



Traffic Guidelines Manual

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| CHAPTER 2 | Signing | |
| SECTION 2 | Regulatory Signs | |
| SUBJECT 28 | Restricting Pedestrians and Non-motorized Vehicles on Expressways and Freeways | |

A. Purpose

The operation of non-motorized vehicles or pedestrians on high-speed multi-lane facilities are incompatible uses that create hazards. The Department to *may* prohibit certain traffic on freeways or expressways. To apply these restrictions on traffic, the Department is required to erect and maintain official signs giving notice of the prohibition.

This subject provides guidance on the official signs that *may* be used to give notice of restrictions on use of controlled access highways, expressways and freeways

B. Authority

[State Statute 349.105](#) provides the authority to prohibit certain traffic on expressways and freeways. The authority in charge of maintenance of an expressway or freeway *may*, by order, ordinance or resolution, prohibit the use of such expressway or freeway by pedestrians, persons riding bicycles or other non-motorized traffic or by persons operating mopeds or motor bicycles. The state or local authority adopting any such prohibitory regulation **shall** erect and maintain official signs giving notice thereof on the expressway or freeway to which such prohibition applies.

C. Definitions

[State Statute 990.01 \(9a\)](#) Freeway. "Freeway" means a highway with full control of access and with all crossroads separated in grade from the pavements for through traffic.

[State Statute 990.01 \(7a\)](#) Express highway or expressway. An express highway or expressway is a divided arterial highway for through traffic with "full" or "partial" control of access and generally with grade separations at intersections. "Full" control of access means that the authority to control access is exercised to give preference to through traffic by providing access connections with selected public roads only and by prohibiting crossings at grade or direct private driveway connections. "Partial" control of

access means that the authority to control access is exercised to give preference to through traffic to a degree that, in addition to access connections with selected public roads, there *may* be some crossings at grade and some private driveway connections.

Listings of declared freeways and expressways are available from the Region Planning Section.

D. Policy for Highways Closed to Certain Traffic

Freeways

Freeways **shall** be closed to use by pedestrians, by persons riding bicycles or other non-motorized traffic and by persons operating mopeds or motor bicycles. Any exceptions to open freeway segments to use by pedestrians, by persons riding bicycles or other non-motorized traffic and by persons operating mopeds or motor bicycles *may* only be approved by the Director of the Bureau of Traffic Operations and listed in this policy.

Freeway Exceptions (approved by Director, Bureau of Traffic Operations)

-None, as of October 1, 2007.

Expressways

Expressways *should* be open to use by pedestrians, by persons riding bicycles or other non-motorized traffic and by persons operating mopeds or motor bicycles. A general exception to open use of expressways is for those expressways with a parallel trail for pedestrians, persons riding bicycles or other non-motorized traffic and by persons operating mopeds or motor bicycles. In those cases, the department **shall** prohibit that traffic from using the expressway and erect and maintain signs giving notice of the prohibition. Any other exceptions to close expressway segments to use by pedestrians, by persons riding bicycles or other non-motorized traffic and by persons operating mopeds or motor bicycles *may* only be approved by the Director of the Bureau of Traffic Operations and listed in this policy.

Expressway Exceptions (approved by Director, Bureau of Traffic Operations)

-USH 10, County of Wood, from CTH BB to CTH N

E. Sign Installation Policy

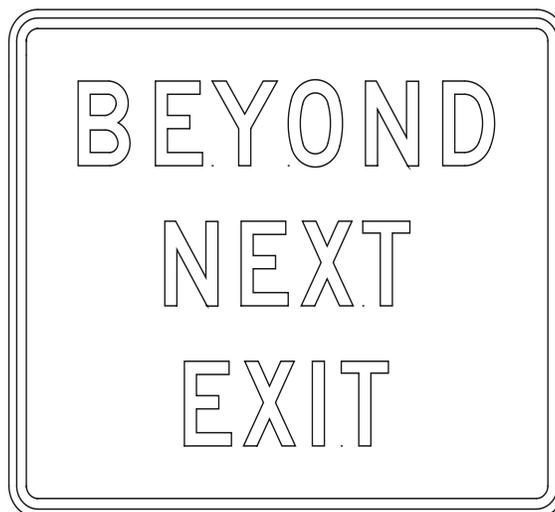
The R5-57 sign (See Figure 1) **shall** be erected on each ramp leading from a crossroad or frontage road to a restricted freeway or expressway within approximately 100 feet of the point where the ramp leaves the crossroad, and at other locations where pedestrian entrance has occurred or *may* reasonably be anticipated.

Transition from expressway to freeway

For areas that transition from a non-restricted expressway to a restricted freeway, the R5-57 sign *should* be placed after the last at-grade intersection and the R5-57B sign (See Figure 2) BEYOND NEXT EXIT *may* be used to supplement the R5-57 sign. The R5-57 sign *should* be placed on all freeway on-ramps after this point.



R5-57

Figure 1

R5-57B

Figure 2