ENGINEERING DIVISION POLICY & PROCEDURE	Policy Number: ENG 12-01 Date: September 12, 2012 Date effective: September 12, 2012 Last Revision:
Subject: Use of Vehicle Speed Feedback Signs on the State Maintained System	

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Introduction

Montana Code Annotated (MCA 61-8-203) and the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM), Rule 18.7.101, requires anyone doing work in the state's right of way (ROW) must have an permission through the state highways permit process. Installation of Vehicle Speed Feedback Signs (VSFS) falls under this section. The local governmental agency is responsible for acquiring an access permit, installation costs, and required maintenance. VSFS are allowed under Part 2 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) where guidance is provided for their use.

Policy

It is the policy of the Montana Department of Transportation to allow local agencies to install and maintain Vehicle Speed Feedback Signs (VSFS) within the ROW of the State Highway System.

Research shows that VSFS are more effective at locations to address certain speed related issues. In general, the best locations are where speed limit transition occurs and in areas where driving the appropriate speed is critical such as near schools and parks.

The "Guidelines for the Use of Vehicle Speed Feedback Signs on the State Highway System" will provide further location specific guidance. The guidance will be posted on the Montana Department of Transportation's website and reviewed annually.

Local governments are required to obtain an access permit for any work within the state's ROW.

The Chief Engineer of the Montana Department of Transportation shall grant exceptions to this policy only when deemed necessary.