

Section 2C.4

USE OF SIGNAL AHEAD SIGNS

2C.4.1 MUTCD SECTION REFERENCE

Signal Ahead Sign (W3-3)

2C.4.2 CONDITIONS FOR USE

The District Traffic Operations Engineer shall erect SIGNAL AHEAD (W3-3) signs at locations:

1. Temporarily for thirty (30) days where a new signal has been turned on or
2. Permanently on an approach to a signal where a continuous view of at least two signal faces for the distance specified in *MUTCD Table 4D-1 "Minimum Sight Distance"* does not exist or
3. Permanently on an approach to a signal where a crash history exists.

2C.4.3 SIGN SUPPLEMENT

The SIGNAL AHEAD (W3-3) sign may be supplemented with a flashing beacon if the SIGNAL AHEAD (W3-3) sign has been installed on an approach to a signal where a crash history of three (3) or more correctable crashes associated with advanced warning exists for the last 12 months of record.

2C.4.4 LOCATION AND PLACEMENT

SIGNAL AHEAD (W3-3) shall be placed according to *MUTCD Table 2C-4 Guidelines for Advance Placement of Warning Signs* using a Stop Condition (deceleration speed of 0 mph).

2C.4.5 APPROVAL

The District Traffic Operations Engineer shall approve the use of Signal Ahead Signs if it meets the conditions for use above in part 2C.4.2, otherwise the Traffic Engineering Management Administrator shall approve if the conditions are not met.

2C.4.6 DOCUMENTATION

The District Traffic Operations Engineer may consider documenting the date of installation, and/or the date of removal and the locations of the SIGNAL AHEAD (W3-3) signs by either Control Section – Logmile or GPS coordinates.