

Off road Trails & Bikeways

Wayfinding Sign System Standards version 01

For Greater Cleveland/Cuyahoga County

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Introduction & Usage

The purpose of this manual is to introduce the Off road Trails & Bikeways Wayfinding Sign System Standard and provide instructions to those who may be planning, specifying, and maintaining signs for trail and bikeway networks throughout Cleveland and Cuyahoga County.

This wayfinding system was developed to create a connective experience for people choosing to explore Cleveland, its neighborhoods, and communities beyond via our extensive off road trail and bikeway network.

The sign program is meant to provide consistent and uniform presentation of guidance information that not only supports comfort and safety but encourages exploration of our communities.

There may be instances where a nonstandard sign is necessary. This manual provides a standard for design intent. Any custom signs or deviations from the sign family must be approved by the Off road Trails Wayfinding Taskforce.

DEFINITIONS

- » Off road trails: Multi-use trail facility designated for the use of pedestrians, bicycles, and/or other non-motorized users and associated bridges
- » Bikeways: lane or thouroughfare for use by human-powered or electric powered bicycles or scooters

INTENT

- » Create a standard wayfinding sign program for the trails and bikeways that connects the Greater Cleveland area.
- » Standards include the look and feel of the system of signs, guidelines for content, criteria for naming/nomenclature, and information hierarchy.
- » Create consistency in sign content and information hierarchy for people experiencing Cleveland and its communities via trails and bikeways.
- » Support and promote the trails and bikeways as an alternate way to see and experience greater Cleveland and its communities.

USING THIS MANUAL

Section 1 Introduces the Graphic Standards for the Sign Program. It addresses the use of graphic elements, logos and symbols, fonts, colors, materials, and nomenclature used within the program.

Section 2 Introduces the Sign Family. It includes programming and usage information for each sign type.

Section 3 & 4 Provides Design Intent-level drawings for each sign type, specifying layouts, element sizes, materials and recommended fabrication and mounting methods. Note: These drawings and notes are for the sole purpose of expressing visual design intent and are not intended for actual fabrication purposes.

Section 5 Appendix

Contact Information

OFF ROAD TRAILS & BIKEWAYS WAYFINDING SIGN SYSTEM

For questions regarding the implementation of the Off road Trails & Bikeways Wayfinding Sign System Standards Design, please contact:

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Graphic Standards

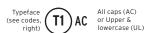
Fonts		
Symbols & Arrows		
Icons		
Colors & Materials		
Content Guidelines		
Mapping		

Fonts

One primary font family has been used for the Sign Standards Program: Interstate.

Typography Call-outs

These labels are used in Section 3 to indicate the typeface and other type-related specifications:



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INTERSTATE

Interstate

is the primary type family of the standardized Sign Program. It fulfills the specific legibility requirements of exterior signage and provides easy and quick recognition of characters at typical viewing distances and angles.

¹¹⁾ ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

Interstate Bold

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Interstate Regular

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Interstate Black

Symbols & Arrows

SYMBOLS

Symbols, or pictograms, are an important tool in communicating to a diverse audience. Symbols cross language boundaries by employing images to identify and direct to public destinations and services. This sign program uses several of the internationally-recognized symbols utilized by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Parks Service.

These symbols have been selected for use with the sign system. Any additional symbols should be reviewed by the Task Force prior to use.



Bike (Accessible)



Pedestrian (Accessible)



Dog Walking (Allowed)



Wheelchair (Accessible)



Restrooms (Available Amenity)



Dining/Restaurants (Available Amenity)



Refreshments/Snacks (Available Amenity)



Rapid Transit Train (Available Amenity)



Rapid Transit Bus (Available Amenity)



Bike Fix-it Station (Available Amenity)



ARROWS

The directional arrow selected for the sign program is legible and easily-recognized. It may be positioned in (8) different directions as shown.

















System Icons

The following icons are meant to aid in identification of facility types and uses that do not have an official identity.





(On Road)



Part of the Cuyahoga Greenway System (On Trail)

System Identities

The following logos are used to identify specific trails/trail management systems.













Colors & Materials

These represent the Trail System's primary sign color and materials palette. The colors make up the bulk of the colors utilized in all sign applications and are created through subsurface digital graphics, vinyl or surface paint.

