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# Slow Street Network Guidelines

For Unincorporated Los Angeles County Communities

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## **Guidelines for the designation of Slow Street Networks in the unincorporated County communities**

### Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline a process for the designation of Slow Street Networks in the unincorporated County communities and provide implementation guidance. Slow Streets are streets that are signed to promote traffic calming and encourage physical activity, such as walking, biking, or running, and are a tool to help communities comply with the County's physical distancing guidelines in response to COVID-19. Alerting and assisting drivers in reducing vehicle speeds can help residents feel more comfortable accessing streets in their neighborhoods to exercise, thereby protecting residents from overcrowded sidewalks and facilitating physical distancing consistent with public health orders.

### A. Slow Street Implementation Process

The following steps outline the process for the designation of Slow Streets within the unincorporated County communities.

1. **Application Submission** – A sponsor must submit an online application to Los Angeles County Public Works identifying the proposed streets to designate as a Slow Street Network by visiting the website, [VisionZeroLACounty.com](http://VisionZeroLACounty.com). Applicants without access to a computer may call toll-free (833) VZ4-LACO (894-5226) for assistance.

Slow Street Network sponsors can be individual residents, community-based organizations, nonprofits, and/or other organizations.

There is no monetary cost to be a sponsor of a Slow Street Network nor is a permit necessary since Public Works will procure and install all the appropriate equipment and signage. However, sponsors must agree to be slow street ambassadors for the street network that is proposed and are responsible for the following:

- a. Assisting the County in communicating the purpose of the Slow Streets Program to fellow residents.
- b. Checking in on each street segment often to confirm traffic calming slow street signage and equipment installed by Public Works remain in place and all public health guidelines are being followed, including social distancing.

- c. Notifying Public Works if the installed signage or equipment is missing, broken, or vandalized. Communicating with Public Works periodically about the status of the Slow Street Network.
2. **Application Review** – Public Works’ staff will review the application for completeness and assess if the proposed streets can be designated as a Slow Street Network.

The designation of a Slow Street Network may be considered if the following criteria are met:

- a. The proposed streets are local residential streets (local collector streets with low average daily traffic will be considered on a case-by-case basis).
- b. The proposed streets are part of a network of neighborhood streets that can also be designated as part of the Slow Street Network.
  - i. To facilitate active use, it is recommended that between 10 and 25 intersections or street segments and/or approximately 2 miles be designated as Slow Streets.
  - ii. Proposed designations with less than 10 intersections or street segments will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The following will also be considered when determining if a Slow Street Network designation is appropriate:

- a. Park need category from the Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment associated with the community the proposed Slow Street Network is located.
  - b. The proximity of the proposed Slow Street Network to Vision Zero Collision Concentration Corridors.
  - c. Connection to other identified community assets.
3. **Slow Street Network Implementation**
- a. Messaging – Messaging on program materials, such as temporary street signs, websites, or other program materials should encourage slow driving. Street closure messaging is not being considered at this time.

- b. Equipment and Signage – Public Works will deploy the necessary equipment and signage to properly designate Slow Street Networks. This may include, but is not limited to, the following:
- i. 42-inch high yellow (if placed in the center of the road) or white (if placed on the parking lane) pinch delineator(s) with 14-inch pinch on 3-inch base, or similar, affixed to pavement with epoxy to prevent displacement by wind or other means. Reflective strip affixed to the delineator below the sign.
  - ii. 24-inch by 36-inch (maximum) foam board sign(s) with reflective sheeting and printed traffic calming message affixed to the delineator(s).
  - iii. The following are images of sample Slow Street Network signs:



