Control Cities



Control City Presentation

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Purpose of a Control City

- To provide the best orientation to the motorist who is traveling an Interstate route
- To show major destinations and population centers located on or near that Interstate

According to AASHTO's*, List of Control Cities for Use in Guide Signs on Interstate Highways and the Millennium MUTCD**.

*American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

**Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, a federal manual adopted

through Rule 14-15.010, F.A.C.



What is the Intent of a Control City?

- To provide continuity in distance signs with destination names and consistency with map.
- The control city should remain the same on all successive distance signs throughout the length of the route until that city is reached.

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Guide Signs on Interstate Highways

What is the Intent of Florida's Control Cities?

- Major cities at the beginning and end of an Interstate
- Crossing of two interstates
- Capital city

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Guide Signs on Interstate Highways





Post Interchange Signs

Route sign with direction

Speed Limit sign

Distance sign







Example of Tampa as a Control City on I-75

Lake City 10 Ocala 84 Tampa 174









After Tampa comes Naples as a Control City on I-75









Who can change the List of Control Cities?

- AASHTO Control Cities Task Force to study the issue
- AASHTO Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering vote to approve or disapprove
- AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways has the final vote

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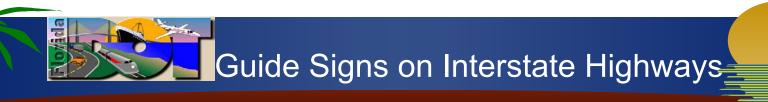


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FDOT's Recommendation

 Retain existing control city list because it provides consistent and uniform statewide criteria.

*Decision of FDOT Executive Committee on 9/18/02



What the FDOT can do

 When space is available, use the second line of the supplemental sign to indicate distance to cities that have major significance (population, distance, historical significance, etc.)

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