

Policy Statement
Engineering Division, Public Works Department
City of Rapid City

No. PW082702-17

SUBJECT: Traffic Control & Signing for New Streets During Construction
AUTHORITY: Municipal Code Sections 10.28.010, 12.08.060, and 16.16.080
PURPOSE: Clarify requirements for traffic control and signing during construction of new streets in order to provide for the safety of the traveling public and construction work force.
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APPROVED: Dan Bjerke, Director of Public Works
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1. All traffic control devices and signage shall comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), published by the Federal Highway Administration, December 2000.
2. During the initial stages of construction (clearing and grubbing, rough grading, placing embankment, pipe laying, subgrade preparation, etc.) all points of direct connection to existing streets must be provided with crushed rock construction entrances, or have access closed by physical means such as fences or barricades. During the initial stages of construction, signage such as "Construction Ahead" or "Trucks Entering" on the existing street(s) in the vicinity of the construction entrance will generally be sufficient for traffic control. In some circumstances, construction fencing or similar barricades to clearly define the construction entrance and prevent construction traffic from bypassing the entrance may be required.
3. At the time that a defined road has been established and is passable to passenger vehicles (at least by the time the base course is in place, with or without curb and gutter installed) additional traffic control devices and signage shall be installed in accordance with the MUTCD. At minimum, Type III barricade(s) with "Road Closed" sign(s) shall be installed at the beginning of the new street. Temporary stop signs shall also be install at this time on new streets connecting to existing collector or arterial status streets. All traffic control devices and signs shall remain in place and be maintained in good condition until permanent regulatory and street name signs have been installed by the Developer or Contractor and accepted by the City.
4. Prior to the start of any building construction in the development, regardless of the status of street construction, street name signs shall be in place in conformance with the approved construction plans, and temporary signs displaying the address numbers on each lot on which construction has commenced shall be in place, in order that emergency response and law enforcement personnel can be quickly and accurately directed to locations within the new development.

Council Approved on : _____