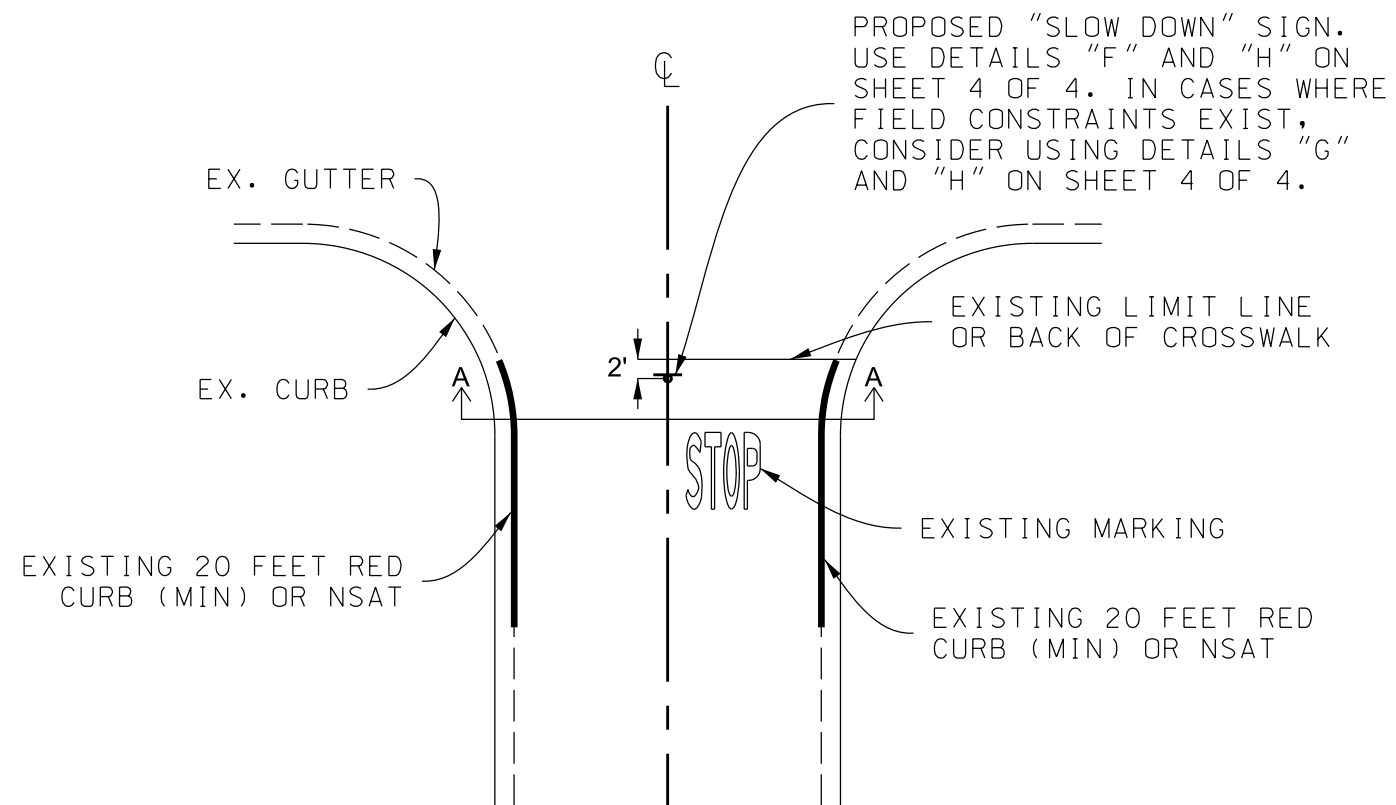
- c. Location Considerations – Equipment and signage should be installed on local residential streets at the main entry points to neighborhoods where feasible. These points could include the intersection of a local residential street with a local collector street or limited secondary highway. Equipment and signage need not be installed at the intersection of two local residential streets.

Equipment and signage should be installed in such a way to provide adequate sight distance and not impede vehicular traffic, including emergency vehicles, while serving to calm vehicular speeds. Equipment and signage placement should be guided by the “**Slow Street**” **Signage Installation Details** in Attachment IA. Depending on the street width and field conditions, additional equipment and signage may be placed.

