



# Arizona Department of Transportation

## Intermodal Transportation Division

206 South Seventeenth Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3213

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Governor

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State Engineer

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Mendez  
Director

November 9, 2005

Jennifer Brown  
FHWA  
One Arizona Center  
400 E. Van Buren Street, #406  
Phoenix, AZ 85004-2285

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please see attached information. I would like to request that this be submitted to FHWA and the National Committee for consideration in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Manthey", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mike Manthey  
State Traffic Engineer

Attachments

Cc: Mr. John Hubbs





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October 28, 2005

Mr. John Hubbs  
16274 West Stormy Sky Drive  
Surprise, AZ 85374

Dear Mr. Hubbs

On behalf of Governor Janet Napolitano, I am responding to your letter dated September 11, 2005 regarding the placement of yellow reflective material on the back of stop signs. Because the Arizona Department of Transportation follows national standards for traffic control devices, we would not be able to implement your idea without a change at the national level.

My office will send your idea to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for consideration as part of its work with National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices in Washington, D.C. This committee and the FHWA are responsible for publishing the national standards our State follows regarding signing issues.

I believe your idea may cause concerns about distractions for some drivers. The color of the material you propose in your letter may not be allowed, but it's possible that the national committee might consider white sheeting on the back of stop signs.

I also think it's important to note that limited resources for signing programs may limit any state's ability to implement your idea unless additional funding were to become available.

Thank you for your concern regarding highway safety. If you would like to discuss this issue or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (602) 712-8888.

Sincerely,

for Mike Manthey  
State Traffic Engineer

cc: Governor Janet Napolitano  
Victor Mendez  
Sam Elters



The Honorable Norman Y Mineta  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 7th Street S.W.  
Washington D.C. 20590

September 11, 2005  
16274 W. Starry Sky Drive  
Surprise, AZ 85374  
623-266-7220

Dear Sir,

After completing 30 years of Naval Service, I want to do more for my country. My idea - a safety improvement in vehicular transportation.

My suggestion - add a yellow retro-reflective octagon shape adhesive strip to the back of all stop signs. The strip would have a narrow black border around the edge. (drawing enclosed)

I believe the back of a stop sign should be seen quickly. The neutral color is hard to see, it blends into many backgrounds. (photo copy enclosed)

Many towns and cities in Arizona have taken a first step. A yellow reflective strip has been added to the post on back, a red strip has been added to the front of post. (enclosures)

This is not a new idea as noted in my 1970 letter to Secretary Volpe. I shortened my name to Hubbs.

Your consideration is respectfully requested to adding these changes to the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

cc: Senator John S. McCain  
Senator John Kyl  
Governor Janet Napolitano  
Encs: 4

Sincerely  
John E. Hubbs  
Commander USN (Ret.)



John Hubbs,

September 11, 2005

Dear Governor Napoleone:  
I respectfully request your  
Contract Legislative Minutes  
to make the needed  
improvements to the Stop  
Sign

Sincerely,

John E. Hubbs  
Col. U.S. W. (Ret)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
AGENCY ACTION FORM

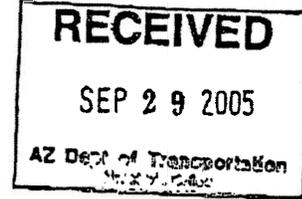
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ROUTED TO  
TRANSPORTATION DEPT

CORRESPONDENCE FROM  
John Hubbs  
16274 West Stormy Sky Drive  
Surprise, AZ 85374

SUBJECT  
AGENCY REFERRALS  
suggesting improvements to stop signs to make them more  
visable from all sides

SENT DATE Monday, September 26, 2005



**ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

*Respond directly on behalf of the governor and return a copy of your response  
to the Governor's Office of Constituent Services with control number.*

Special comments or instructions:

**PLEASE RESPOND TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**  
*Keep this form and the attached letter for your agency files  
Address any questions to the Office of Constituent Services at (602) 542-1318*

Sheri Vanhorsen

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<i>Action Slip Number</i> <b>5780</b>	<b>Action Slip</b>	<i>Governor's Action Slip Number</i> <b>106220</b>	
<i>Last Name</i> Hubbs	<i>First Name</i> John	<i>Assigned to:</i> ITD	
<i>Please respond directly on behalf of</i> Gov. Napolitano	<i>Subject</i> Suggestions to improve stop signs	<i>Date of Correspondence</i> 09/26/2005	
<i>Date Received</i> 10/12/2005	<i>Date Assigned</i> 10/19/2005	<i>Due Date</i> 11/02/2005	
<i>Draft for:</i>		<i>Date Draft Sent:</i>	
<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Comments</i> <u>Sam Elters: Please respond directly on behalf of the Governor. Please provide copies to Victor Mendez and David Jankofsky. Thank you.</u>		
<b>DIVISION ACTION</b>			
<i>Assigned to</i> Mike Manthey	<i>Mail Drop</i> 061R	<i>Date Sent</i> Faxed 10/19/05	<i>Due Date</i> 11/02/05
<i>Division Instructions</i>  Please respond directly on behalf of Governor Napolitano. Please route Governor Napolitano's, Victor Mendez' and Sam Elters' copies through the State Engineer's office, 102A.			

