



Traffic Guidelines Manual

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| CHAPTER 2 | Signing |
| SECTION 6 | Guide Signs – Freeways |
| SUBJECT 30 | Grade Separated Crossroad Name Signs |

A. Purpose

Signs (M1-94 signs) identifying grade separated roadway crossings have traditionally been installed on WisDOT freeways and expressways to help assist motorists. These signs can be very useful because they help an unfamiliar motorist find their location when using a map to orient themselves and *may* help motorists identify their location in case of emergency. The intent of this policy is to establish control and statewide consistency on the usage of these signs.

B. Definitions

Freeways are defined as divided arterial highway facilities that have full controlled access, by means of grade separation at interchanges only.

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

C. Installation Guidelines

Grade separated crossroad name signs can be used provided the following criteria are met:

1. For freeways and expressways. Signs **shall** be installed for all USH, STH and CTH non-interchange crossroads. Signs *may* be installed for all other non-interchange crossroads.
2. For freeways and expressways in urbanized areas. Signs *may* be installed for all crossroads, interchanged or non-interchanged, but only where law enforcement and emergency medical personnel use them for incident identification.

3. Any grade separated crossroad name signs that are in place and do not meet the criteria listed in items 1 or 2 above, will be allowed to remain in place until the end of their useful life. Once the signs have reached their useful life, they **shall** be removed and not be replaced. Useful life is defined as the sign being legible for its intended usage.