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Division: Traffic Engineering Division

Rule Title: FISCAL AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS

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**The person to be contacted regarding the proposed rule is:** Facility and Records Management Director

**Name of person originating the proposed rule:** Robert W. Dean, Jr.

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**Purpose:**

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**The full text of the proposed rule is:**

**All cites herein refer to the most current version of the cited document.**

1. PROCEDURE: For the purpose of the rule, traffic signals are classified as follows:

1.1 Traffic control signals (Stop – and – Go)

1.2 Special traffic signals:

(a) School speed limit sign beacons

(b) Other flashing beacons

(c) Lane-use signals

(d) Traffic signals at movable bridges

(e) Emergency traffic signals

1.3 Railroad flashing light signals and gates

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Traffic Signals

See current edition of Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

2.2 Equipment

Equipment includes the controller and accessories thereto, cabinet, detectors, and signal heads.

2.3 Installation

Installation involves the erection of the equipment, including: poles, cables, brackets, necessary signs, electrical work, labor, equipment rental, and other necessary incidental materials.

2.4 Maintenance

Routine maintenance includes lamp and fuse replacement, cleaning signal heads, and minor preventative maintenance items.  
Major maintenance includes repairs (other than routine maintenance) of equipment as defined above.

3. TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS (Stop – and Go)

3.1 Normal Installations

A normal traffic control signal installation includes installations other than those covered in Sections 3.2 and 3.3.

An approved traffic control signal required at an access to a private business will be the fiscal responsibility of the business for all costs involving design, equipment, installation, and electric current.

The following tabulation indicates the fiscal responsibility for equipment installation and maintenance of normal traffic signals within municipalities.

Municipality Population	Installation & Equipment	Timing & Maintenance	Electricity
Less than 5,000	MDOT	MDOT	MDOT
5,000 to 19,999	MDOT	MDOT	City
20,000 and up	City	*City	City

\*Timing shall be approved by MDOT Traffic Signal Engineer

3.2 Installations Required by Construction

When an installation is required as a consequence of a Department construction project, equipment and installation will be supplied by the Department. Fiscal responsibility for maintenance in municipalities will be as indicated in section 3.1.

3.3 Network and Arterial Systems

This category includes a group of signals controlled as a system, usually including the central business district and/or major arteries in larger municipalities. The cost of equipment and installation in municipalities will be determined by population as above. The Department shall have access to systems for purposes of monitoring timing data to assure compliance with approved timings.

4. SPECIAL TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Except for school speed limit signs beacons and traffic signals at movable bridges, the fiscal responsibility for special traffic signals will be indicated in the table of section 3.1.

4.1 School Speed Limit Beacons

See S.O.P. No. TED-04-02-00-00

4.2 Traffic Signals at Movable Bridges

All costs relating to traffic signals at movable bridges are the responsibility of the Department.

5. RAILROAD FLASHING LIGHT SIGNALS AND GATES

Railroad flashing light signals and gates are financed through agreements between the Department and the Railroad and are maintained by the Railroad.

6. EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Replacement of equipment resulting from damage and/or unserviceable conditions will be the responsibility of the agency designated responsible for maintaining the equipment.

Sites for the Mississippi Code are available at [www.state.ms.us](http://www.state.ms.us) and MUTCD information is available at [mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov). Any other publications may be viewed during regular business hours at the MDOT Administration Building.