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 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

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MEMORANDUM

In Reply Refer to
 File SW 92-10

TO: Area Traffic Engineers
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FROM: N. C. Crowe, Jr., P.E.
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SUBJECT: Signing for Amtrak Rail Passenger Stations

This is in reference to the August 7, 1992 memorandum from Mr. W. J. White, P.E., Field Support Engineer, concerning guide signs to direct motorists to Amtrak Rail Passenger Stations.

The following is a listing and known status of the Amtrak stations that State Rail Corridor Manager Paul Worley requested signing for in May 1992:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Known Status</u>
4	Wilson 410 E. Nash St.	Installed Oct. 1992 on NB and SB I-95 at US 264
4	Selma 410 E. Railroad St.	Installed Oct. 1992 on NB and SB I-95 at SR 1927
4	Rocky Mount 101 Hammond St.	Installed Oct. 1992 on NB and SB I-95 at US 64
5	Raleigh 320 W. Cabarrus St.	?
5	Durham Pettigrew St.	?

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Status</u>
6	Fayetteville 472 Hay St.	?
7	Burlington 110 E. Webb St.	?
7	Greensboro 2603 Oakland Ave.	?
7	High Point 100 W. High St.	?
8	Hamlet Main Street	?
8	Southern Pines North W. Broad St.	?
9	Salisbury Depot and Liberty Streets	?
9 / 10	Kannapolis 306 North Main St.	?
10	Charlotte 1914 N. Tryon St.	?
12	Gastonia 350 Hancock St.	?

Please review this listing and provide information as to the current status for each location in your area. If these signs have not been installed, please proceed with providing the requested signing from the nearest interstate and/or freeway. We have on file copies of the memorandums from Area Traffic Engineers concerning the status of the signing for these locations as of September 1992. However, we need this information updated and verified.

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In recent conversations with Mr. Worley, he indicated the Department of Transportation was spending in excess of five million dollars per year to upgrade existing Amtrak stations. Mr. Worley also stated the Department of Transportation purchased twenty million dollars of railroad related equipment recently, and the expenditure to improve railroad passenger service would continue due to the support of the current administration and the support of the Federal Highway Administration in developing and encouraging railway passenger use.

In recent conversations with Mr. J. M. Lynch, P.E., he indicated that it is imperative that Traffic Engineering and the related Divisions make every effort to cooperate with the Public Transportation and Rail Division of the N.C. Department of Transportation and provide the signing as requested in order to provide uniform statewide treatment.

Several previous comments by Area Traffic Engineers indicated that several of the key interchanges are presently oversigned and that insufficient space will not allow for Amtrak signing. By copy of this memorandum, we request that these locations be reviewed again for updating to current standards including Amtrak signing.

Attached for your information is a copy of the recommended signing that should be utilized at each location. Also attached for your use and/or information is a copy of the recently published NCDOT rail initiatives.

If additional information is required concerning this matter please advise.

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