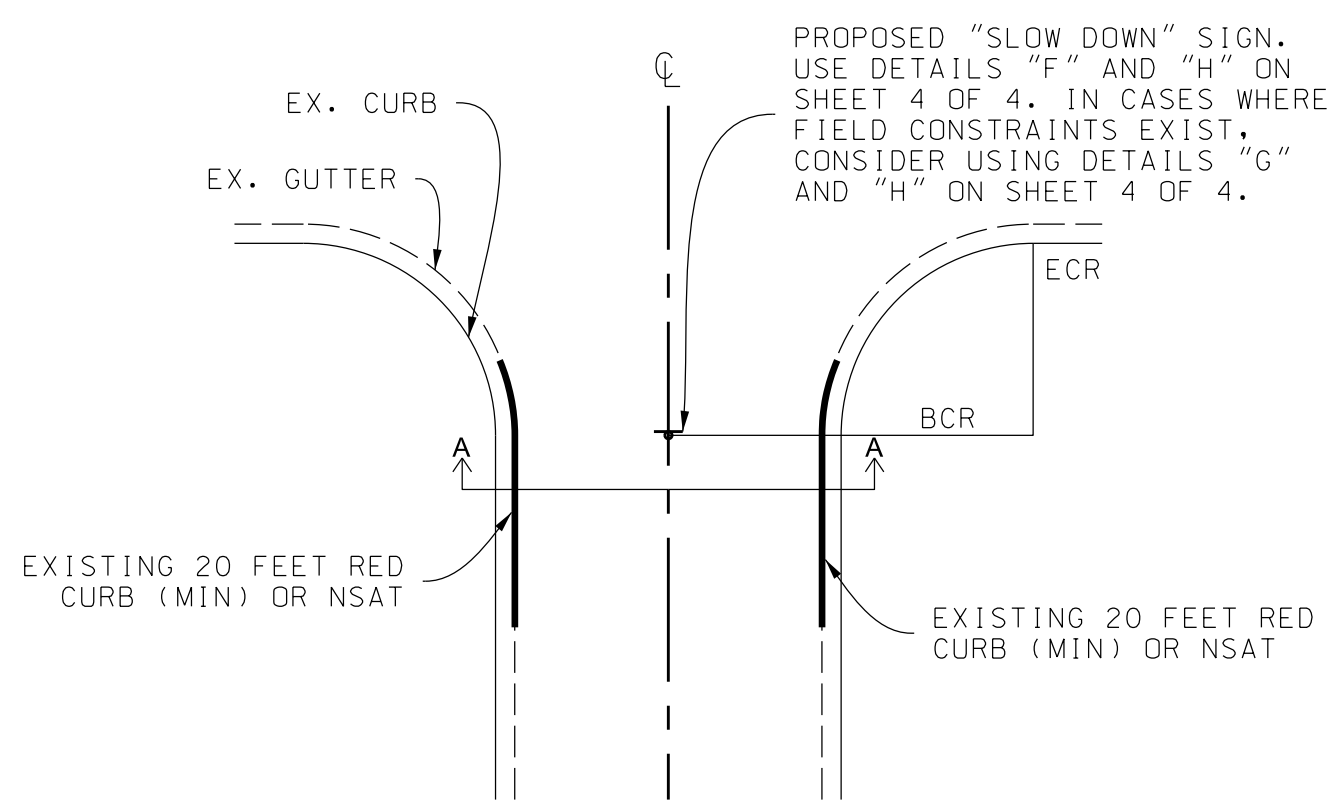
- d. Duration – Once a Slow Street Network is established, the equipment and signage will remain in place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until the County's Health Officer Order deems physical distancing no longer necessary or until the County decides, in its sole discretion, that removal of the equipment and signage is needed.

The County reserves the right to remove the equipment and signage at any time, for any reason, including lack of funding, lack of effectiveness, or repeated vandalism of equipment or signs.

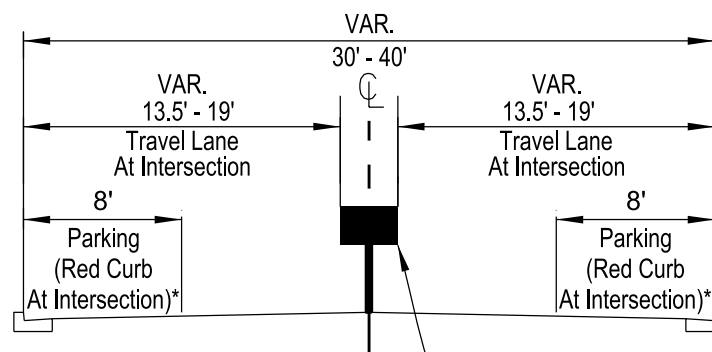
This guideline is intended to be a living document and periodic updates, as deemed necessary, will be made.