All materials specified as part of the Trail Sign Program were selected for their durability, quality, changeability and compliance.

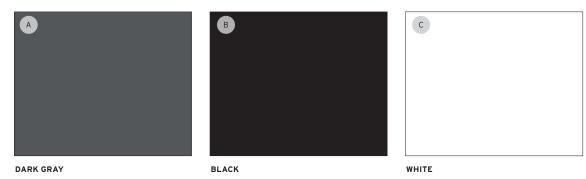
The letter designations shown are used to indicate the color or finish of any component of a sign (see Section 3 Sign Drawings).

LRV Light Reflectance Value:

https://thelandofcolor.com/lrv-light-reflectance-value-of-paint-colors/

BASE COLOR PALETTE

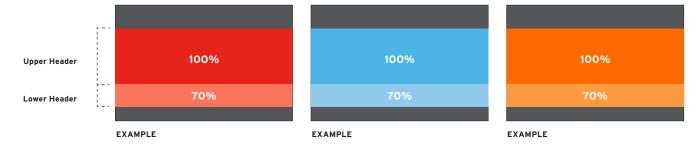
The Trail System utilizes a simple base color palette to maintain consistency and complement most of the trail system identities.



Pantone PMS, Coated	PMS 425		
Paint Matthews	MP##### Name	MP#### Name	MP#### Name
Vinyl 3M Opaque Graphic Film	7725-41 Dark Gray	7725-22 Matte Black	7725-20 Matte White
3M Scotchlite Reflective Graphic Film	1		680-10 White
PRIMARY USE	Sign body background	Post	Messages

GENERAL TRAIL IDENTITY COLOR GUIDELINES

The Trail System utilizes an upper header and lower header band that can present a unique color code for a trail. As a general guideline, each trail can select one color to represent the trail. The upper header will present as 100% opacity for the selected color, while the lower band will represent 70% screen of the selected color. All white text on colored background must have an LRV (light reflectance value) of at least 70% to ensure appropriate contrast.



Identity Colors

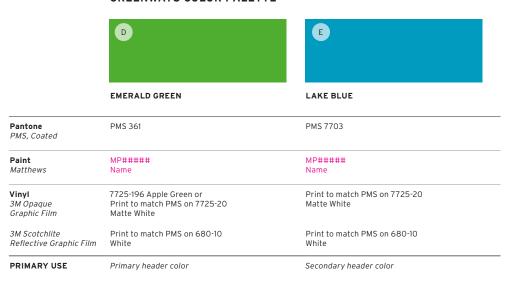
The following colors are used to identify specific trails. They are to be used only in headers as shown in the sign drawings.

All materials specified as part of the Trail Sign Program were selected for their durability, quality, changeability and compliance.

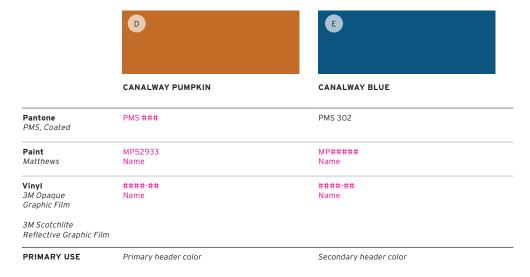
Colors usage has been determined for maximum readability and contrast.

The letter designations shown are used to indicate the color or finish of any component of a sign (see Section 3 Sign Drawings).

GREENWAYS COLOR PALETTE



OHIO & ERIE CANALWAY COLOR PALETTE



Identity Colors

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The letter designations shown are used to indicate the color or finish of any component of a sign (see Section 3 Sign Drawings).

