



COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

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County Judge

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Mr. Doug Skowronek, PE
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Traffic Operations Division
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Subject: Request for Interim Approval of RRFB use on a County-wide basis

Dear Mr. Skowronek:

Fort Bend County kindly requests approval from Texas Department of Transportation (and forwarding to the Federal Highway Administration) to implement Interim Approval 21 for the optional use of Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons (RRFB) as pedestrian-actuated conspicuity enhancements for pedestrian and school crossing warning signs, as outlined in the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD), Section 1A.10, paragraph 15. Fort Bend County intends to use the RRFB County-wide at mid-block crosswalks on Major Thoroughfares and Collectors where significant pedestrian activity is present and the conspicuity of traditional pedestrian warning signage and pavement markings has been deemed insufficient.

As per Section 1A.10 of the 2011 TMUTCD, paragraph 16, the County agrees to comply with the following items:

- B. The County shall abide by the specific conditions for use of RRFBs as contained in the FHWA's interim approval document.
- C. The County shall maintain and continually update a list of locations where the device has been installed.
- D. The County shall:

Restore the site(s) of the interim approval to a condition that complies with the provisions in the TMUTCD within 3 months following the issuance of a final rule on this traffic control device.

Terminate use of the RRFB installed under the interim approval at any time that it determines significant safety concerns are directly or indirectly attributable to the device or application. We acknowledge the FHWA's Office of Transportation Operations has the right to terminate the interim approval at any time if there is an indication of safety concerns.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for interim approval.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge