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## **ADAMS COUNTY CAUTIONARY SIGN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES**

The Adams County Public Works Department will furnish and install specified cautionary signs by request in accordance with the program requirements and procedures outlined in this document. Cautionary Signs supported by this program include the following options:

- C1.  **CAUTION CHILDREN AT PLAY**
- C2.  **BLIND CHILD AREA**
- C3.  **DEAF CHILD AREA**
- C4.  **AUTISTIC CHILD AREA**
- C5.  **CAUTION SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AREA**

## **Resident Request Procedure**

Residents currently residing in Unincorporated Adams County may request a cautionary sign by filling out and returning the request form to the following address:

Adams County Public Works  
Traffic Operations Group  
4955 East 74th Avenue  
Commerce City, CO 80022

Sign requests will be reviewed and approved by the Adams County Traffic Operations Supervisor. Approved sign applications will be programmed for fabrication and installation within the work plan as soon as possible following approval.

## **Engineering Criteria**

Sign installations must conform to all applicable requirements for warning signs outlined in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Cautionary signs will be fabricated on thirty-six-inch (36") warning sign stock. Adams County will limit installation of cautionary signs to roadways that conform to the following eligibility and design requirements:

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION	LOCAL RESIDENTIAL
POSTED SPEED LIMIT	30 MPH
TRAFFIC VOLUME	2,500 VPD
MAXIMUM LANE COUNT	2
REQUEST SUBMISSION	RESIDENT ON THE REQUESTED BLOCK

## DESIGN CRITERIA

1. **MAXIMIZE SIGN IMPACT:**
  - 1.1 A maximum of one sign per direction, per block will be placed.
  - 1.2 Signs of the same type will not be placed on two consecutive blocks unless separated by a roadway classified as a collector or arterial.
  - 1.3 Signs will be placed in the public Right-of-Way, at the direction of the Adams County Traffic Engineer, near the beginning of the approved block
2. **PRIORITIZE PLACEMENT:**
  - 2.1 In the event of a request for specialized sign types ('C2', 'C3', or 'C4') where a 'C1' sign is already in place, the 'C1' sign will be removed and replaced by the specialized sign.
  - 2.2 In the event of more than one request for a specialized sign type ('C2', 'C3', and 'C4') on the same block, a 'C5' sign will be placed.
  - 2.3 Cautionary signs will not be placed within one hundred feet (100') of any MUTCD Warning Signs (W-series classification)

### **Cautionary Sign Lifecycle**

In order to ensure that signs deployed in this program are maintained in good condition they will be retired or replaced based on the following conditions:

<b>Sign Type</b>	<b>Retire After</b>	<b>Replacement</b>
C1.	3 years	New Application
C2.	3 years	Telephone or E-mail Request from Original Applicant
C3.	3 years	Telephone or E-mail Request from Original Applicant
C4.	3 years	Telephone or E-mail Request from Original Applicant
C5.	3 years	Confirmation of multiple specialized message sign requests on the same block per design criteria 2.2

Retirement of the Cautionary signs helps the Adams County Public Works Department ensure that signs are placed strategically only where community members are actively requesting them. The Federal Highway Administration advises that over-placement of signs (sign pollution) may result in lower compliance by motorists to all regulatory and advisory signs on roadways.

### **Cautionary Sign Removal**

The Adams County Public Works department will remove 'C1' signs only at the completion of the 3-year retirement cycle. Specialized signs types ('C2', 'C3', 'C4', and 'C5') may be removed at the request of the original applicant. Signs may also be requested for removal by residents at the same address of the original applicant in the event of a move.

## **Unusual Circumstances**

It is anticipated there will be situations that are not addressed by the procedures and criteria in this document. The Public Works Operations Manager is delegated the authority to analyze and decide those cases based upon recommendations from the Adams County Traffic Engineer.