LAKEFRONT BIKEWAY COLOR PALETTE



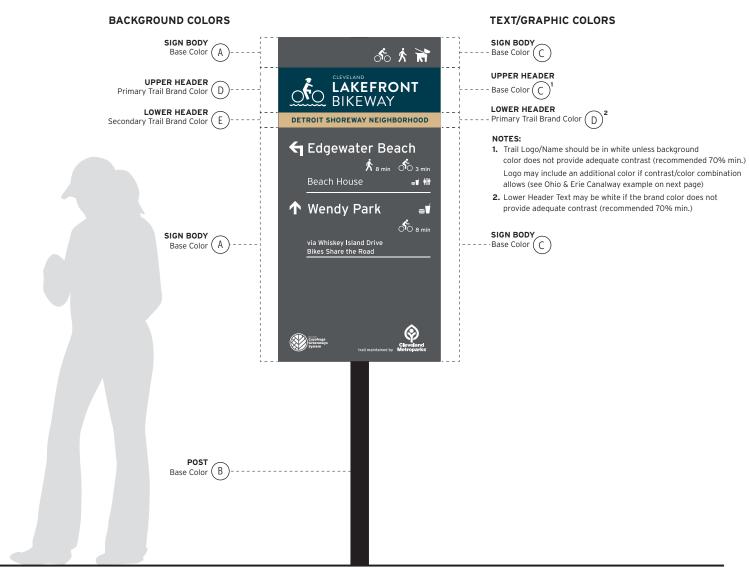
CLEVELAND METROPARKS COLOR PALETTE



Color Use: On-Trail Signs

A specific system of color use has been established for the Trail System. It is important to follow these standards in order to maintain cohesiveness through out the entire program, while allowing for customization and distinction.

Base colors are to remain constant. Customization may occur within the header areas by utilizing specific trail identities and brand colors.



ELEVATION (ON-TRAIL DIRECTIONAL)

SCALE: 3/4"=1'

Color Use: On-Trail Signs

The examples on this page, along with the previos page, show how maintaining these color standards allow for a cohesive, but customizable system.



ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES (ON-TRAIL DIRECTIONAL & ORIENTATION KIOSK) SCALE: 3/4"=1'

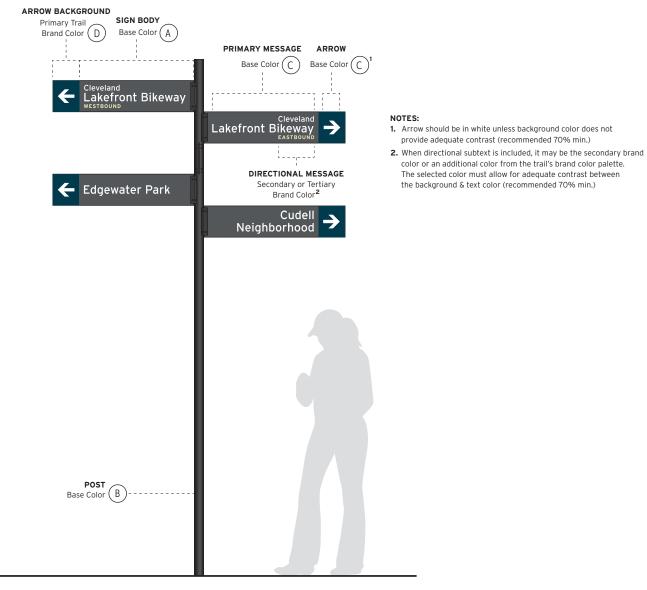


The Orientation Kiosk follows the same color guidelines as the Directional

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BACKGROUND COLORS TEXT/GRAPHIC COLORS



ELEVATION (ON-TRAIL FINGER POINTER DIRECTIONAL)

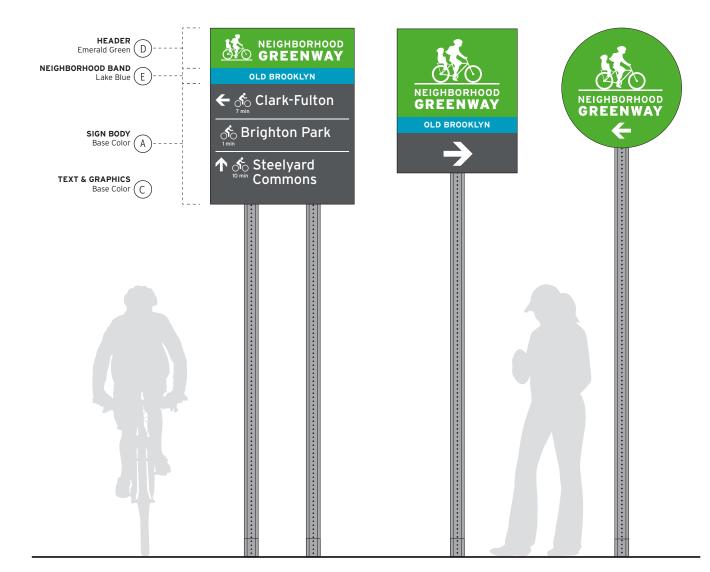
SCALE: 1/2"=1'

Color Use

On-Road Signs

The On-Road Sign Family utilizes the Greenways Color Palette along with a standard base color. Customization is not allowed.