**DETAIL "A"**  
 "SLOW STREET" SIGNAGE LOCATION  
 1" = 20'



**DETAIL "B"**  
 "SLOW STREET" SIGNAGE LOCATION  
 1" = 20'



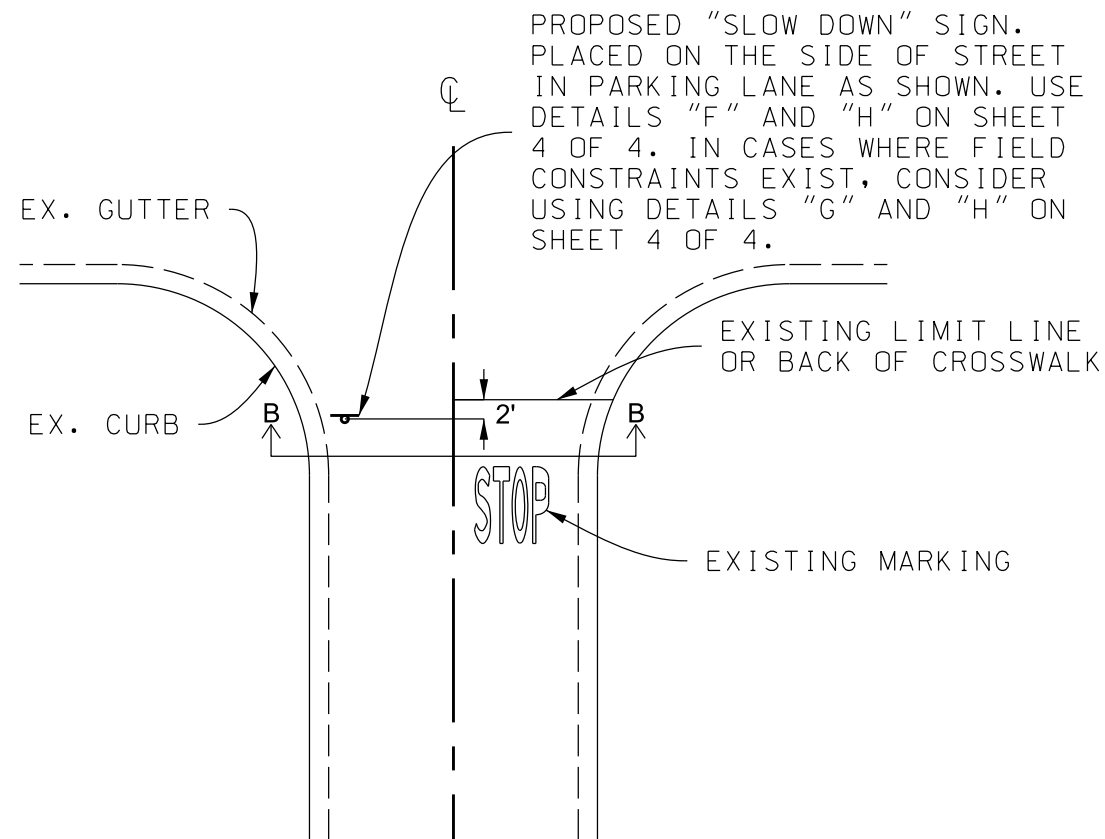
**SECTION A - A**  
 1" = 10'

PROPOSED "SLOW DOWN" SIGN. USE DETAILS "F" AND "H" ON SHEET 4 OF 4. IN CASES WHERE FIELD CONSTRAINTS EXIST, CONSIDER USING DETAILS "G" AND "H" ON SHEET 4 OF 4.

