



Traffic Guidelines Manual

ORIGINATOR State Traffic Engineer	2-2-5
CHAPTER 2	Signing
SECTION 2	Regulatory Signs
SUBJECT 5	Sizes of STOP Signs on Roadways

A. Purpose

The intent of this policy is to establish minimum STOP sign sizes on WisDOT roadways. These guidelines are applicable for intersections with single-lane conventional State Trunk Highways, intersections with multi-lane conventional State Trunk Highways and intersections with Expressways.

B. Definitions

Freeways are defined as divided highways with fully controlled access at interchanges only. Interstate Highways are freeways with the interstate route designation.

Expressways are divided arterial highway facilities that have partial control of access, generally with grade separations at major intersections.

Conventional Highways are defined as streets or roads other than freeways or expressways. They *may* be divided or undivided, two-lane or multi-lane, and access is available at intersections and driveways.

C. Installation Guidelines

The following minimum sizes **shall** be used for the installation of STOP signs on WisDOT system roadways.

1. A 36" STOP sign size **shall** be used for all STH/STH intersections, regardless of the number of approach lanes on each STH.
2. A 36" STOP sign size **shall** be used for all roadways intersecting multi-lane conventional State Trunk highways and expressways.
3. A 36" STOP sign size shall be used for multi-lane conventional roadways intersecting single-lane conventional State Trunk Highways.

4. A 30" STOP sign size **shall** be used for single-lane conventional roadways intersecting single-lane conventional State Trunk Highways.
5. Additional STOP sign size criteria for bypasses are contained in TGM policy 2-15-53 (Bypass Signing).

If there are demonstrated or perceived problems at these intersections, the Regions have the option of increasing the STOP sign size. A traffic engineering study can be used to identify problems at intersections. Justification *may* be based on unusual roadway geometrics, crash problems, or sight restrictions.