Refer to Pages 6 & 7.



ELEVATION (ON-ROAD SIGN FAMILY)

SCALE: 1/2"=1'

Content Guidelines

Overview

TIME TO DESTINATION: USE OF MILES OR MINUTES

- » In dense urban areas, in close proximity to destinations, use minutes over miles.
- » Longer haul trails that take over 10 minutes to get to the next destination, use miles over minutes.
- » Follow Federal Transit Administration guidelines for determining minutes and miles:
 - » 15 minutes to walk 1/2 mile
 - » 12 mph to ride 1/2 mile

MAINTAINED BY

- » White logo only
- » Include contact information

CUYAHOGA GREENWAYS

» Where applicable, we have provided an logo to identify that a trail, bikeway or greenway is a part of the Cuyahoga Greenways System.

See Page 4 for approved logo.

NATIONAL/STATE BIKE ROUTES

» Where applicable, a bike route medallion may be added to the bottom of the sign post of the Off Road Directional Signs.

ANATOMY OF A: ON TRAIL DIRECTIONAL



Allowable use symbols "What can I do?"

Trail Name (may or may not include a logo)

"Where am I?"

Neighborhood or Municipality
"Where am I?"

Wayfinding Guidance

"Where can I go?"
"How can I get there?"

"How long will it take me?"

Alert

"Will I have to go on road?"

Typical content:

Destinations and/or landmarks within a mile

Amenity symbols

Cuyahoga Greenways (left)

Trail Steward OrganizationWhite Logo
QR Code to contact (optional)

(Side upon entering a trail)

Ohio City Neighborhood **W. 25th Street**

Neighborhood or Municipality
"Where am 1?"

Street

"Where am I?"

(Side upon exiting a trail)

Content Guidelines

Nomenclture: Trails & Destinations

Major Trails

Ohio & Erie Canalway Towpath Trail

Canal Basin Park Connector

Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway

Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway Connector

Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail

Red Line Greenway

Harrison Dillard Bikeway

Morgana Run Trail

Whiskey Island Connector

Destinations

In general, only civic/public destinations should be listed on directional signs and maps. Private organizations and businesses change too frequently to ensure accuracy of information and ease of maintaining the system. Other considerations include:

- » Open to the public
- » Have significant visitor interest
- » Open year-round
- Give the local area a distinctive identity
- » Reached by an easily identifiable and safe route

Destination types that are appropriate for inclusion as messages on signs include:

- » Neighborhood & Districts
- » Streets
- » Public Parks
- » Park Destinations (such as Beach, Beach House, Towpath Mounds, etc.)
- » Trails
- » Public Venues (such as West Side Market)
- » Public Transit Stations
- » Museums
- » Landmarks (such as Cleveland Script Sign, Free Stamp, etc.)

It is important to indentify locations of comfort amentities such as places to eat, restrooms, stores, etc. However, since the majority of these type of amenities are privately owned, symbols for these types of amenties are to be associated with destinations listed.

Please see page 3 for approved symbols.

Content Guidelines

Nomenclature: Neighborhoods & Districts (Seamless Cleveland)

This page presents the approved nomenclature used in the Seamless Cleveland Wayfinding Program. Where applicable, these Neighborhood and District names should be used in the Off road Trails & Bikeways Wayfinding Sign System.

Neighborhoods & Districts/Nodes are listed as agreed during March 2014, July 2014 and August 2014 workshops with Cleveland City Planning Commission, City of Cleveland Department of Community Development, Downtown Cleveland Alliance, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, and two stakeholder naming workshops.

