

**North Carolina Department of Transportation's  
Standard Practice  
for  
Future Interstate Route Signing**

The purpose of this standard practice is to establish guidelines for future interstate route signing along freeway facilities that are opened to traffic and will eventually be designated as interstate routes, but are not currently meeting all interstate classification requirements.

**Standard:**

**If the interstate shield is desired on the sign, it shall not contain the message INTERSTATE within the shield and the word FUTURE shall be placed above the shield. These installations shall be on green background guide signs rather than on standard F assembly installations. Upon completion of the route upgrade or FHWA approval, signs shall be removed and replaced with standard F assemblies.**

**If used, signs shall only be installed on the future facility (mainline) as a confirming route marker. No future signing shall be installed on grade separated roads that lead to the interchange.**

