MONTANA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Policy No. 009

COLLECTION OF CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS ON HIGHWAY FACILITIES

BACKGROUND: A variety of organizations rely on charitable contributions collected from drivers stopped along Montana's streets and highways. This activity can seriously jeopardize the safety of the individuals performing the collection as well as the safety of the traveling public.

PURPOSE: This policy will help ensure that adequate safety measures are taken when this practice occurs, and that there is minimal disruption to traffic.

PROCEDURE

1. Local governments may allow non-profit organizations to collect charitable contributions in the driving lanes of highways under the jurisdiction of the Montana Department of Transportation provided that:
    a. The permanently posted speed limit in the area is 35 miles per hour or less.
    b. The Montana Department of Transportation district office is given reasonable advance notice and a written traffic control plan detailing which special traffic control measures will be employed (e.g., signing, flagging, lane closures). The department reserves the right to require the local government to amend the plan.
    c. The local government must ensure the approved traffic control plan is adhered to.
    d. The number of events per year is limited.
2. The policy will be distributed to the cities and towns in Montana.

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Dan Huestis, Montana Transportation Commission Chair

HISTORY
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