

Roadside Management Manual

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**STANDARD PRIVATE SIGNING
OPPORTUNITIES**

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ROUTE MAP

INTRODUCTION

The Provincial Highway Sign Control Regulations established under *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997* allow for the installation of private signs adjacent to provincial highways.

A Route Map identifies local traffic routes, services, attractions, or points of interest within a municipality or tourism area.

POLICY

Municipalities or Tourist areas may apply to the Ministry to establish a route map facility.

Prior to applying for a Route Map, the applicant must obtain approval of a suitable location from the Ministry.

Suitable existing turnouts or Ministry owned property on which to locate the Route Map may be made available to the applicant.

Final approval of the Route Map sign is at the discretion of the Ministry.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Applicants should review policy RSMM 1220 GENERAL CONDITIONS for specific information on permits, sign design and location and sight line requirements.

LOCATION

Urban Maps

The Route Map should be located in advance of or near the incorporated limits of the urban municipality, so that the motorist may stop and become familiar with the community before entering. The specific location of the Route Map will be determined at the time of application.

Tourist Area

The Route Map should be located at or near the entrance to the tourist area, so that the motorist may stop and become familiar with the area before entering. The specific location of the Route Map will be determined at the time of application.

Signs must not obstruct the lines of sight from any roadway approaching the highway.

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URBAN ROUTE MAP DESIGN

The basic layout and format will be agreed upon jointly by the applicant and the Ministry. Uniform sign quality is desirable. The basic sign size should be 300 x 210 cm. The material used to fabricate the sign should have a minimum maintenance free life of ten years.

Features may be shown directly on a map, or referenced using a number index, or a combination of both.

If symbols or graphics are displayed, all auxiliary signing in the area should use the same symbols or graphics to assist the traveler in locating the facility.

ADVANCE/DIRECTIONAL SIGNING

Advance signs may be installed prior to the Route Map. The advance sign should be installed two kilometres ahead of the site when practical.

Directional signing at the access will consist of a sign assembly containing an information symbol and a directional arrow.

COSTS

Route Map

All costs associated with the Route Map, including fabrication and installation, will be borne by the applicant.

Property

All costs associated with property acquisition, site preparation, and amenities to accommodate the Route Map will be borne by the applicant.

Advance/Directional Signing

All costs associated with advance and directional signing will be borne by the applicant. Cost will be determined using the Ministry's Sign Pricing policy.

REPLACEMENT

The Ministry will replace the advance and directional signing as per Ministry policy.

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The applicant or its designate will be responsible for keeping the sign information current and future replacement of the Route Map, shelter, special features, and amenities.

RESPONSIBILITES

Ministry

The Ministry’s level of involvement with the site will be negotiated at the time of application.

The Ministry assumes no responsibility for the quality or availability of the service shown on the map. Any complaints received by the Ministry will be referred to the applicant.

Applicant

The applicant will be responsible for the Route Map and the level of site maintenance as determined at the time of application. The applicant will be responsible for the costs related to maintaining the sign information, shelter, updating the information panels, and special features or amenities.