

Anchorage Municipal Code Excerpts Related to Traffic Engineer Responsibilities for School Zones

- Select definitions from [Chapter 9.04 - DEFINITIONS](#)
 - *School flasher zone* means a school zone with flashing yellow beacons that, when operating, require drivers to proceed through the school zone at the designated speed. (AO No. 2011-113(S), § 1, 12-22-11)
 - *School zone* means that territory, including streets, adjacent to a public or private school or school grounds, or any other area so **designated by the traffic engineer**. (CAC 9.04.520; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 80-4)

- [9.06.090 - Duties of traffic engineer.](#)

- A. It shall be the duty of the **traffic engineer or designee** to:
1. **Conduct studies** of street and pedestrian traffic, crashes, congestion, parking and other conditions affecting the safe and efficient use of the streets and trails, collect facts regarding the effect and operation of regulations and laws, make recommendations regarding regulations and laws, and review plans for proposed street improvements for the purpose of making recommendations for safeguarding and facilitating vehicular and pedestrian traffic;
 2. Approve, place, maintain and operate all official traffic control devices, including double fine zones in accordance with 17 AAC 99.010, and keep records of such traffic control devices;
 3. Approve passenger stops for all buses operating over the streets of the municipality;
 4. **Establish crossings, where deemed necessary, to protect pedestrians and schoolchildren;**
 5. **Approve school zones;**
 6. **Approve school flasher zones and flasher operation schedules;**
 7. Approve traffic control plans;
 8. Determine locations where vehicles shall be prohibited from making left turns;
 9. Approve taxicab and for-hire stands;
 10. Study facilitation of traffic along existing routes and make recommendations regarding this subject;
 11. Make traffic surveys;
 12. Collect and maintain crash and traffic flow information;
 13. Approve all applications for building permits and right-of-way permits affecting traffic safety;
 14. Determine when to require traffic studies of impacts and the need for mitigation regarding the facilitating and safeguarding of traffic; and
 15. Perform such other duties as may fall within the province of safeguarding and facilitating traffic.

- [9.14.010 - Authority of traffic engineer to install traffic control devices.](#)

The municipal traffic engineer shall **place and maintain official traffic control devices** when and as required under title 9, and may place and maintain such additional official traffic control devices as deemed necessary to regulate, warn or guide traffic **under title 9, the Alaska Traffic Manual, or other standards municipalities are required to comply with** under Alaska Statute.

(CAC 9.14.010; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 2011-113(S), § 20, 11-22-11, eff. 12-22-11)

- 9.14.020 - Manual and specifications.

A. All traffic control signs, signals and devices shall as far as practicable conform to the Alaska Traffic Manual or other standards municipalities are required to comply with under AS [28.90.010](#).

B. All signs and signals required under this title for a particular purpose shall be uniform as to type and location throughout the municipality. All traffic control devices so erected, and not inconsistent with the provisions of state laws or this title, shall be official traffic control devices.

(CAC 9.14.020; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 2011-113(S), § 22, 11-22-11, eff. 12-22-11)