

“Share the Road” Sign Assembly, Application Guide for Provincial Highways

Policy Statement

The “Share the Road” sign assembly (WC-47/WC-47S) may be erected on paved roadways that are owned and maintained by the Department of Transportation and Public Works and are recognized to be used frequently by cyclists.

Rationale

The “Share the Road” sign assembly is used to warn motorists and cyclists of a changing condition that will require them to use extra caution in order to safely share the upcoming section of roadway. The sign will provide a positive message to motorists and cyclists to share the road.

Policy Objectives

- To provide guidance and justification for the erection of the sign assembly on the roadway.
- To ensure consistency and uniformity on the size, location and erection criteria for the sign assembly.

Application

The “Share the Road” sign assembly will be installed at locations where the District Traffic Supervisor deems appropriate, based on this policy’s directives, following a request from an organized cycling group.

The “Share the Road” sign assembly is not to be widely used to draw motorist attention to the possible presence of cyclists. Bicycles are legally allowed on almost all roadways under the Motor Vehicle Act and as such, may be encountered on any roadway. The overuse of warning signs can desensitize drivers to these traffic control devices and cause them to be overlooked.

Accountability

Area Managers, Provincial Traffic Authority and District Traffic Supervisors.

Monitoring

The Provincial Traffic Authority and the District Traffic Supervisors will monitor the implementation, performance, and effectiveness of this application guide.

Directives

- 1 The Department will only entertain requests for this sign assembly from an organized bicycle club, cycling organization, or bicycle tour operator. Requests for these sign assemblies from individuals will not be entertained.
- 2 The Area Manager will be contacted, in writing, by the above organizations requesting the erection of these sign assemblies on a specific section of highway roadway(s) owned and maintained by the Department. Documentation will be required indicating that this section is frequented by cyclists.
- 3 Following the request, the Area Manager will request that the District Traffic Supervisor investigate the proposed location for placement of the sign assembly. Based on the results of this investigation, the Area Manager will either approve or deny the request, in writing, to the applicant.

Guidelines

- 1 The "Share the Road" sign assembly may be erected at the following locations on paved roadways that are recognized to be used frequently by cyclists:
 - where a reserved bike lane ends;
 - where a cross section with paved shoulder narrows to a cross section without a paved shoulder;
 - on the approach to a narrow structure or tunnel where the cross section narrows;
 - where the lane width of a cross section with a gravel shoulder narrows significantly;
 - where other conditions exist which, in the opinion of the District Traffic Supervisor, require a higher than normal level of caution by motorists and cyclists in order to share the road safely.

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Section: Engineering & Construction
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References

Motor Vehicle Act
Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices - TAC
Bikeway Traffic Control Guidelines for Canada - TAC

Enquiries

Provincial Traffic Authority
District Traffic Supervisors

Appendices

Appendix "A" - *Share the Road sign assembly (WC-47/WC-47S)*

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