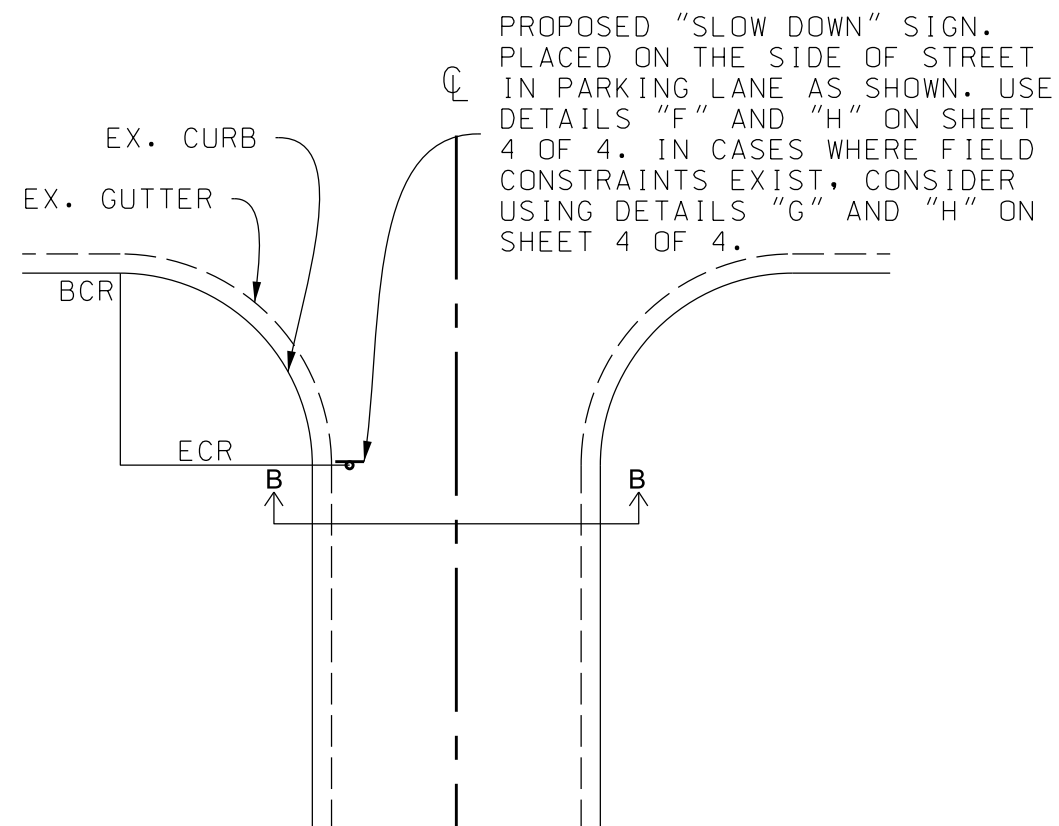
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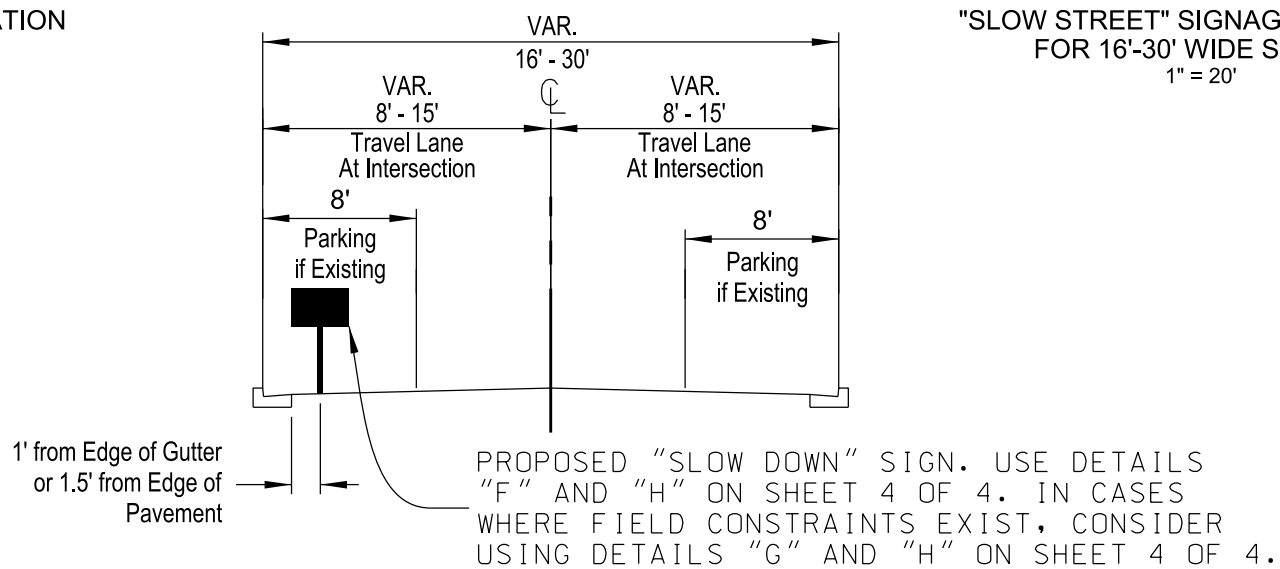




