Washington State Department of Transportation

Memorandum

South Central Region
Guidepost Policy

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This policy supersedes the South Central Region Guidepost Policy dated June 25, 2001.

In order to ensure uniformity of application throughout the South Central Region and to eliminate the need for a project-by-project justification for installing a higher level of guidepost than called for by the Design Manual chapter 830, the following policy for the use of guideposts is established.

All guideposts in the South Central Region shall be installed and maintained as specified in Design Manual chapter 830 with the following exceptions:

Divided Highways
Guideposts shall be installed on both the left (median) and right sides of the roadway in both directions of travel. Where the median is paved and/or concrete median barrier is present, barrier delineators shall be installed on the barrier in lieu of guideposts as noted on Standard Plan H-1.

On I-90, Maintenance may request the installation of steel guideposts between MP 47 and MP 70 where needed to support snow poles for winter operations.

All Other Highways
Type WW guideposts shall be used on both sides of the road in tangents and curves. The spacing in tangents shall be staggered from side to side so that there are effectively guideposts every 0.05-mile (one every 0.1 mile per side). The spacing in horizontal curves shall follow the spacing shown in Standard Plan H-1c, with guidepost added on the inside of the curves at approximately the midpoint of the outside guidepost (a staggered effect).

Highways with RRPM's
Guideposts shall be installed as described above, even when RRPM's are present on lane or centerlines.