

CHAPTER 160

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160.262 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE LANES.

Subdivision 1. The legislature determines that it is in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare, to provide for the addition of bicycle and recreational vehicle lanes to proposed and existing public highways. The commissioner of transportation shall adopt, in the manner provided in chapter 15, model standards for the establishment of recreational vehicle lanes on and along proposed and existing public highways. The model standards shall include but not be limited to the following: (a) criteria for desirability of a lane in any given location, (b) provision for maintenance of the lanes, and (c) the placement of the lanes in relation to roads. The model standards shall govern state trunk highways.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 3. The following departments and agencies shall cooperate in providing information and advice for amendments to the model standards by the commissioner of transportation: the departments of agriculture, transportation, natural resources, public service, energy, planning and development, and the state soil and water conservation board. The commissioner may cooperate with and enter into agreements with the United States government, any department of the state of Minnesota, any unit of local government and any public or private corporation in order to effect the purposes of this section.

History: 1981 c 356 s 177,178

160.265 BICYCLE TRAIL PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **State bicycle trails.** The commissioner of transportation shall establish a program for the development of bicycle trails primarily on existing road rights of way. "Bicycle trails", as used in this section, includes bicycle lanes and bicycle ways as those terms are used in sections 160.263 and 160.264. The program shall include a system of bicycle trails to be established, developed, maintained, and operated by the commissioner of transportation and a system of state grants for the development of local bicycle trails primarily on existing road rights of way. The program shall be coordinated with the local park trail grant program established by the commissioner of energy, planning and development pursuant to section 4.36, with the bicycle trail program established by the commissioner of natural resources pursuant to section 85.016, with the development of the statewide transportation plan pursuant to section 174.03, and with existing and proposed local bicycle trails. In the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, the program shall be developed in accordance with plans and priorities established by the metropolitan council. The program shall be developed after consultation with the state trail council, local units of government, and bicyclist organizations. The program shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of sections 160.262 to 160.264 and standards promulgated pursuant thereto. The commissioner shall compile and maintain a current registry of bicycle trails in the state and shall publish and distribute the information con-

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tained in the registry in a form and manner suitable to assist persons wishing to use the trails. The metropolitan council, the commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner of energy, planning and development, the Minnesota historical society, and local units of government shall cooperate with and assist the commissioner of transportation in preparing the registry. The commissioner shall have all powers necessary and convenient to establish the program pursuant to this section including but not limited to the authority to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 15.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1980]

History: 1981 c 356 s 179

160.292 INFORMATION SIGNS FOR RESORTS AND RECREATIONAL CAMPING AREAS; DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 160.292 to 160.296 the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Specific service sign" means a rectangular sign panel not greater than 1-1/2 feet by six feet displaying a motel, resort or recreational camping area business name and, where appropriate, the direction to and distance to the camping area, motel or resort.

Subd. 3. "Specific service sign assembly" means a combination of specific service sign panels not to exceed four panels to be placed within the right of way on appropriate approaches to an intersection.

Subd. 4. "Specific service sign cluster" means a grouping of specific service sign assemblies not exceeding two in number on appropriate approaches to an intersection.

Subd. 5. "Nonfreeway type highway" means all roadways with crossing traffic at grade intersections except the roadway may have an isolated interchange.

Subd. 6. "Resort" has the meaning given it in section 157.01.

Subd. 7. "Motel" has the meaning given to the word "hotel" in section 157.01.

Subd. 8. "Recreational camping area" has the meaning given it in section 327.14, subdivision 8.

Subd. 9. "Local road" means any nontrunk highway.

Subd. 10. "Specific service" means motels, resorts or recreational camping areas that provide sleeping accommodations for the recreational traveler.

History: 1981 c 55 s 1

160.293 INTENDED USE.

Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** Specific service signs are to be used to create and implement a system of signing for the purpose of displaying motel, resort and recreational camping area information to the traveling public on nonfreeway type trunk highways in rural areas.

Subd. 2. **Specific service signs on nonfreeway highways.** A specific service sign may be erected at the intersection of a trunk highway with a local road, on by-passes of outstate municipalities, and subject to prior approval of the federal highway administration at the intersection of two trunk highways. A specific service sign may not be erected if the place of business is readily visible or effective directional advertising is visible or the sign can be legally and effectively located near the intersection.

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Subd. 3. **Number of trunk highway intersections.** A specific service sign for a motel, resort or recreational camping area is limited to one intersection on the trunk highway system.

[For text of subds 4 to 6, see M.S.1980]

History: 1981 c 55 s 2-4

160.295 CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIC SERVICE SIGNS.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 3. **Motel and resort warrant.** Motels and resorts served by the specific service signing shall be licensed by the state department of health as required by section 157.03.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1980]

History: 1981 c 55 s 5