



Traffic Guidelines Manual

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CHAPTER 13	Traffic Regulations	
SECTION 13	Snowmobiles Crossing Freeways	
SUBJECT 1	Authority and Policy	

POLICY

Regional Transportation Directors *may* approve or disapprove crossings for snowmobiles over or under freeways which are on the State Trunk Highway system. The crossings *may* be via State Trunk Highways, other public highways, and nonhighway crossings.

CROSS-REFERENCE

Operation of snowmobiles on or in the vicinity of highways, s. 350.02, Wis. Stats., (1) freeways, and (2) highways.

REQUEST AND APPLICATIONS

Requests for approval for snowmobiles to cross freeways *should* be made in writing, and approvals or disapprovals will be transmitted in writing. Requests will be accepted only from governmental authorities who are responsible for the designation and maintenance of snowmobile trails within their jurisdiction. A copy of each request, together with the approval or denial **shall** be sent to the State Traffic Engineer for Highways and to the State Maintenance Engineer for Highways.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

An official snowmobile trail or an approved snowmobile route (defined in s. 350.01, Wis. Stats.) must be designated on both sides of the freeway at the point of the proposed crossing.

The Regional Transportation Director **shall** be satisfied that snowmobiles *may* cross the freeway ramps with reasonable safety if using the proposed crossing, assuming that the

snowmobile operator uses ordinary safety precautions and obeys the law relating to snowmobile operation.

AT CROSSROADS WITH INTERCHANGES

Snowmobiles *may* cross freeways at crossroads with interchanges, whether the crossroad is over or under the freeway provided that the ramp crossings are visible to the motorist did not obscured by snow piles, curvature or other features, and provided that, if the crossroad is under the freeway' the crossing can be made without violating ss. 350.02(2)(b)1, 2 and 4, Wis. Stats. (In some cases, the design of the bridge *may* prevent this).

OTHER CROSSINGS

Snowmobiles *may* cross freeways at bridges other than at crossroads providing that it *may* be done without violating the access control and there is adequate horizontal and vertical clearance.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL TO BE ACCEPTED BY MUNICIPALITY

1. The county or municipality **shall** sign the trail with approved snowmobile signs in compliance with the standards of the DNR.
2. The Regional Transportation Director *may* impose such additional reasonable requirements as a prerequisite to approval as are necessitated by the particular circumstances of the request.