

August 25, 2004

Rusty Lucas
P.O. Box 422
Sandusky, Ohio 44871

Dear Mr. Lucas:

Your inquiry about pavement markings was forwarded to this office for response.

The Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD) establishes standards and guidelines for the design and use of traffic control devices on public streets and highways in Ohio. Center line markings and marking of no-passing zones are discussed in OMUTCD Chapter 3B. Copies of the related pages from the manual are enclosed. Section 3B.01 addresses center line pavement markings in general, and Section 3B.02 specifically addresses no-passing zones. Speed and passing sight distance are the key factors in establishing no-passing zones. Table 3B-1, Figure 3B-5, and the discussion in the Standard and Support information on page 3-13 of the enclosed pages describe how no-passing zones are established.

For a variety of reasons, but primarily because of safety concerns, we could not allow an individual or group to set up a collection basket/booth along the highway. Activity within the public highway right-of-way is limited to that deemed necessary for ensuring the safety and mobility of road users.

However, some ODOT Districts have a Safety Break Free Coffee program whereby various organizations volunteer to provide free coffee and snacks at rest areas along the freeways on major holidays. It appears that the nearest locations would be two rest areas on SR 2 in Lorain County. If you would be interested in checking into this program further, please contact Brenda Vozar in ODOT District 3 (Ashland) at 1-800-276-4188.

Regarding your question about ODOT caps, we would not recommend workers wear a baseball cap under a hard hat. Although some groups within ODOT may have purchased similar caps, we do not generally have them available for sale or give away.

Thank you for your interest in highway safety. I hope the enclosed information answers your questions about center line no-passing markings. I've also enclosed a copy of the Ohio Bicentennial map.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Vogel" followed by a stylized monogram or initials.

Tony Vogel, Deputy Director
Division of Highway Operations
