



INTERIM GUIDANCE REINSTATEMENT OF INTERIM APPROVAL OF CLEARVIEW

On March 28, 2018, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a reinstatement of the Interim Approval IA-5 for Clearview Font originally issued on September 2, 2004 for those agencies that were approved prior to the termination on January 25, 2016. Therefore, any Michigan roadway agency may use Clearview font as the approval in Michigan was for statewide use. Clearview font is to be used only for the legend on positive contrast guide signs.

Below is MDOT's Guidance on how to address the reinstatement of the Clearview Interim Approval in the design process:

- Existing signs: Existing guide signs no matter the font do not need to be removed and can remain until the end of their useful life.
- Signs already ordered/fabricated: Guide signs in traditional highway font can be erected, assuming they are otherwise in compliance with the Michigan Manual on Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD).
- Projects under construction: For construction contracts, in-house efforts, or maintenance activities that are already under construction, the plans should not be revised to utilize Clearview font.
- Projects in design: If the Microstation and/or SignCAD design portion of the Signing Plans have begun as of March 28, 2018, then traditional highway fonts **may** be used. The signs **should not** be redesigned to eliminate use of traditional highway fonts unless that can be accomplished with minimal additional cost, effort, and/or delay to the project. If the Signing Plans have not yet begun design as of March 28, 2018 then Clearview **shall** be used. This applies to in-house, consultant designed and maintenance activities.
- Future projects: Clearview **shall** be used.
- Permit Projects: Clearview **shall** be used in the preliminary design plans submitted to MDOT after March 28, 2018. If the preliminary design plans were submitted to MDOT prior to this date, then it is not necessary to redesign the plans to eliminate the use of traditional highway fonts if it cannot be accomplished with minimal additional cost, effort, and/or delay to the project.

Below is MDOT's Guidance on how to address the reinstatement of the Clearview Interim Approval in the event of a guide sign in traditional highway font has been knockdown or

damaged. All existing guide sign in Clearview font will be replaced in kind unless as noted otherwise below:

Ground Mount Guide Signs - traditional highway font

If only the sign and supports needs to be replaced (foundations are fine):

Plywood: - if the sign increases 1 ft due to Clearview font design use traditional highway font as replacement font.
 - if the sign length remains the same with Clearview font design then use Clearview highway font as replacement font.

Aluminum Plank: - if the sign increases 1 ft due to Clearview font design use traditional highway font as replacement font.
 - if the sign remains the same length or decreases 6 inches with a Clearview font design then use Clearview font as replacement font.

If one or more sign foundations need to be replaced:

Replace entire installation based on a sign design using Clearview font.

Overhead Guide Signs

If only the sign needs to be replaced/repared use traditional highway font as the replacement font.

If the cantilever/truss sign support structure or bridge connection needs to be replaced the replacement font will be evaluated on a case by case basis in regard to minimal additional cost, effort and/or delay in replacement.