Neighborhoods/ Districts

Broadway-Slavic Village

Warsawa Hyacinth

Brooklyn Centre

MetroHealth Hospital Campus

Buckeye-Woodhill

St. Luke's

Central

Arbor Park NEO Food Terminal

Clark-Fulton

La Villa Hispana

Collinwood

North Collinwood South Collinwood Waterloo Arts District Lakefront

Cudell

orain Station

Detroit-Shoreway

EcoVillage Gordon Square Battery Park Lorain Antiques District Mt. Carmel Lakefront

Downtown

North Coast Harbor Burke Lakefront Airport The Port Warehouse District The Flats Tower City Gateway District Playhouse Square NineTwelve Civic Center Campus District

Edgewater

Clifton Lakefront

Euclid Green

Fairfax

Cleveland Clinic Campus New Economy Cedar Avenue District Quincy Center

Glenville

Rockefellar Park Garrett Square

Hough

League Park Upper Chester

Kinsman

Heritage View District

Lee-Harvard

Lee-Seville

MidTown

Mount Pleasant

Civic Commons

Ohio City

South of Lorain Market District Hingetown

Old Brooklyn

South Hills Brookside Park

Shaker Square

Larchmere Buckeye

St. Clair-Superior

Asia Town Lakefront

Stockyards

Tremont

Duck Island Historic Tremont South Tremont Steelyard

Union-Miles

University Circle

Uptown
Wade Oval
Little Italy
University Hospital Campus
Case West Campus
Case North Campus
Case Main Campus

WesTown

Variety Village

West Park

Kamm's Corners Bellaire-ĐPuritas

Mapping

Graphic Standards

Part of Orientation Kiosk

Maps are an important component of the wayfinding program. They provide the user with the ability to orient themselves to the area and gain a greater perspective of how they can explore off trail on their journey.

Maps for this Wayfinding System are unique to each area and will need to be developed as the sign system is implemented.

Mapping Characteristics:

- Heads up Orientation: maps for wayfinding which are rotated in the direction of travel.
- Subway Style Design: schematic diagram style that simplifies the presentation of an area in favor of clear path of travel, connections and defined entry and exit points.

Mapping Content:

- Trail path
- Connecting streets/roads/trails
- Neighborhoods & Districts (include symbols to indicate available amenities)
- Transit stops
- Major landmarks
- Public destinations (content should align with what is presented on directional signs for the area)

Color





Water PMS 368 C 30% tint







Land PMS 7502 C 25% tint

Share Road PMS 423 C

100% tint













Name PMS 548 C 40% tint

Names PMS 548 C



Off road Trail 100% tint

Type

LIBERATOR REGULAR

70 pt | Neighborhood Names 40 pt | District Names

DIN BOLD

30 pt | Street & Destination Labels 35 pt | Trail Entry Points 20 pt | Trail Continuation notes

Map Example



Pleas see page 22 for incorporation into sign type(s) A.1/A.2.1

Sign Standards

- On-Trail Sign Family Overview
- On-Road Sign Family Overview

Typical Installation & Mounting

On-Trail Sign Family

The On-Trail Sign Family utilizes a standard base color and customizable identity/brand colors (shown in grayscale).





Orientation Kiosk

2'-3"w x 6'-0"h panel

Freestanding single- or double-sided post and panel sign

Provides orientation to the surrounding area and trail access information

Used at trailheads





Directional

2'-3"w x 4'-6"h panel

Freestanding single- or double-sided post and panel sign

Provides directional information to places, connections, amenities off the trail

Used on trail at entry/exit points





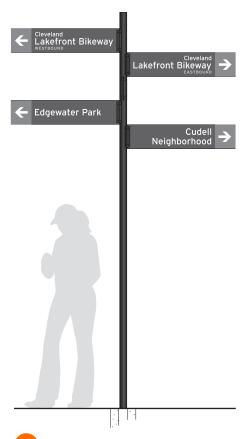
Orientation Kiosk/Directional

2'-3"w x 6'-0"h panel

Freestanding double-sided post and panel sign

Provides orientation to the surrounding area and trail access information on one side & directional information to places, connections, amenities off the trail on the other

