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**TRAFFIC MEMORANDUM NO. 2509
(VOIDS TM 2403)**

Project Information and 511 Signs

Effective Immediately, TM 2403 is voided and replaced with TM 2509 to reflect that Project information signs are no longer required on any projects.

The TN "511" sign (MUTCD Sign D12-5) will still be posted to direct motorists to TDOT's SmartWay information service for project information and traffic conditions. Project information on these projects will also be reported on the TDOT SmartWay website. Therefore, it is essential that project/district staff notify their respective Regional Communications Officer (RCO) about any significant issues and any time extensions on these projects.

These signs shall be included in the "Signing and Pavement Marking Plan" and paid for under the respective pay items for "permanent signs". (Item numbers 713.xx-xx)

All signs should be installed in accordance with TDOT Standard Drawings T-S-9, "Standard Layout Ground Mounted Signs" and T-S-13, "I-Beam Breakaway Large Sign Support Details".

At the completion of the project the "511" signs shall be removed from all roadways except for Interstates and controlled access highways where they will remain in place. The foundation and "post stubs" shall be removed to 4-inches (4") below the ground surface.

The signs should be placed as follows:

Controlled access routes

Signs on Interstates and controlled access roadways with speed limits 55 miles per hour or greater will have a 72"x72" (6'x6') TN "511" sign (D12-5) posted at each end of the project

The 511 sign should be located 800' before the road work advance signage but can be reduced to 500' if spacing is needed.

These signs should be placed so that they encompass all phases of the project.

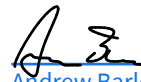
Non-controlled access routes

State route projects, non-controlled access roadways, and bridge replacement projects will have a 48"x60" (4'x5') TN "511" sign (D12-5) posted at each end of the project.

The 511 sign should be located 300' before the road work advance signage but can be reduced to 200' if spacing is needed.

These signs should be placed so that they encompass all phases of the project.

For any questions or clarifications please contact Eric.Jackson@tn.gov P:(615)-741-0802



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Sign Example
Interstate and Controlled Access Facilities



3.0" Radius, 1.0" Border, White on Blue;
 "TRAVEL", E 2K specified length; "INFO", E 2K specified length;
 "CALL 511", E 2K specified length;

Conventional Highways



2.3" Radius, 0.8" Border, White on Blue;
 "TRAVEL", E 2K specified length;
 "INFO", E 2K specified length;
 "CALL 511", E 2K specified length;