**DETAIL "C"**  
 "SLOW STREET" SIGNAGE LOCATION  
 FOR 16'-30' WIDE STREET  
 1" = 20'



**DETAIL "D"**  
 "SLOW STREET" SIGNAGE LOCATION  
 FOR 16'-30' WIDE STREET  
 1" = 20'



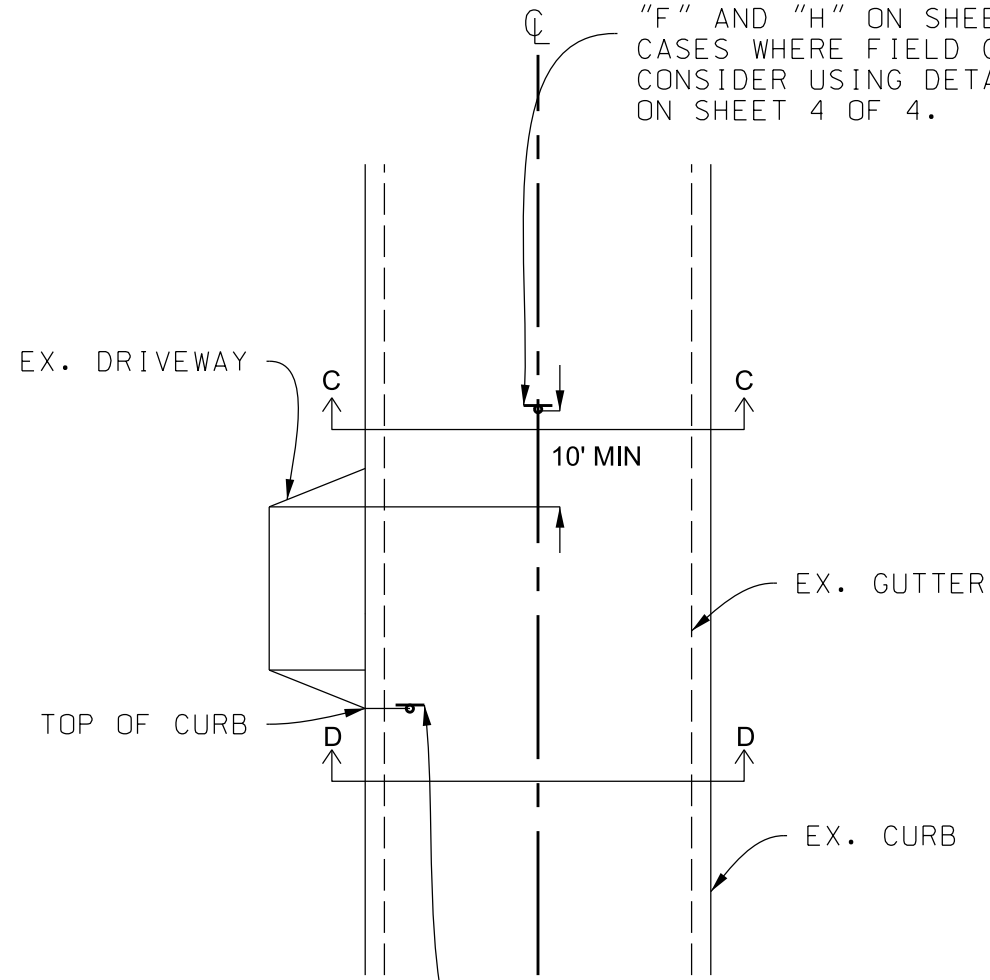
**SECTION B - B**  
 1" = 10'