Used at trailheads that are met by on-road facilities or Neighborhood Connectors





Directional

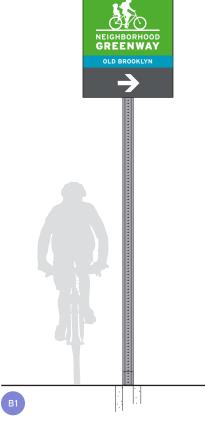
3'-0"w x 8"h panel

Freestanding multi-panel flag-mounted sign (finger pointer)

Provides quick read directions to surrounding destinations, trail direction

At trail junction points

On Road Sign Family

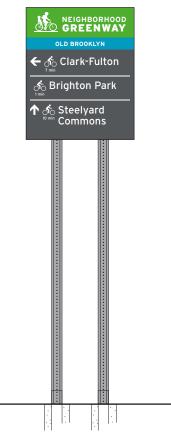


Trailblazer/DirectionalPost-Mounted

3'-0"w x 2'-6"h

Single message directional (to specific trails or greenways)

Can be mounted on existing posts/poles or with a new post



Directional

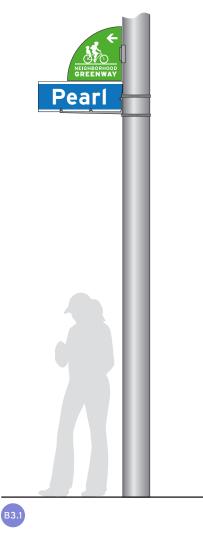
В2

Post-Mounted

3'-8"w x 3'-0"h

Multi-message directional

Can be mounted on existing posts/poles or with new posts



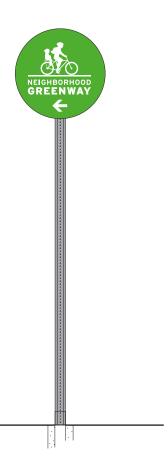
Confidence Marker/Directional

Flag-Mounted

1'-6"w x 1'-6"h wedge

Used on longer road spans to provide reinforcement of route and directions for on road connections

Mounted on existing posts/poles





Confidence Marker/Directional

Post-Mounted

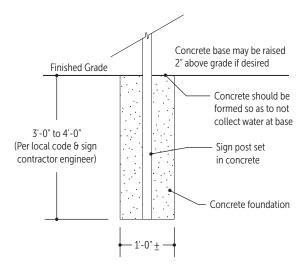
2'-6" circle

Used on longer road spans to provide reinforcement of route and directions for on road connections

Can be mounted on existing posts/poles or with a new post

Typical Installation & Mounting

Square Post



FRONT VIEW - DIRECT BURIAL SCALE: 3/8"=1'

Sign post

Breakaway plate/bolt assembly per sign contractor engineer

Concrete should be formed so as to not collect water at base

3'-0" to 4'-0"

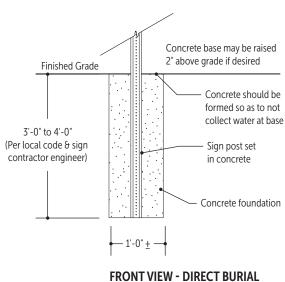
(Per local code θ sign contractor engineer)

Anchor post set in concrete

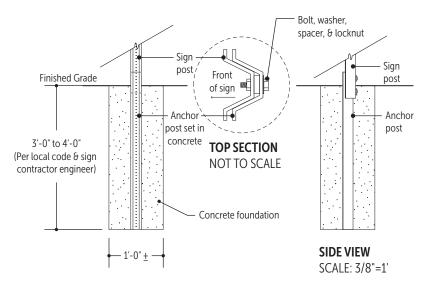
Concrete foundation

FRONT VIEW - BREAKAWAY OPTION SCALE: 3/8"=1'

Typical Installation & Mounting U-Channel Post



FRONT VIEW - DIRECT BURIAL SCALE: 3/8"=1'



FRONT VIEW - BREAKAWY OPTION SCALE: 3/8"=1'

