



USE OF MEDIAN CROSSOVERS ON INTERSTATES AND DIVIDED HIGHWAYS

Purpose

This policy defines the use of median crossovers on interstates and divided highways.

Legal Authority

- Idaho Code 40-310(9) - The Board shall regulate, restrict or prohibit access to state highways to serve the traffic for which the facility is intended.
- Idaho Code 40-310(10) - The Board shall close or restrict the use of any state highway when necessary for the protection of the public or for the protection of the highway.
- Idaho Code 40-505 - The Director of the Idaho Transportation Department is the administrative officer of the Board.
- Idaho Code 49-1421 - All vehicles traveling on a divided highway must use the right lane unless otherwise directed or permitted to use another traffic lane.

Median crossovers on controlled access highways shall be posted in accordance with the standards prescribed in the Traffic Manual.

Vehicles authorized to utilize median crossovers are:

- Idaho Transportation Department vehicles
- Federal Highway Administration vehicles
- Law enforcement vehicles
- Fire and rescue vehicles
- Ambulances and other EMS vehicles
- Military division vehicles in emergencies
- Wrecker and tow trucks responding to crashes
- Emergency utility company and government vehicles responding to critical public service problems

Additional special authorizations to use the median crossovers shall be in writing from the appropriate District Engineer. These special written authorizations may be extended to Transportation Department contractors, Port of Entry (POE) personnel in their personal vehicles at or near the applicable POE station, and others that the District Engineer deems to be appropriate. Special written authorizations shall include at least the following information:

- The name and/or title of the authorized person/company
- The dates the special authorization begins and ends
- The location of the median crossovers to which the authorization applies
- Any restrictions in use such as time of day, month, or other special conditions
- Instructions on how to safely utilize median crossovers

No additional written approval is needed to authorize contractors to use median crossovers if project plans and specifications provide for such use.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian W. Ness".

Brian W. Ness
Director

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