering the state. The Welcome to South Carolina (I-2.1-96) sign should be erected at or near the state border on all US and SC numbered routes and major secondary routes entering the state. When conditions do not permit locating the Welcome sign at the border, the South Carolina State Line (I-2-72) sign should be erected at the border and the Welcome sign erected at the first location providing adequate space and good visibility inside the state. The South Carolina State Line (I-2-72) sign should be used at the border for all other secondary routes entering the state.

The County Line (I-2.3) sign shall be erected under the Welcome to South Carolina or South Carolina State Line signs.

A Speed Limit (R2-1), STATE LAW FASTEN SEAT BELTS (R22-1), STATE LAW HEAD LIGHTS ON WHEN RAINING (R22-2), MOVE OVER OR REDUCE SPEED FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES (R22-4) signs shall be installed beyond the Welcome to South Carolina or South Carolina State Line signs. The signs shall be installed in the order as listed above with adequate spacing provided. The MOVE OVER OR REDUCE SPEED FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES (R22-4) sign shall be erected only on four-lane divided highways or multi-lane facilities with two or more travel lanes in the same direction in accordance with Traffic Engineering Guideline TG-22. On secondary roads, it will not be necessary to erect a Speed Limit sign showing the unaltered maximum statutory speed limit.

The spacing between the signs should be 800 to 1000 feet for signs erected on the interstates and other multilane, high speed roadways. The spacing between the signs should be 300 to 500 feet for signs erected on all other roadways. If the recommended spacing cannot be obtained due to a welcome center, an interchange or intersection, the spacing may be adjusted to fit the field conditions.

The only sign that is required to be erected at county lines is the County Line sign. Other signs may be erected where there is a need to inform motorists of traffic laws or regulations that apply.

Approved: 
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