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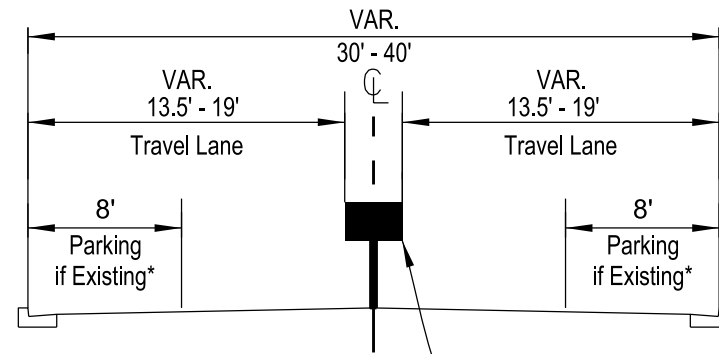


PROPOSED "SLOW DOWN" SIGN. PLACED MIN 10' FROM DRIVEWAY. USE DETAILS "F" AND "H" ON SHEET 4 OF 4. IN CASES WHERE FIELD CONSTRAINTS EXIST, CONSIDER USING DETAILS "G" AND "H" ON SHEET 4 OF 4.



PROPOSED "SLOW DOWN" SIGN. PLACED ON THE SIDE OF STREET IN PARKING LANE AS SHOWN. USE DETAILS "F" AND "H" ON SHEET 4 OF 4. IN CASES WHERE FIELD CONSTRAINTS EXIST, CONSIDER USING DETAILS "G" AND "H" ON SHEET 4 OF 4.

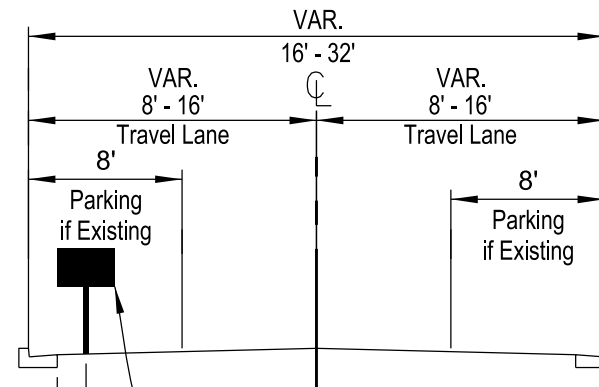
**DETAIL "E"**  
 "SLOW STREET" SIGNAGE LOCATION  
 1" = 20'



\* IF PARKING EXISTS ON BOTH SIDES FOR ROADWAY WIDTHS OF 30'-32', USE SECTION D-D.

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**SECTION C - C**  
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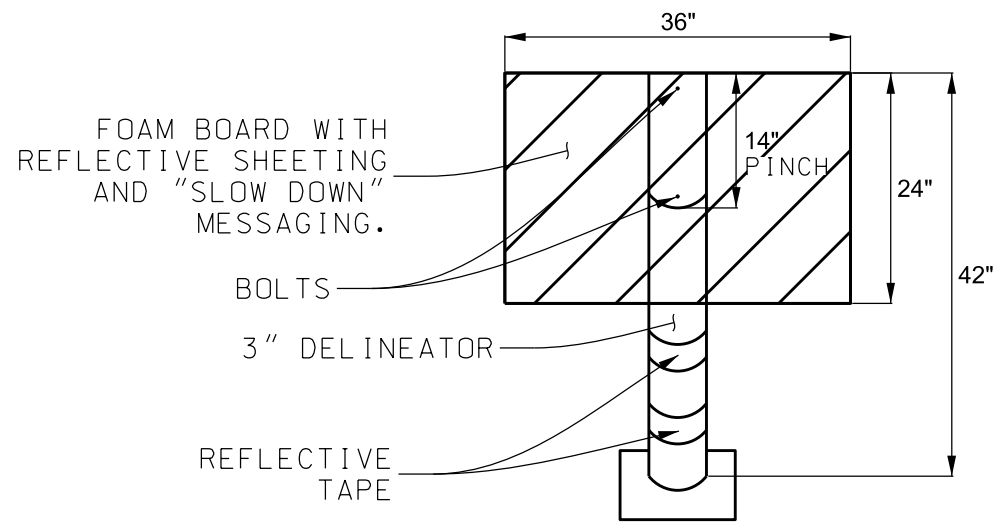
1' from Edge of Gutter or 1.5' from Edge of Pavement

