
301 DEFINITIONS

Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names (BGHN) - An appointed board that has the authority to designate the most appropriate and acceptable names and spelling of these names for natural or artificial objects in Arizona so that the historical record of the State may be protected and preserved.

Business District - The territory contiguous to and including a highway when within any 600 feet along such highway there are buildings in use for business or industrial purposes, including hotels, banks or office buildings, railroad stations, and public buildings which occupy at least 300 feet of frontage on one side or 300 feet collectively on both sides of the highway.

Control City:

U.S. & State Routes - A major city or town which either includes the junction of two or more State or Federal routes or whose general location can be easily identified by users of the highway system, is on the official State highway map, and whose population and character are generators of sufficient traffic to be a focal point for travel.

Interstate Routes - A city of national significance on or near the Interstate System whose general location can be easily identified by users of that system and whose population and character are generators of sufficient traffic to be a focal point for interstate travel.

Distance Signing - A type of signing describing the distance, in miles, to cities, towns, and other places of interest that can be reached by way of numbered or unnumbered highway routes.

Historical Marker - A monument dedicated to an individual(s), geographical area, man-made contrivance/structure, or event significant to Arizona history.

Intermediate Destination - A location or community with at least one motorist service, which is on or immediately adjacent to the route, a major traffic generator that the route was built to serve, or an important route junction.

Maximum Comfortable Curve Speed - A speed on a curve which is comfortable to the passenger and is preferred by the driver.

Meaningful Interchange - A freeway interchange which intersects with a State highway, accesses a local community, or accesses at least one motorist service which is immediately adjacent to the interchange.

Military Installation - All Department of Defense facilities, i.e., facilities operated by any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, their reserve components, and the Arizona National Guard.

Monument - A structure or sculpture erected to identify a place or region and maintained by a local government.

Parkways, Historic, and Scenic Roads Advisory Committee (PHSRAC) - An advisory committee that reviews, prioritizes, and evaluates requests for designation of parkways, historic, and scenic roads and makes recommendations to the State Transportation Board for the designation of favorable routes.

Place Name Sign - A sign used to identify incorporated towns, incorporated cities, and unincorporated towns.

Recreational/Cultural Interest Area/Facility - Attractions or traffic generators that are open to the general public for the purpose of play, amusement, or relaxation and are used to refresh the body or mind (RECREATION) or for the training and refining of the mind, emotions manners, taste, etc. (CULTURAL INTEREST).

Regional Ice Alert Sign - An alert sign intended to advise motorists of the potential for icy road conditions in the general region into which they are driving.

Request for Non-Standard Sign Approval Form - A standard form utilized for requesting approval for the fabrication and use of a sign that has not been previously approved by the State Traffic Engineer.

Residence District - The territory contiguous to and including a highway not comprising a business district when the property on the highway for a distance of 300 feet or more is in the main improved with residences or residences and buildings in use for business.

Spot Location Ice Warning Sign - A warning sign intended to advise motorists of the potential for icy road conditions in a specific location.

Supplemental and Miscellaneous Guide Signing - A form of non-essential guide signing which provides information regarding destinations accessible from an interchange, intersection, or highway which is not shown on the normal guide signs. This form of guide signing includes, but is not limited to, destinations for major airports, major colleges and universities, major military installations, sports arenas, major recreational and cultural interest areas, geographical features, and Arizona State and Federal government facilities.

Unauthorized Sign - A sign that is not listed in the Manual of Approved Signs and has not previously received approval.

Unique Town or City Limit Sign - A post-mounted sign installed at a political boundary line which may display a political jurisdiction logo devoid of any advertising.

Unpaved - gravel or dirt

Urban Area - An urbanized area as defined in the decennial census by the United States Bureau of the Census.

Urban District - The territory contiguous to and including any street which is built up with structures devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses situated at intervals of less than 100 feet for a distance of a quarter mile or more.