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SUBJECT:                                      BOUNDARY LINE SIGNS

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The purpose of boundary line signs is to advise motorists of the location where the state highway enters the State, County, City, or Community.

**STATE LINE SIGN**

- (1) The sign should be installed on US and WV routes entering the State.
- (2) The sign may be installed on County Routes having an ADT of at least 400.
- (3) Each sign should be located within one-half mile of the state line.

**COUNTY LINE NAME SIGN**

- (1) The sign should be erected on US and WV numbered highways.
- (2) The sign may be installed on County Routes having an ADT of at least 400.
- (3) Each installed sign should be located at or as near to the county line as practicable.

**CITY OR TOWN NAME SIGN**

- (1) The sign should be placed on US and WV routes that are not part of a controlled access expressway facility.
- (2) The sign may be placed on county routes having an ADT of at least 500.
- (3) The sign should be installed on the right hand side of the roadway at or as near to the municipal line as practicable.
- (4) On controlled access expressway facilities, a sign with the legend CITY LIMIT may be installed to advise enforcement agencies of the corporate boundary. This sign should be within 100 feet of the actual boundary and be considered for installation only when a specific request for such is received by the municipality or related governmental agency.

### **UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY NAME SIGN**

- (1) The signs should be installed on routes that are not part of a controlled access expressway facility.**
- (2) The signs may be installed when at least one of the following conditions has been satisfied:**
  - (a) A post office exists: in such case, the name of the community will be the same as the post office.**
  - (b) A minimum of 25 residences or a combination of 25 residences and business establishments exist closely adjacent to and visible for a one-quarter mile length of highway.**
  - (c) Historical significance (birthplace, landmark, battle) can be reasonably established and/or verified by an appropriate state, regional or local governmental agency or historical society.**
  - (d) A petition signed by two-thirds of all residents living in the community is received by the Division of Highways. This petition should contain the correct name of the community and the length of area of its physical limits.**

### **MULTIPLE BOUNDARY SIGNS**

Where multiple boundaries (combination of state line, county line, etc.) exist at the same location, the signs shall be separated by a minimum distance of 400 feet. They shall also be installed in the following priority order: City or Town Limit, County Line, State Line.

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