



Traffic Guidelines Manual

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CHAPTER 13	Traffic Regulations	
SECTION 1	Through Highway Declarations	
SUBJECT 5	Declaration Format	

NUMBERING OF THE DECLARATIONS

The delegation of the authority to approve through highway declarations also carries with it the responsibility for numbering the exception paragraphs in a uniform and sensible manner. The following is a recommendation on a uniform system of numbering which *should* give all the information necessary to find the paragraphs, keep them in order and identify the location to ourselves and others.

An example of the first page of each highway's declarations is given below:

**Through Highway Declarations - State Trunk Highway System
Northcentral Region, Waushara County
File: TH 469073**

- TH-4-69-073.1 Northbound traffic on State Trunk Highway 73 **shall** stop before entering the east junction of State Trunk Highways 73 and 21.
Approved Date: 02/24/85 Installed Date: 03/31/86
- TH-4-69-073.2 When the traffic control signal at the intersection of State Trunk Highways 73 - 21 (Main Street) and Saint Marie Street in the City of Wautoma, is not operating, traffic on Saint Marie Street **shall** stop before entering the intersection.
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“North and southbound traffic”

2. Then the highway on which it is moving (or in the case of turn lanes or ramps, the highway which the traffic is leaving) is identified:

“on State Trunk Highway 80”

3. Then the action this traffic must take is specified:

“**shall stop**”

4. Then the location where this action is to be taken is identified:

“before entering the intersection of State Trunk Highways 80 and 60” (The county does not have to be repeated in each paragraph if the format at the beginning of this procedure is used.)

Within city and village limits, in addition to the highway numbers, the names of streets *may* be included in parentheses to document the location of the State Trunk Highway or Connecting Highway at the time of the action.

TYPICAL EXCEPTION SITUATIONS

Many intersections present similar control situations and are merely variations of the basic exception paragraph discussed earlier. Some of these more common variations will now be addressed.

Permitting Non-STH traffic to enter without stopping

TH-2-51-020.14 Southbound traffic on State Trunk Highway 20 **shall stop** before entering the intersection of State Trunk Highway 20 and County Trunk Highway “D”, but eastbound traffic on county trunk Highway “D” **shall not be required to stop**.
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Permitting right turns without stopping

TH-6-47-010.2 Southbound traffic on U.S. Highway 10 (Cedar Street) **shall stop** before entering the intersection of U.S. Highway 10 (Cedar Street) and Cherry Street in the city of Prescott, but traffic making a right turn to go west on Cherry Street **shall not be required to stop**.
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Exceptions for signal flashing arrangement

TH-2-51-011.3 When the traffic control signal at the intersection of State Trunk Highway 11 (Durand Avenue), Ohio Street/Meachem Road in the city of Racine is not operating, east and westbound traffic on State Trunk Highway 11 (Durand Avenue) **shall** stop before entering the intersection.
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Exceptions for simple interchanges

For simple interchanges the interchange can be considered as single intersection for the purpose of writing the exception. This eliminates the need to prepare an exception for each ramp intersection in the interchange. Shown below are three examples of such interchanges.

TH-4-37-051.20 North and southbound traffic on the ramps in the southeast and northwest quadrants of the interchange of U.S. Highway 51 and State Trunk Highway 153, **shall** stop before entering the intersections of the ramps and State Trunk Highway 153.
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This exception paragraph was included under the Through Highway listing for U.S. Highway 51, as the traffic required to stop is identifiable as U.S. Highway 51 ramp traffic. No entry is included under the Through Highway listing for STH 153, as STH 153 traffic is not required to stop at these intersections.

TH-4-49-051.15 North and southbound traffic on the ramps in the southeast and northeast quadrants of the interchange of U.S. Highway 51 and County Trunk Highway "B", **shall** stop before entering the intersections of the ramps and County Trunk Highway "B".
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Note that this paragraph mentions nothing about arterial controls on CTH "B". This is because CTH "B" stops at those locations and the fundamental principle of the declarations is that all non-STH traffic will be required to stop unless specifically excepted in the declarations.

TH-3-36-043.10 North and southbound traffic on the ramps in the southeast and northwest quadrants of the interchange of Interstate Highway 43 and County Trunk Highway "JJ" **shall** stop before entering the intersections of the ramps and County Trunk Highway "JJ", but eastbound and westbound traffic on County Trunk Highway "JJ" **shall** not be required to stop.
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The through movement on “JJ” had to be covered.

Exceptions of interchanges with multiple controls

The following is an example of a descriptive paragraph dealing with an individual ramp terminal within an interchange.

TH-2-67-094.12 Eastbound traffic on the ramp in the southwest quadrant of the interchange of Interstate Highway 94 and Moorland Road, in the city of Brookfield, **shall** stop before entering the intersection of the ramp and the southbound roadway of Moorland Road, but eastbound traffic turning right to go south on Moorland Road **shall** yield before entering the southbound roadway of Moorland Road. Southbound traffic on Moorland Road **shall** not be required to stop.
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No turn on red

TH-1-13-051.18 North and southbound traffic on U.S. Highway 51 in the city of Madison controlled by the traffic control signal at its intersection with U.S. Highway 151 **shall** not turn right during steady red signal indications.
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CHANGES IN THE DECLARATIONS

For the files, the Region *may* prepare a formal action memo documenting changes. Changes in the Arterial Highway Declarations usually take one or a combination of the following forms:

1. Deletion of an existing exception;
2. Addition of a new exception;
3. Amendment of an existing exception;
4. Addition of a new highway to the list of through highways; and
5. Deletion of an existing highway from the list of through highways.

Deletion of an existing exception

State Trunk Highway 12

Delete paragraph TH-8-57-002.3 approved on November 30, 1988.

Addition of new exception

U.S. Highway 12

Add the following:

TH-5-27-012.38 Southeast bound traffic on U.S. Highway 12 **shall** stop before entering the west intersection of U.S. Highway 12, U.S. Highway 10, and State Trunk Highway 27.
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Substitution of a new exception for an existing one

U.S. Highway 151

Delete paragraph TH-2-13-151.17 on July 16, 1988 and substitute the following:

TH-2-13-151.17 _____

Amendment of an existing exception

Use the substitution procedure above.

Deletion of a through highway

State Trunk Highway 152

Delete in its entirety.