

Excerpt from Ministry of Transportation Highway Corridor Management Manual

Section 5.5.10 Election Signs

An election sign must not be placed upon or adjacent to the right-of-way of a Class 1 Freeway or Class 2 Staged Freeway.

Election signs may be erected on the right-of-way or adjacent to a Class 2 undivided Staged Freeway, a Class 3 Special Controlled Access highway, a Class 4 Major highway or Class 5 Minor highway after an official election has been called.

Signs up to 0.7 m² (8 ft²) in size must be placed a minimum of 4m (12 ft.) from edge of pavement. Signs over 0.7 m² (8 ft²) and up to 3.7 m² (40 ft²) must be placed at the outer limit of the highway right-of-way.

Election signs may be placed on the right-of-way of a highway other than a Class 1 Freeway and Class 2 divided Staged Freeway but must be placed at least 4m (12 ft.) from edge of pavement.

An election sign must not be affixed to a permanent or an official sign or to the guide rail or other highway structure or facility and must not be placed where it may interfere with visibility, an official sign, traffic signal, or other safety device.

Portable read-o-graph sign trailers are prohibited on the right-of-way of a highway. Such read-o-graph sign trailers may be utilized providing they are erected on private property and meet the requirements of the Ministry for portable read-o-graph signing.

Permits or Letters of Approval for any election signs erected under this policy are not required.

Candidate committees, or workers shall be allowed three (3) working days after election day in order to remove candidate advertising (election signs) from the Ministry right-of-way and adjacent properties.

Signs not retrieved by this time will be picked up by the Ministry patrol forces and stored in a safe place (patrol yard, etc.) for a period of two weeks. After this time, they will be disposed of.

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Glossary of Terms:

Freeway (Multi-Lane Freeway)

A multi-lane, divided highway with more than four (4) through lanes total (two (2) through lanes in each direction) with a continuous dividing median. This highway is a fully controlled access road limited to through traffic, with access through interchanges and a posted speed of greater than 90km/h.

Staged Freeway

A freeway (typically rural) that is planned to be a multi-lane divided freeway that is built using staged construction. In the plans for each stage of development, provisions should be made to adapt each stage to the next or the ultimate stage (completion). The transition should be made with minimum waste of the existing plant and minimum interference to traffic. Typically, this might include treatments such as interim at-grade intersections in lieu of interchanges.

Controlled Access

The condition where the opportunity for access to a roadway is controlled by public authority.

Highway

Synonymous with roadway but generally limited to higher-speed roadways in rural areas.

Right-Of-Way (ROW)

The area of land acquired for or devoted to the provision of a road.

Roadway

That part of the road that is improved, designed or ordinarily used for the passage of vehicular traffic, inclusive of the shoulder.