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**THIS MEMO HAS EXPIRED**

MEMORANDUM NO: 02-03

**TO:** DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS  
**FROM:** Ananth Prasad, State Construction Engineer *Ananth Prasad*  
**COPIES:** Bob Burleson, David Sadler  
**SUBJECT:** COLOR AND REFLECTIVITY OF WORK ZONE SIGNS

Color and reflectivity of Work Zone signs should be determined initially by visual inspection. For contracts let in the month of **January 2001 and thereafter**, the Worksite Traffic Supervisor (WTS) is required to conduct such inspections. In the event that the Department, as a result of its visual inspections, determines that a sign is questionable as it relates to the color and/or the reflectivity, the WTS will be notified as such. The WTS then performs the required tests to determine if the Work Zone sign is in compliance with the specifications prior to replacing the sign in question. As an alternative, the Contractor can elect to replace the questionable Work Zone sign without performing any testing and can later ascertain compliance with the specification requirements. Work Zone signs that are not in compliance must be replaced within a reasonable time frame.

Furthermore, the WTS is required to submit report of inspections in accordance with the specifications, to the Engineer. Such reports document the visual inspections unless the testing for color and/or reflectivity for Work Zone sign is initiated to verify a questionable sign. In such instance, it is required of the WTS to provide results of such testing.

Additionally, Work Zone signs that show appreciable discoloration, cracking, crazing, fading or blistering should be not be placed in a Work Zone and in the event they are, the Contractor will be required to replace them at no additional expense to the Department.

If you have any questions, please contact David Sumner in the State Construction Office at 850-414-4198 (Suncom 994-4198).

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