

	INSTALLATION OF TRAILBLAZER SIGNS		<i>Issued: SEP 2013</i>
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General

Trailblazer signs are used on specially designated highways having historical, geographical or recreational significance. Each Trailblazer Sign is unique and may include the highway number.

Route Marker signs help motorists identify which route they are travelling on, and relate this to maps or other navigational means.

Guidelines for Use

Where a highway has been specially designated as a named route, it is necessary to display both the route marker and the trailblazer signs.

Trailblazer signs are not displayed on the Junction Route Marker assembly in advance of an intersection. Similarly, Trailblazers are not displayed on the Directional Route Marker assembly in advance of an intersection. These assemblies only display the route marker sign and associated tab signs as described in the Highway Guide and Information Sign Manual, sections A4.4.3.2 through A4.4.3.5.

Trailblazer signs are displayed on the Confirmation Route Marker assembly downstream of highway to highway and major local road intersections, as well as at intervals along the route to allow motorists to confirm the route and direction they are travelling.

As part of the Confirmation Route Marker assembly, the route marker and trailblazer signs are mounted vertically on the same post, with the route marker sign mounted at the top of the assembly, and the trailblazer sign mounted at the bottom, with the appropriate cardinal direction tab sign in between. An example Confirmation Route Marker assembly is shown below.

Figure 1 – Typical Confirmation Route Marker Assembly



Trailblazer signs shall only be installed as part of the Confirmation Route Marker assembly for named routes.

Special Route Markers are customized to show both the route number and a unique emblem that identifies a distinctive route having historical, geographical or recreational significance. These Special Route Markers are used in lieu of the number shields and as such would be installed as standard highway route number shield on separate sign post.

Guidelines for Placement

In rural situations, a Confirmation Route Marker assembly shall be located on the far side of highway intersections with another provincial highway or major arterial road. The assembly is located approximately 30 metres past the far side curb or edge-of-roadway.

In urban situations, placement of the Confirmation Route Marker assembly may be obstructed by poles or other appurtenances. In this case the assembly may be placed closer to the intersection, but not less than 10 metres downstream of major intersections.

Typical drawings for the placement of Confirmation Route Marker assemblies are Drawings TCS-A4-405 to TCS-A4-430 in the Highway Guide and Information Sign Manual.

Confirmation Route Marker assemblies should also be placed at intervals of 30 to 50 kilometres between major intersections to remind motorists of the highway they are travelling on.

Confirmation Route Marker assemblies should never be separated by a distance of more than 50 kilometres.

A secondary Confirmation Route Marker assembly may be placed on the left hand side of divided highways in accordance with the Recommended Practices Guideline entitled Secondary Route Marker Signage at Divided Highway Intersections.

References to Standards

<i>Highway Guide and Information Sign Manual</i>	Section A4.4.2 & A4.4.3 TCS-A4-405 to TCS-A4-430
<i>Recommended Practice Guidelines</i>	Secondary Route Marker Signage at Divided Highway Intersections