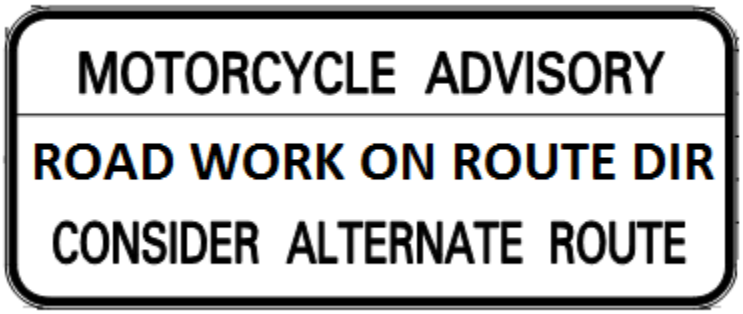
Motorcycle Advisory Sign Guidance
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The purpose of this guidance is to provide MDT District construction personnel with guidelines in determining when to use the Motorcycle Advisory Sign.

The intent of the Motorcycle Advisory Sign is to warn motorcycle drivers of construction zones with adverse roadway conditions. These roadway conditions could range from gravel such as in reconstruction projects to milled and/or grooved plant mix. Because many different roadway conditions may exist at numerous locations within a project, one advisory sign for each direction of travel will be sufficient to warn drivers.



The advisory sign will have the generic message of "Motorcycle Advisory", "Road Work on Route Dir", and "Consider Alternate route". The "Route" would designate the highway route number and the "Dir (Direction)" will inform drivers in which direction the road construction exists. Motorcyclists must bear the responsibility of operating their vehicles in a safe manner once they enter a construction zone. A "reasonable" driver should know adverse road conditions will exist during road construction. If a problem location becomes apparent during the construction process, the first action should be to remove the hazard or improve the problem location. If an issue still remains, the Project Manager may take steps to provide additional warning at these specific locations. Do not use the "Motorcycles Use Extreme Caution" as MDT does not support the use of this sign.

Use the advisory sign only if a reasonable "alternate route" exists. MDT should not suggest considering alternate routes if those routes could add hundreds of miles to a trip. Not every project will require the use of the advisory sign. The length of the construction project is a factor when implementing the advisory sign. Short projects such as a bridge replacement with a diversion/detour up to a half a mile in length may not need the advisory sign. However, once the District decides to use the advisory sign, placement of the sign must be at the decision point of intersecting roadways.

Installation of the advisory signs will take place within 1500 feet of the intersecting roadway for rural installations, 200 feet for urban installations. Placement of the signs

shall occur no more than two days before the adverse roadway conditions exist. Removal of the signs shall occur within two days after removal of the adverse roadway conditions. No payment will be made if signs are not installed prior to finish surface removal. No payment will be made if signs are not removed within two days after a paved surface exists and any prior payment received will be deducted from the next estimate.

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