

SIGNAGE AT MINOR ACCESSES ON DIVIDED HIGHWAYS WITH MEDIAN OPENING

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General

Accesses with median opening that are not identified by a road name, but intersect a provincial highway and allow motorists to access residential, farm, field, or commercial lands from the highway are considered minor accesses/crossovers. These accesses are usually non-paved road approaches, and may cross highway from one or both sides.

When a minor access intersects a divided highway with median opening, motorists turning onto the highway from the access may turn to the wrong direction opposite to the traffic flow. It is necessary to use regulatory signs at such intersections to provide guidance and warning to motorists to prevent wrong way movements.

This guideline standardizes the use and placement of regulatory signs at minor accesses on divided highways with median openings to promote consistent application across the province.

Standard

Regulatory signs used at minor accesses/crossovers should be a combination of One-Way signs (RB-21), Do Not Enter signs (RB-23), Wrong Way signs (RB-22), and Stop signs (RA-1).



RB-21	900 mm × 300 mm			
Colour	Symbol	and	Border	White
Coloui	Background			Black
Sheeting	ASTM Type III or IV			



RB-23	600 mm × 600 mm			
Colour	Symbol	and	Border	Red
	Background		White	
Sheeting	ASTM Type III or IV			



RB-22	600 mm × 600 mm			
Colour	Symbol Backgrou		Border	White Red
Sheeting	ASTM Type III or IV			



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RA-1	600 mm × 600 mm			
Colour	Symbol Backgrou		Border	White Red
Sheeting	ASTM Type IX			

Guidelines for Use

The above regulatory signs should be used at minor access/crossover intersections in different combinations based on the type of land use, and the number of properties the accesses connects to:

- For a roadside commercial land access that connects a highway to a commercial area such as gas station or convenient store, a combination of One Way signs, Do Not Enter signs, Wrong Way signs and Stop signs should be used on each access approach.
- For a residential or farm land access that connects a divided highway to one or a few properties, a combination of One Way signs and Do Not Enter signs should be used. If the access approach serves as a public or service road that connects the highway to a group of residences, a Stop sign should also be used.

 A field access on a divided highway should only be allowed on one side of the highway, and there should not be a median opening for it to cross both directions. Field accesses are intended to be used by authorized motorists who are familiar with the road. No regulatory signage is required for such field accesses.

Guidelines for Placement

The combination of the above mentioned regulatory signs should be placed facing the traffic coming from the access road turning onto the highway. If two accesses intersect a highway from opposite sides and are connected to the same median opening, two sets of regulatory signs should be used, with each set facing each access.

Detailed placement should follow the attached typical drawings TCS-A4-435A and TCS-A4-435B.

Sign placement should be in accordance with the Recommended Practices "Placement of Signs".

References to Standards

Recommended Practices Section: General	Placement of Signs
Typical Sign Patterns	See attached typical drawings TCS-A4- 435A and TCS-A4- 435B.



