Report By:JEDDate:3/17Checked By:JMJDate:3/17	STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	OSTA No.: 170-1607-02 Loc. No.: N/A
Recommended By:	OFFICE OF THE STATE TRAFFIC ADMINISTRATION	Approved by OSTA
See Previous Traffic Investigation Report No.:	TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION REPORT	
	Various Towns	Date:
Requested By: OSTA	Location: Various	
How Requested:		
Date: July 4, 2016		
		EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Recommendation:

Grant municipalities permission to install and maintain "Do Not Block Intersection," "Subject To Fine" signs, and associated Do Not Block Intersection pavement markings at signalized and non-signalized intersections on non-limited access State highways subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That an encroachment permit for a "Do Not Block Intersection," "Subject To Fine" sign, and associated pavement marking installation be obtained from the appropriate Department of Transportation District Maintenance Special Services Section by the Local Traffic Authority and that the request include both visual documentation of the blockage (i.e., pictures or video recording) and a copy of the executed ordinance identifying the specific location(s).
- 2. That the markings not be installed at location(s) containing dotted lines or similar pavement markings whose purpose is to provide guidance to roadway users navigating the intersection or where the installation of pavement markings associated with a Do Not Block Intersection treatment would detract or obscure or otherwise negatively impact the effectiveness of existing markings.
- 3. That the location(s) be on a State highway intersecting one or more publicly owned highway(s), road(s), street(s), avenue(s), ally(ies), or driveway(s) under the control of the State, or any political subdivision of the State, open to public travel or other use.
- 4. That the design and placement of the "Do Not Block Intersection" and "Subject To Fine" pavement markings and signing be in substantial conformance with the attached plan.
- 5. That durable pavement markings be used and that reflective beads or similar additive, which would reduce traction in inclement weather conditions, not be added.

The municipality will be responsible for all installation and maintenance costs associated with the signs and markings installed under the encroachment permit.

In the interest of public safety, the Office of the State Traffic Administration or District Maintenance Office shall have the right to order the modification or removal of any traffic control signs and/or markings installed under this approval.

Report of Findings:

In accordance with Section 14-298 of the Connecticut General Statute (CGS), the Office of the State Traffic Administration has adopted the relevant portions of *The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)*, latest edition, as its regulations governing the use of traffic control signals, devices, signs, and markings on public highways/streets for the purposes of standardization and uniformity. The MUTCD permits the installation of "DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION" signs with the associated markings at unsignalized intersections as defined in Section 3B.17 Do Not Block Intersection Markings. This section also indicates that these signs and markings may be used at other locations, if allowed by law.

Section 14-250b of the CGS prohibits the operator of a motor vehicle, other than a tractor-trailer unit as defined in Section 14-1 of the CGS, from proceeding into an intersection that has been designated, posted, and marked, except when making a turn, unless there is sufficient space on the opposite side of the intersection to accommodate said motor vehicle without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians. Municipalities may, by ordinance, designate one or more intersections within that municipality where special signs and markings may be installed for additional emphasis, including signalized intersections. Any designated intersections upon a State highway will require an encroachment permit from the Department of Transportation's District Maintenance Permits Office.

Section 14-309 of the CGS does not permit any traffic control device, sign, or marking to be installed or maintained on any State highway or bridge by a municipality except by consent and written approval of the Office of the State Traffic Administration. This report shall serve as such consent and written permission for municipalities to install "Do Not Block Intersection," "Subject To Fine" signs, and associated Do Not Block Intersection pavement marking treatments on non-limited access State highways at signalized and non-signalized intersections, subject to the conditions stated herein.

