

# MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: **Chief Engineer Directive-  
New Alaska Sign Design  
Specification Effective  
November 15, 2006**

A revised version of the Alaska Sign Design Specifications (ASDS) will become effective November 15, 2006. All projects advertised on or after that date need to conform.

The ASDS may be downloaded from:

[http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwddes/dcstraffic/assets/pdf/asds/asds\\_all.pdf](http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwddes/dcstraffic/assets/pdf/asds/asds_all.pdf)

The ASDS is the legal standard for highway signs in Alaska. All signs installed by the DOT&PF are required to comply.

Revisions include:

- Changes necessary to make the ASDS compatible with the Alaska Traffic Manual that went into effect December 22, 2005,
- Inclusion of several signs from the federal Standard Highway signs manual,
- New LOGO signs,
- Safety Corridor signs,
- A generic School icon,
- A "Buckle Up" memorial sign plate,
- A new seat belt regulatory sign,
- A "No Off Road Vehicles on Road or Within 3 Ft." sign,
- A "511 – Travel Info" sign,
- A "Day Medical Clinic" sign,
- A new visibility-enhancing letter style (the "Clearview" font) for directional signs.

Until November 15, only the full version of the ASDS will be available online. On November 15, we will post an indexed version that will allow direct access to individual signs.

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