

STATEMENTS OF POLICY

Title 67—TRANSPORTATION

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[67 PA. CODE CH. 214]

Highway Safety Corridors

The Department of Transportation (Department) adopts Chapter 214 (relating to highway safety corridors—statement of policy) in response to the requirements of the act of December 23, 2002 (P. L. 1982, No. 229) (Act 229). This statement of policy is designed to provide guidance regarding designation and signing of highway safety corridors under 75 Pa.C.S. § 3326 (relating to duty of driver in construction and maintenance areas or on highway safety corridors).

Effective Date

This statement of policy shall be effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

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Authority

This statement of policy is adopted under the authority in section 21 of Act 229.

Order

The Department, acting under the authorizing statute, orders that:

(a) The regulations of the Department, 67 Pa. Code, are amended by adding a statement of policy in §§ 214.1—214.5 and Appendix A to read as set forth in Annex A.

(b) The Secretary of the Department shall certify this order and Annex A and deposit them with the Legislative Reference Bureau as required by law.

(c) This order shall take effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

ALLEN D. BIEHLER, P. E.,
Secretary

Fiscal Note: 18-390 Statement of Policy. No fiscal impact; (8) recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 67. TRANSPORTATION

PART I. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subpart A. VEHICLE CODE PROVISIONS

ARTICLE VIII. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

CHAPTER 214. HIGHWAY SAFETY CORRIDORS—STATEMENT OF POLICY

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§ 214.1. Purpose and application.

(a) This chapter is in response to the requirements of Act 229 of 2002 which added 75 Pa.C.S. § 6105.1 (relating to designation of highway safety corridors). Specifically, this chapter is designed to improve safety in

targeted high crash locations by designating as highway safety corridors those areas where motorists are exposed to increased levels of enforcement and increased penalties for moving violations relating to unsafe driving behavior.

(b) The signs specified in this chapter are in addition to the traffic-control devices required by Department regulations and apply to public highways within this Commonwealth.

§ 214.2. Definitions.

The following phrase, when used in this chapter, has the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Highway safety corridor—The portion of a highway determined by a traffic study to be targeted for the application of signs, increased levels of enforcement and increased penalties specifically for the purpose of eliminating or reducing unsafe driver behaviors that are known to result in crashes and fatalities.

§ 214.3. Traffic and engineering investigation.

A segment of a highway may be designated as a highway safety corridor in which increased penalties will apply for violations identified in 75 Pa.C.S. § 3326(c) (relating to duty of driver in construction and maintenance areas or on highway safety corridors) if the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) A crash analysis of candidate locations indicates that, for the preceding 5 years, crashes related to targeted driving behaviors exceeds thresholds for the number of crashes or the rate of crashes for homogeneous roadways as determined by the Department.

(2) The corridor meets the geometric requirements needed to allow for safe patrolling by law enforcement officers as well as a safe area to stop violators for the issuance of a traffic citation or warning.

(3) The corridor has adequate space for the installation of the traffic signs specified in this chapter.

(4) There is a written commitment from the local and state law enforcement agencies responsible for highway patrol along the corridor to provide visible, sustained enforcement activity within the limits of the marked corridor.

§ 214.4. Traffic signs.

(a) *Proper sign installations.* Signs shall be installed as follows:

(1) Sign (W35-1), SAFETY CORRIDOR—FINES DOUBLED NEXT XX MILES, shall be installed as close as practical to the beginning of the highway safety corridor and after each interchange along the corridor.

(2) Sign (W35-2), END FINES DOUBLED CORRIDOR, shall be installed immediately at the end of each highway safety corridor.

(b) Sign standards. Signs W35-1 and W35-2 shall be manufactured in accordance with the standards set forth in Appendix A for these signs.

§ 214.5. Questions.

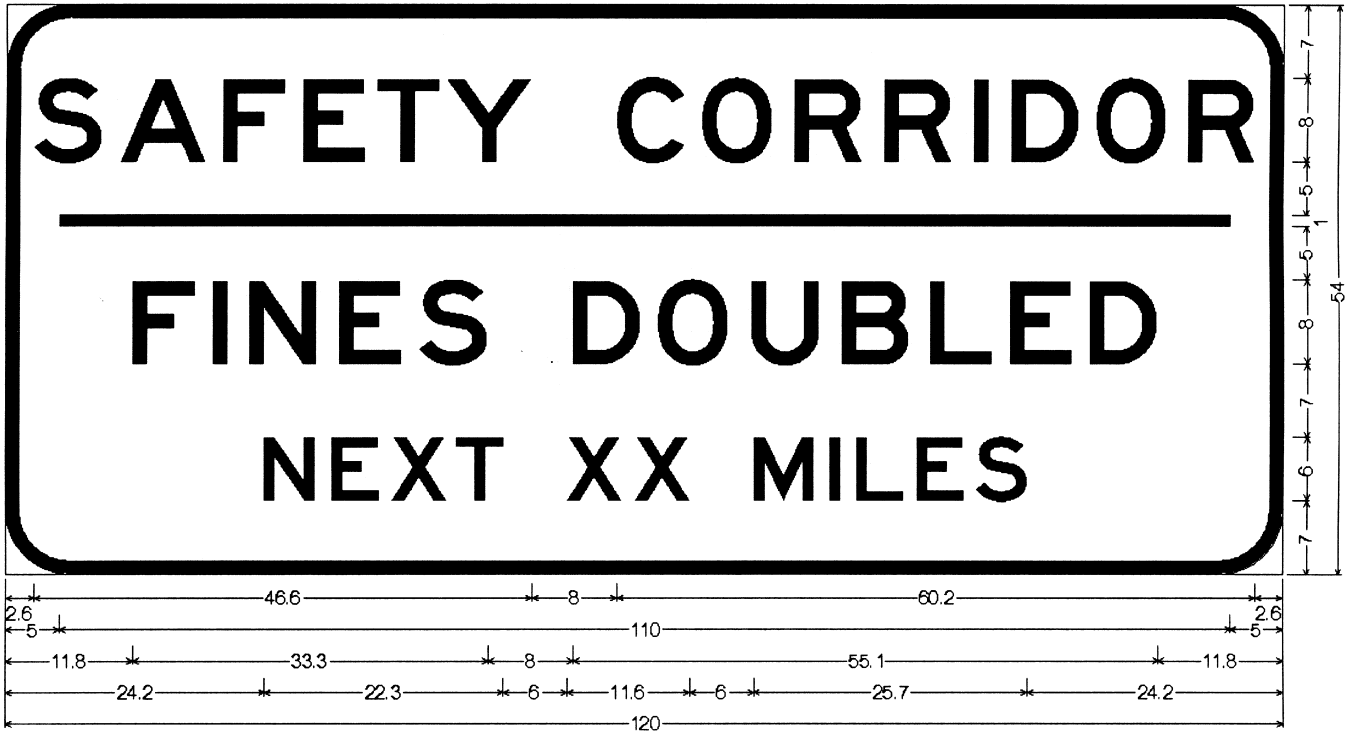
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Appendix A