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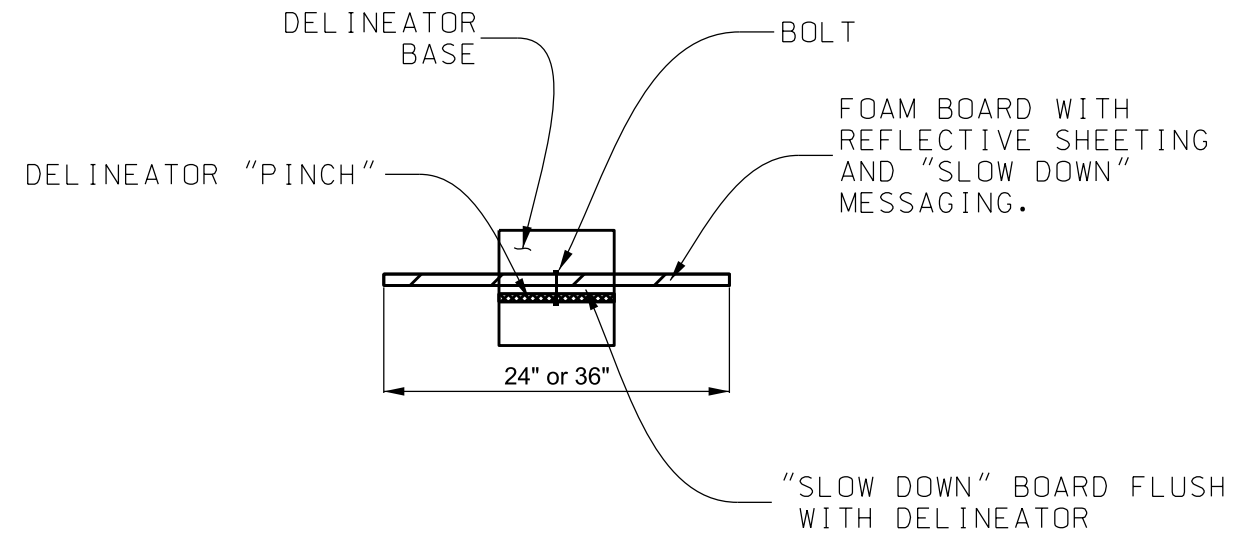
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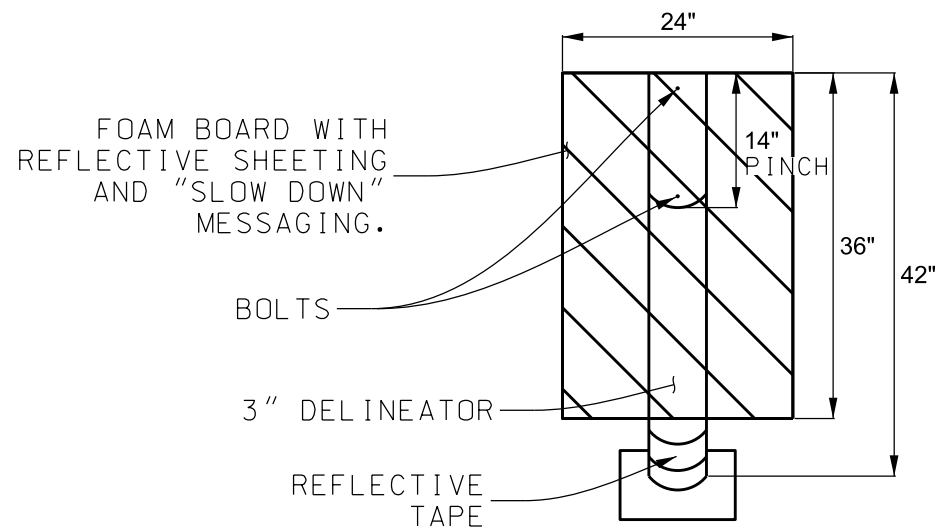
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**DETAIL "F"**  
 "SLOW STREET" SIGNAGE (Profile view)  
 N.T.S.



**DETAIL "H"**  
 "SLOW STREET" SIGNAGE (Plan view)  
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**DETAIL "G"**  
 "SLOW STREET" SIGNAGE (Profile view)  
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