



**Islamic Republic Of Afghanistan  
Kabul Municipality**



# **STREET SIGN POLICY STANDARD MUNICIPALITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND  
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**Overview:** Kabul Municipality is a rapidly growing city with thousands of drivers with mixed driving skills. It is critical to the Kabul drivers that effective signage be provided along Municipal streets, as it will provide safety warnings to skilled drivers, while at the same time offering guidance to new drivers that will help them become better drivers.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this SOP is to establish municipal standard for all traffic control devices installed on any Municipality street, highways, bikeways, or private road open to public travel. This policy will obtain basic uniformity of traffic control devices shall be used on all Municipality public roads.

**Benefit:** The implementation of this SOP will ensure street safety and efficiency by providing for the orderly movement of all road users on streets, highways, bikeways, and private roads open to public travel throughout the Nation. In addition, it will notify road users of regulations and provide warning and guidance needed for the uniform and efficient operation of all elements of the traffic stream in a manner intended to minimize the occurrences of crashes on Kabul city public roads.

**Applicability:** This SOP will apply to all streets, highways, bikeways, and private roads in the city.

**Policy:** This SOP will effect positively upon the operations of the Kabul City and bring effective changes to the Kabul Municipality as a whole.

### **Procedures:**

1. **Responsibility:** The responsibility for the design, placement, operation, maintenance, and uniformity of all traffic control devices shall rest with the Street Department of Kabul Municipality.
2. **Design:** Traffic signs should be designed so that features such as size, shape, color, composition, lighting or retro-reflection, and contrast are combined to draw attention to the devices; that size, shape, color, and simplicity of message combine to produce a clear meaning; that legibility and size combine with placement to permit adequate time for response; and that uniformity, size, legibility, and reasonableness of the message combine to command respect.
3. **Placement and Operation:** Placement of a traffic control device should be within the road user's view so that adequate visibility is provided. To aid in conveying the proper meaning, the traffic control device should be appropriately positioned with respect to the location, object, or situation to which it applies. The location and legibility of the traffic control device should be such that a road user has adequate time to make the proper response in both day and night conditions.
4. **Maintenance:** Physical maintenance of traffic signs should be performed to retain the legibility and visibility of the device, and to retain the proper functioning of the device.



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Clean, legible, properly mounted devices in good working condition command the respect of road users.

5. **Classification of Signs:** Signs shall be defined by their function as follows:
- a. Regulatory signs give notice of traffic laws or regulations.
  - b. Warning signs give notice of a situation that might not be readily apparent.
  - c. Guide signs show route designations, destinations, directions, distances, services, points of interest, and other geographical, recreational, or cultural information.

**Reference:** Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Edition 2009.  
[http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/pdfs/2009/pdf\\_index.htm](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/pdfs/2009/pdf_index.htm)

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