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Dear Mr. Temple:

Thank you for your June 25 letter requesting approval to use retroreflective yellow borders on traffic signal backplates statewide on State highways in Louisiana. Your request is made under the provisions of Section 1A.10 of the 2003 edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and our Interim Approval memorandum IA-1 dated February 6, 2004.

Your request is approved. Please develop and periodically update a list of locations where the backplate borders are installed on State highways in Louisiana. Your specific approval has been numbered IA-1-21 (Backplate Border – Louisiana DOT). Please reference this number in any future correspondence.

Thank you for your interest in improving traffic signal visibility. If we can be of further assistance on this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Scott Wainwright of this office by e-mail at [scott.wainwright@dot.gov](mailto:scott.wainwright@dot.gov) or by telephone at 202-366-0857.

Sincerely yours,

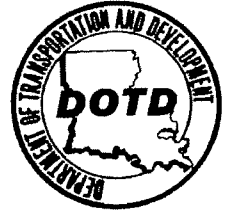
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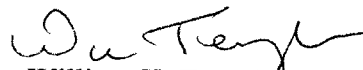
**Subject: Request to use Signal back plate border at signalized intersections in compliance with MUTCD Interim Approval Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development**

Dear Mr. Arnold:

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development herewith requests approval to implement the use of signal back plates with a reflectorized border. The Department agrees to comply with the provisions of the 2003 MUTCD, Section 1A.10 regarding the conditions and limitations of interim approvals. Should future rulemaking exclude the use of signal back plates with a reflectorized border the Department will remove the installed back plates.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Peter Allain, Traffic Engineering Division Administrator at (225) 242-4631.

Very truly yours,

  
William H. Temple, P.E.  
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cc: Mr. Charles W. Bolinger