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By	Eunice Lee	Co.			
Phone #		Phone #	8275		
Fax #	3020	Fax #	8315		

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is, please contact  
ou.  
day, October 18, 2005

2035 Fuller Street  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19152

16 December 1970

Dear Mr. Volpe:

This maybe somewhat unusual in writing to the "boss", but sometimes this is necessary to get a particular point across. I thought of an idea that you may consider appropriate for universal adoption on Stop Signs.

As we all know the Stop Sign is a universal color of red, which is quite appropriate. The back side of the signs are various tones of grey, white, etc.

Why not paint the backs of all Stop Signs a yellow with black diagonal lines for quick recognition?

This would enable a driver, who may not be familiar with that particular street, upon approaching an intersection, (when no Stop Sign is posted from his direction) can from the corner of his eye, spot the diagonal black stripes on yellow, indicating a Stop Sign.

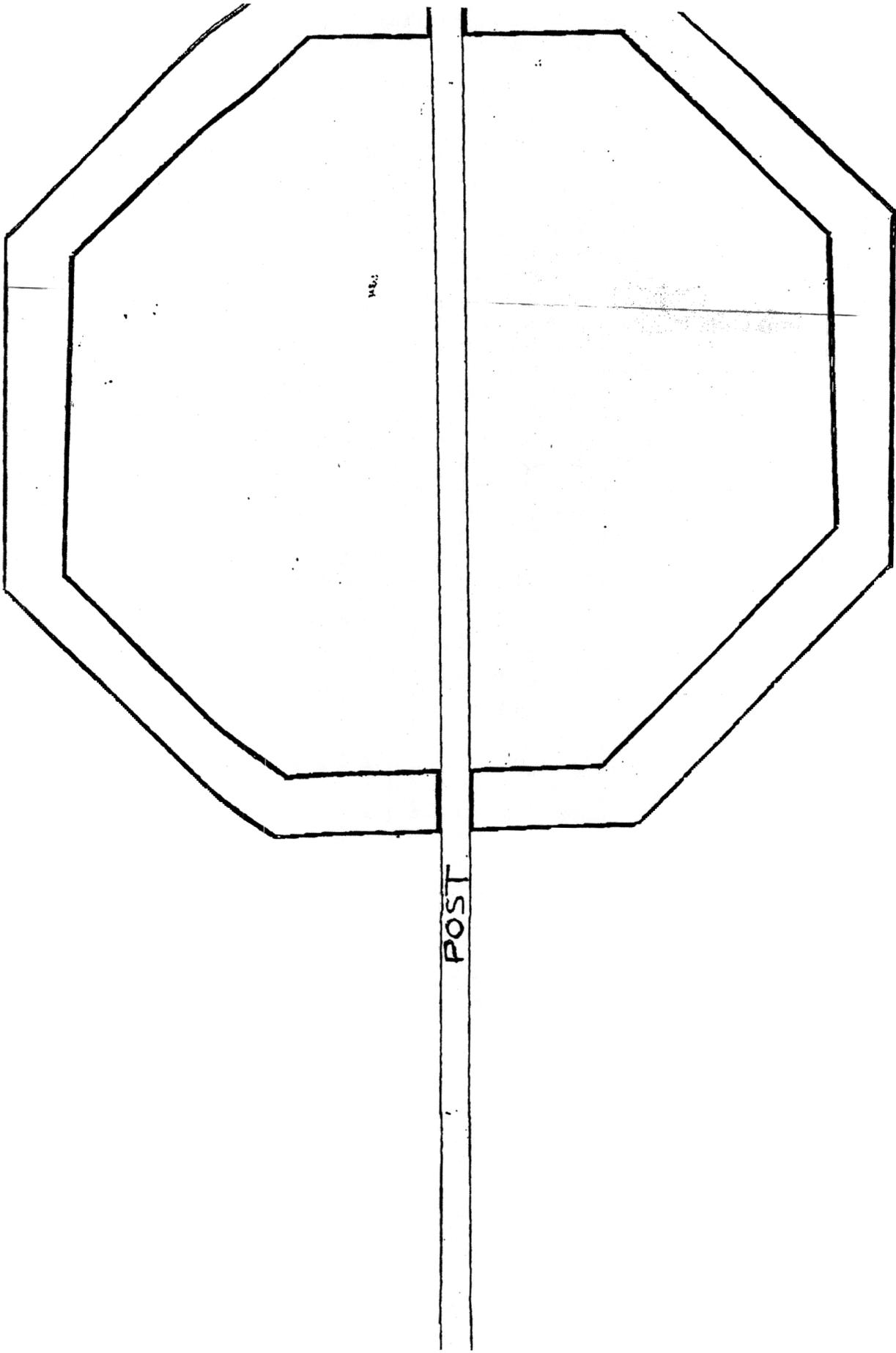
I feel this suggestion has merit for adoption on a universal basis. The cost for painting the backs of the signs installed would be minimal, and all new signs could be so colored upon manufacture.

Very truly yours,

J. E. HUBBYSKY  
LCDR, USN

Encl: (1) Stop Sign Front and Proposed Color for Back of Signs





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