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<td>IA-5</td>
<td>Clearview Lettering</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Broad St" /></td>
<td>IA reestablished Mar. 2018</td>
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<td>• Clearview Lettering shall be as per the latest effective revision to <a href="#">IIM-TE-337</a>.</td>
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<td>IA-17.3</td>
<td>Three-Section Flashing Yellow Arrow Signal Faces</td>
<td><img src="image2" alt="Three-Section Flashing Yellow Arrow Signal Faces" /></td>
<td>October 20, 2014</td>
<td>VDOT only **</td>
<td>• Three-section FYA signal faces at VDOT-maintained traffic signals shall be as per <a href="#">IIM-TE-381</a>.</td>
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| IA-15.5   | Alternative Design US Bike Route (M1-9) sign                 | ![Alternative Design US Bike Route (M1-9) sign](image3)  | April 1, 2014 | VDOT and all other local jurisdictions      | • Existing black M1-9 signs may remain until the end of their useful life.  
• Black M1-9 signs should be used for maintenance replacement of isolated signs on existing US Bike Routes (USBRs) currently using black M1-9 signs.  
• Green M1-9 signs are recommended for new or realigned USBRs. |
| IA-13.9   | Electric Vehicle Charging General Motorist Services Signs (GMSSs) | ![Electric Vehicle Charging General Motorist Services Signs (GMSSs)](image4)  | March 20, 2015 | VDOT and all other local jurisdictions      | • Refer to the Integrated Directional Signage Program (IDSP) web page for more information on the GMSS sign. |
| IA-14.94  | Green Colored Pavement for Bike Lanes                        | ![Green Colored Pavement for Bike Lanes](image5)        | July 15, 2016 | VDOT and all other local jurisdictions      | • Interim Approval is only for use of green colored pavement to supplement (not replace) the white lines used to denote bicycle lanes. This Interim Approval does NOT give approval for two-stage left turn boxes.  
• Green colored pavement should be used sparingly. |

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| IA-19.4   | Alternative Signal Warrant 7, Crash Experience |       | July 12, 2017          | VDOT and all other local jurisdictions | - If installed by permit on VDOT roads, the locality requesting the permit must agree to maintain the green colored pavement.  
- Green colored pavement shall meet FHWA chromaticity and skid resistance requirements. |
| IA-21.12  | Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) | ![Image](image) | April 9, 2018          | VDOT and all other local jurisdictions | - Refer to IIM-TE-387 for additional information on preparation of Signal Justification Reports  
- RRFBs on VDOT-maintained roads shall be as per IIM-TE-384.  
- Refer to FHWA Interim Approvals web page for various Official Interpretations relative to RRFBs.  
- IA approval is only for use of yellow RRFBs in conjunction with pedestrian crossings. CO-TED must request a Request to Experiment before use of red RRFBs in conjunction with wrong-way signs can be considered. |

** Localities that maintain their own roads must separately request Interim Approval before using these devices on locality-maintained roads

### Requirements for all Interim Approvals

- Abide by the specific conditions of each IA as per FHWA’s [Interim Approval website](#).
- Maintain a list of all locations where the devices have been installed. VDOT Regions are responsible for maintaining the list of locations for IA devices, including devices installed by localities that maintain their own roads.
- Agree to modify or remove the device if FHWA chooses to require such action in conjunction with issuance of a Final Rule or if FHWA terminates the Interim Approval due to safety concerns.

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