

	POLICY		ADOPTED CM 6/6/13 Minute 212/13
	Regulatory and Warning Signage		REVIEW: May 14 FILE No. A0100021

OBJECTIVE

Warning signs are used when it is deemed necessary to warn traffic of existing or potentially hazardous conditions on or adjacent to a roadway. This policy outlines Council's stance on requests for the installation of new signage.

This policy will assist Council in achieving Theme 4, Goal 4.1 of the Community Plan, *'Connecting our Region High Quality Road Network that is Safe and Efficient'*

POLICY

Signs will only be installed that comply with the relevant Australian Standards and meet the appropriate RMS / AS guidelines

BACKGROUND

Warning signs require caution on the part of the vehicle operator and may call for a reduction in speed or a maneuver in the interest of safety for the motorist or pedestrian. The use of warning signs should be kept to a minimum.

Overuse of warning signs, especially for conditions, which are apparent, tends to breed disrespect for signs in general, and they lose their effectiveness.

Warning signs many times have an initial positive effect but soon lose the attention of regular passers-by. At speeds under 60 km/hr motorists using due care can respond to hazards or conditions presented in the roadway without the need for warning signs.

Regulatory Signs

Council does not approve regulatory speed limits within the region; such approval rests with the Roads and Maritime Services.

Council may implement temporary speed restrictions for road works in accordance with the Traffic Control Manual.

Council staff will work with the applicant and gather the pertinent facts for requested changes / additions to regulatory signage. A report may be prepared and submitted to the Local Traffic Committee, who will make a recommendation to Council.

Warning Signs

Traffic analysis, engineering, and property use facts and data shall be reviewed when considering warning signs. In the absence of supporting facts and data, warning signs will not be erected on the regions roads.

Warning signs on roads under the care and control of the RMS will be subject to approval by the Roads and Maritime Services.

REGULATORY AND WARNING SIGNAGE

Warning signs will only be considered in the following circumstance and remain subject to budgetary and resource availability constraints:

- a) **Speed Advisory Warning Sign** - In conjunction with another warning sign where geometrics or operating conditions warrant a reduced speed. Generally not to be installed on roads with a classification lower than Collector and only where defined speed is less than 70km/hr on Collector and Sub-Arterial Roads, and less than 100km/hr on Arterial Roads
- b) **Curve or Turn Warning Sign** - Installed in locations when inadequate sight lines warrant. Installed when a roadway turns at a right angle, or for roads complying with clause 1, or where the defined radii of the curve indicates an 85th percentile speed of less than 40km/hr.
- c) **Blind Driveway Warning Sign** - Installed on roads classed as collector and higher where the speed limit is 60 km/hr or greater and inadequate sight lines warrant.
- d) **Pedestrian, School, School Crossing, & School Bus Stop Warning Signs** - Installation in accordance RMS guidelines
- e) **Advance Crossing Warning Signs** (Kangaroos, Bicycles, Etc.) - Not installed on roads with a speed limit less than or equal to 60 km/hr. May be installed on collector or arterial roadways with a speed limit of 50 km/hr or greater only where a high incidence of the event occurs
- f) **Senior Citizen Warning Signs** - Installed on any street in the vicinity of a senior citizen housing project, nursing home, residential care facility or other locations generating crossings by seniors.
- g) **Crest Warning Sign** - Installed in advance of a downgrade where the length percent of grade, horizontal curvature or other physical features require special precautions on the part of drivers and only on roads classed as Collector or higher, unless specific risk assessment warrants.
- h) **Stop Ahead, Give Way Ahead, Signals Ahead Warning Signs** - Installed on approaches where the traffic control sign is not continuously visible to the driver for the distances identified in the appropriate guidelines
- i) **Chevron Alignment Warning Sign** - Installed to give notice of a sharp change of alignment with the direction of travel, and only on roads classed as Collector or higher, unless specific risk assessment warrants.
- j) **No Through Road Warning Signs** - Installed where a roadway terminates in a dead end or where a turn-about is necessary to return to a point of origin.
- k) **Disabled Person Warning Signs**
 - (i) Council may install warning signs upon the request of a disabled person or by the representative of a disabled person.
 - (ii) Requestors will be asked to notify the Council to remove the sign when the disability no longer exists or the person moves.
 - (iii) Disability specific signs or signs of a more generic nature will be the choice of the requestor.

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