

How Signs Are Developed

1 Recommendations

Community recommendations for new traffic signs or control devices are sent to TAC's Traffic Operations & Management Committee (TOMC).



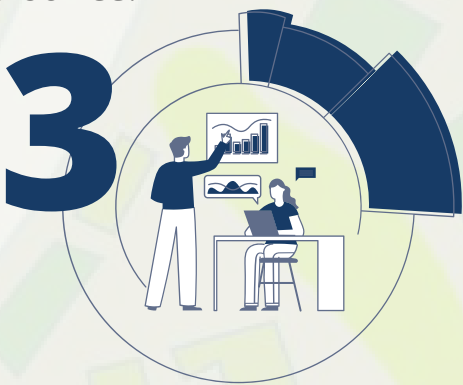
2 Issues

These recommendations are reviewed and explored by TOMC to outline the detailed issues with or gaps in the current guidance.



3 Investigate

If the issues or gaps addressed by the new sign or device are substantial, TOMC will launch a project to explore the lacking guidance.



4 Project

Projects are typically done on a volunteer basis by a group of TOMC members, but could also be completed as a paid, pooled-fund project supported by a group of funding partners.



5 Review

Relevant Canadian and international literature and agency practices are reviewed and assessed to understand what is working, or not working.



6 Design and Test

Potential device designs are drafted based on the findings. These are evaluated to see how successfully they are understood by a broad audience – a process soon to be facilitated through TAC's new Comprehension Testing Software.



7 Reporting

Recommended guidance for sign or device design, specification and application is assembled from the project findings.



8 Release

Once the project deliverables are completed and approved, they pass through TOMC's Editing & Publication Subcommittee for eventual inclusion in a future update of the MUTCDC.