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SAFETY CORRIDOR FINES DOUBLED SIGN

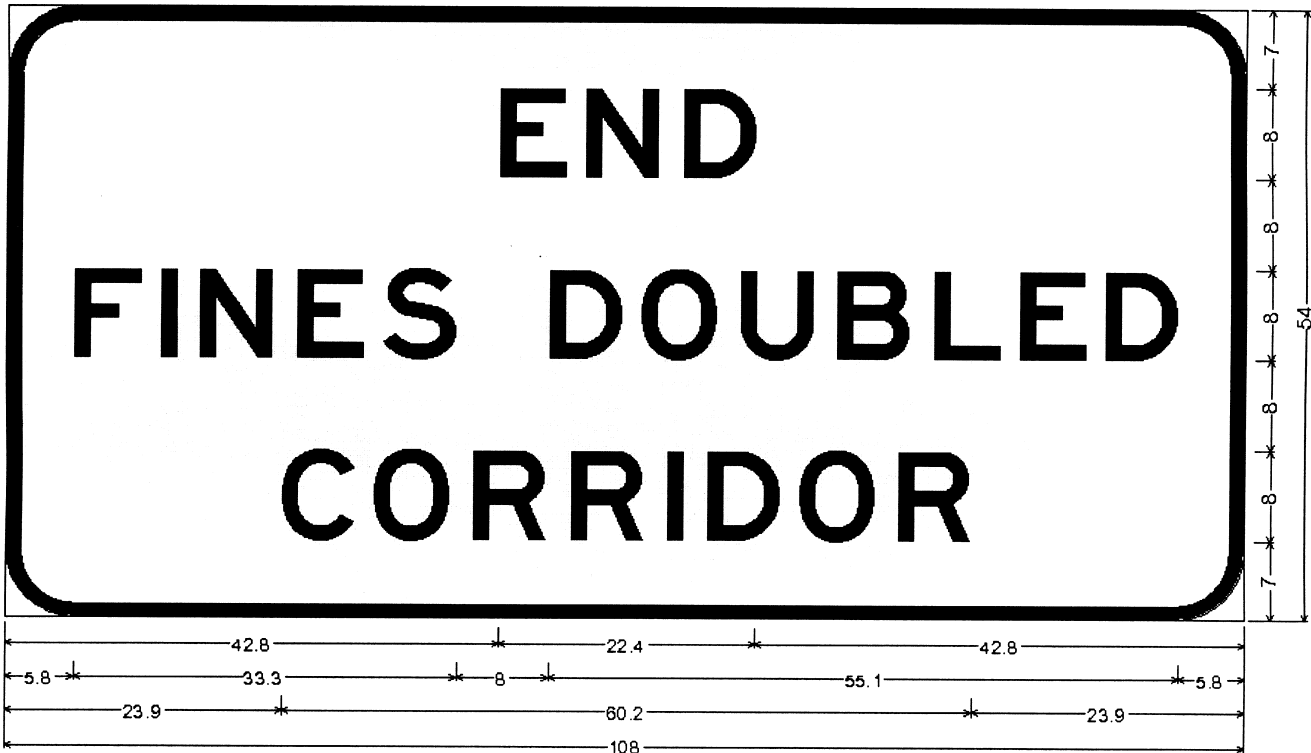


6.0" Radius, 1.3" Border, Black on Yellow;
 "SAFETY CORRIDOR" E; "FINES DOUBLED" E; "NEXT XX MILES" E;
 Table of widths and spaces.

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2.6	3.0	1.6	1.6	1.1	8.0	8.0	6.6	2.1	2.1	6.4	2.0	1.4	2.1	2.6
5.0	110.0	5.0												
F	I	N	E	S	D	O	U	B	L	E	D			
11.8	1.3	2.1	2.0	1.7	6.3	8.0	6.4	1.7	6.6	2.1	6.3	2.1	6.4	11.8
N	E	X	T	X	X	M	I	L	E	S				
24.2	4.8	1.5	4.4	1.3	5.1	0.8	4.4	6.0	5.2	1.2	5.2	6.0	5.5	1.6

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END FINES DOUBLED CORRIDOR



6.0" Radius, 1.3" Border, Black on Yellow;
 "END" E; "FINES DOUBLED" E; "CORRIDOR" E;

Table of widths and spaces.

42.8	E	5.9	1.7	N	6.3	2.1	D	6.4	42.8
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