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## Section 2.35

### WAYFINDING SIGNS

#### 2.35.1 PURPOSE

To provide statewide criteria for a type of wayfinding signs being installed by local governments. This section will define the criteria the Department shall use to approve or deny these requests on the State Highway System.

#### 2.35.2 DEFINITIONS

**Central Business District.** Means that portion of a municipality in which the dominant existing and projected land use, as documented in the current adopted Local Government Comprehensive Plan, is for intense business and commercial activity. This district is generally characterized by large numbers of pedestrians, on-street parking, and on-street truck loading.

**Traffic Control Devices.** All signs, signals, markings, and other devices used to regulate, warn, or guide traffic, placed on, over, or adjacent to a street, highway, pedestrian facility, or bicycle path by authority of a public agency having jurisdiction.

**Wayfinding Signs.** A systematic network of directional signs to guide the traveling public from major highways to key civic, cultural, visitor, and recreational destinations within a specific region.

#### 2.35.3 CRITERIA FOR WAYFINDING SIGNS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

- (1) Signs shall only be placed in the core downtown area on the State Highway System, as defined by the Central Business District.
- (2) All traffic control devices shall comply with the *MUTCD*, devoid of any color borders and logos.
- (3) If color posts are used, local government shall be responsible for their installation and replacement.
- (4) Destinations shown on the Wayfinding signs shall meet the criteria shown in **Section 2.16 of this manual**.

- (5) Communities eligible for Wayfinding Signs shall be on the Official Florida Transportation Map.

#### **2.35.4 SIGN INSTALLATION**

- (1) After approval by the District Traffic Operations Engineer, signs should be installed through the Department's permit process.
- (2) Signs shall be installed in conformance with mounting height and clearances stated in the ***Department's Design Standards, Index Number 17302.***
- (3) Installation and replacement of all Wayfinding Signs is the responsibility of local government, even on the State Highway System.
- (4) Lettering for all Wayfinding signs on the State Highway System shall be a minimum of 4-inch B-Series.
- (5) All signs and supporting structures shall be designed, constructed, and installed to meet the Department's clear zone and safety criteria including breakaway features. The design shall be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida.
- (6) Signs shall be reflective and in accordance with the ***Department's Specifications Number 994.***

#### **2.35.5 APPROVAL/DENIAL PROCESS**

- (1) Local government or their representatives must provide a Wayfinding Master Signing Plan to the appropriate District Traffic Operations Office for review.
- (2) Prior to approval, Maintenance Agreements shall be secured from local government for the replacement and maintaining of these signs on the State Highway System.