

Design Standards Letter

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Body

TO ALL DIVISION, DISTRICT AND URBAN ENGINEERS:

It has been called to our attention that on some heavy-traffic urban routes manholes have been allowed to remain in heavy-traffic lanes, with the result that high-speed traffic sometimes knocks manhole covers out of place. This, of course, is an extremely hazardous condition.

Therefore, in the future, it is requested that manholes be kept off of heavily traveled pavements, especially on freeways of the interstate type. Generally, manholes and covers should be avoided so far as possible on all of our highways where the volume of traffic is heavy and speed of traffic is fast.

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