

“SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD” Signs

As a result of requests from parents and school system employees and our concern for the safety of children, a policy for the use of “SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD” warning signs has been developed. These signs may be allowed on City maintained non-limited access roadways of the Primary or Secondary System. Specifications for this sign are attached.

SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD signs are subject to the following conditions:

- A. At his discretion, the City Traffic Engineer may erect SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD signage at locations where school buses stop for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers upon conducting an engineering study and determining that appropriate warrants are met. Typical locations which might be appropriate for such installations are areas with sight distance restrictions where the bus’s warning lights may not be clearly visible to other motorists. Consideration of the engineering study may include but is not limited to traffic volumes, approach speeds, street design and condition, sight distance and accident history.
- B. These signs shall not be placed indiscriminately or at random locations. If possible, the City Traffic Engineer, in reviewing the requested locations, shall try to relocate any stop deemed unsafe as a first course of action without causing excessive travel distance by either the school children or the bus. It is preferable to have a child walk a short distance than to jeopardize the lives of all the children on the stopped school bus.
- C. It is Traffic Engineering’s belief that, whenever possible, school buses should not be stopping in locations where it is necessary to depend upon a sign for the safety and protection of a bus and its occupants. Public reaction to these signs is not sufficient to permit a school bus to depend upon them solely for their safety. Stop locations should be selected with sufficient sight distance to make the school bus visible as the sighting of a stopped school bus will have a greater effect upon the approaching driver than will a traffic sign.
- D. The City Traffic Engineer shall review the location of each sign annually and eliminate any that are no longer needed.

Request for SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD Warning Signs

Date: _____

Name

Street Address/City/Zip

Phone

Age of Student(s)

Location of Bus Stop

Reason for Sign

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

Location Reviewed by: _____, City Traffic Engineer
(print or type name)

Recommend _____ signs be installed on _____

(print or type name of street or route)

Recommend denial (Reason: _____)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ Signs installed Date: _____

_____ Signs removed Date: _____