

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN #24

Traffic Control Person Ahead Sign

1.0 Background

The current Alberta Transportation WD-A-45 Flag Person Ahead sign is the same as the previous version of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada (MUTCDC)'s TC-21 Flag Person Ahead sign. The current (4th Edition) MUTCDC's TC-21 Traffic Control Person Ahead sign was developed and adopted back in September 1998 when the paddle was recognized as the prefer method for controlling traffic in work zones. The TC-21 Traffic Control Person Ahead sign depicts a traffic control person using a paddle to control traffic which is more accurately representing the current traffic control person in practice in work zones. There will be no changes to the TC-21 Traffic Control Person Ahead sign in the 5th Edition MUTCDC due to release soon.

Even though contractors have been using the paddle to control traffic in work zones since 1996, the WD-A-45 Flag Person Ahead sign remains in use to warn motorists of a traffic control person is ahead. To better inform motorists that the traffic control person ahead is using a paddle to control traffic through the work zone, a new WD-A-21 Traffic Control Ahead Person Ahead sign has been adopted as the standard sign for use in work zones along provincial highways.

This Bulletin is issued to inform practitioners and Alberta Transportation staff of the department's new Traffic Control Person Ahead sign standard. The current Alberta Transportation WD-A-45 Flag Person Ahead sign depicting a flag person using a flag to control traffic has been discontinued.

2.0 All Projects

The new WD-A-21 sign pattern as indicated in this Bulletin is to be implemented immediately, as per the usual practice for all projects and highway maintenance activities where the traffic accommodation strategy warrant the use of traffic control person ahead signs. Existing WD-A-45 signs are to be phase out of use by March 31, 2017.

3.0 Effective Date

January 31, 2014

4.0 Contact

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TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSON AHEAD

WD-A-21



BORDER 15mm

SECTION REFERENCE		
DIMENSIONS (mm)		750 x 750
ENLARGEMENT FACTOR		8 x
COLOUR		
BACKGROUND	BORDER	MESSAGE / SYMBOL
ORANGE	BLACK	BLACK

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