

Design Standards Letter

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Subject: Revised and New Policies Covering Concrete Light Poles Current for Traffic Signals Flush Concrete Right-of-Way Markers

Body

ALL DIVISION AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS AND CHIEF COUNSEL:

The following constitutes notice of revised or new policies covering the subject items. Each item should be handled in the following manner.

Concrete Light Poles. This is to advise that the use of concrete light poles should be discontinued immediately and all plans which have not been submitted should be corrected accordingly. Plans already submitted will be corrected in this office. A Design Manual revision deleting the word "concrete" from the first sentence of Section 15.1.5.9, Poles and Brackets, will be issued in the near future.

Current for Traffic Signals. This is to advise that a new policy has been approved whereby, for future installations, the cost of electrical current for the operation of State owned, operated, and maintained traffic signal installations will be borne by the State. This new policy is effective immediately.

The following tentative revision to the first paragraph of Section 15.2..3.1, Traffic Signals, in the Design Manual will be issued in the near future:

"15.2.3.1 Traffic Signals. Traffic signals are installed only when one or more of the warrants in Tables 15.8 and 15.9 are satisfied. When such warrants are satisfied, the costs of the signal, its installation and maintenance, and electric current for its operation will be borne by the State Highway Commission. Where possible, the State should take advantage of any reduced electric current rates by including in the Urban Agreement a phrase whereby the City will pay for the current, with reimbursement to be made by the State. Where City current is not available, the State will pay for the current directly."

In addition, the following is proposed to be added to the Urban Agreement Check List in

Section three of the Design Manual:

"Traffic Signal Current.

"a. City pays with reimbursement to be made by the State.

"b. State pays directly."

Please note that this policy is not retroactive to urban agreements already executed.

In the negotiations to determine whether or not the City will agree to pay the cost of current with reimbursement to be made by the State, the City should be contacted - not the power company.

It is emphasized that this policy is in no way intended to change the present policy regarding supply of electric current for signal installations at school crossings, fire stations, and private entrances.

Flush Concrete Right-of-Way Markers. This is to advise that limited use of flush concrete right-of-way markers will be approved in accordance with the following:

"Concrete right-of-way markers set flush with the ground will be considered in developed areas where the use of steel posts and marker plates may prove objectionable."

This statement is not intended to lead to prolific use of these markers and discretion should be exercised in the selection of locations justifying their use.

The Design Manual will be revised, and the necessary drawings and special provisions relating to these markers will be furnished you in the near future.

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