

Design Standards Letter

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MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC, AND CHIEF COUNSEL:

The question of providing telephone service at safety rest areas has been under consideration for some time and has finally been resolved to this extent: the districts should contact the local telephone company serving the area in which the rest area is located to ascertain if they are interested in providing public telephones.

All public telephones located within the rest area shall be installed in a telephone booth or shelter provided by the utility and at locations approved by the Highway Department. The Highway Department will bear no expense for the installation of the telephone service or cost of operation nor accept or assume any responsibility for the preservation or protection of the equipment and lines after the installation has been completed. Each installation shall be considered individually.

The use of chain link fence in the median is also suggested in cases where the safety rest areas are located opposite from one another. Fencing should prevent both pedestrian and vehicular traffic crossing the median from one rest area to another, which cross movement would, of course, pose a hazard to the throughway traffic.

The type of fencing suggested is a five-foot chain link fence, equipped with a four-foot walk gate with lock, which gate should be located at the midway point. Fencing should run from the nose of the entrance ramp to the nose of the entrance ramp of each rest area.

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