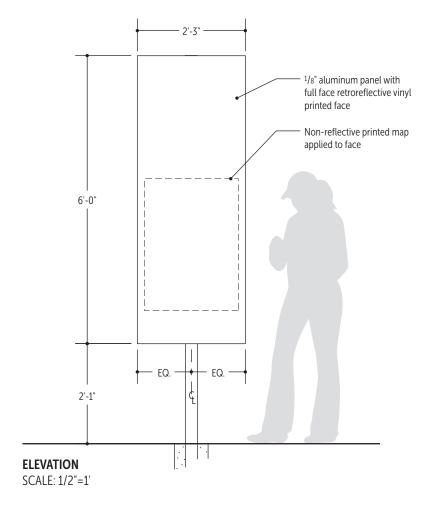
On-Trail Sign Drawings

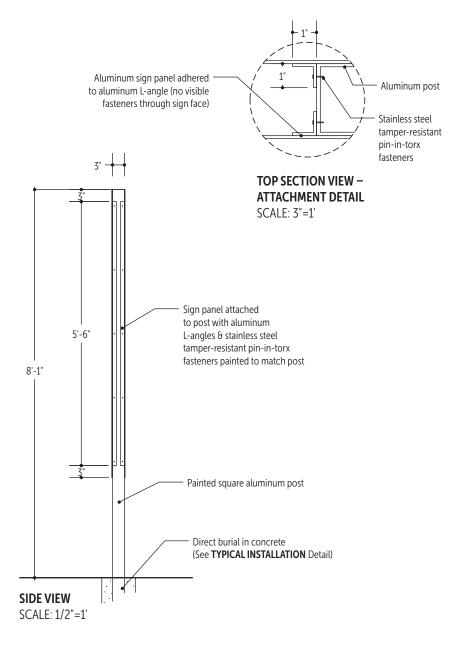
Orientation / Information

Directional

Directional - Finger post-mounted

Trail Orientation Kiosk Post-Mounted

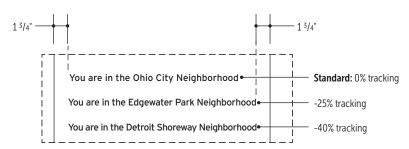






Trail Orientation Kiosk

Post-Mounted



NEIGHBORHOOD TEXT DETAIL SCALE: 1"=1'

- **NEIGHBORHOOD TEXT DETAIL** 1. Text should never extend past established margins
 - 2. Reduce tracking as necessary (min. -40%)
 - 3. If -40% is not enough, text should extend to 2 lines with line spacing = 1/2 cap ht.

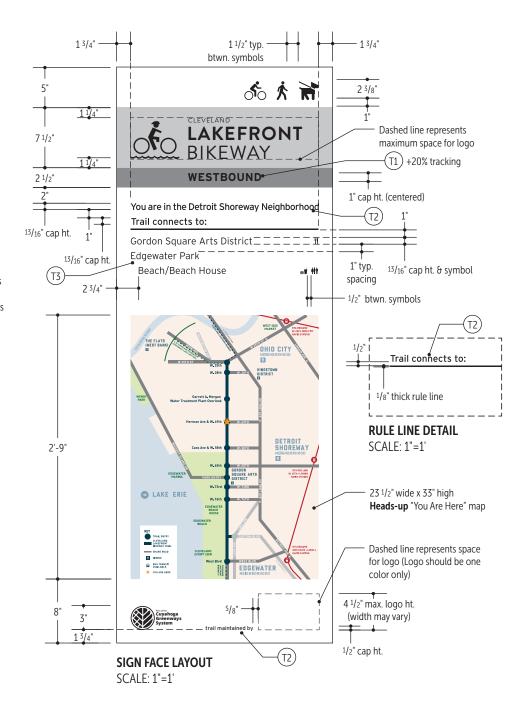






ADDITIONAL SIGN FACE LAYOUT EXAMPLES

SCALE: 1/2"=1'



Trail Orientation Kiosk Post-Mounted

THE FLATS (WEST BANK OHIO CITY NEIG Garrett A. Morgan Water Treatment Plant Overlook Herman Ave & W. 49th DETROIT SHOREWAY GORDON SQUARE ARTS DISTRICT W. 73rd ■ LAKE ERIE W. 76th EDGEWATER BEACH HOUSE EDGEWATER BEACH SHARE ROAD T DINING BUS TRANSIT EDGEWATER NEIGHBORHOOD

CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT BIKEWAY - EASTBOUND

EXAMPLES OF HEADS-UP MAPPING

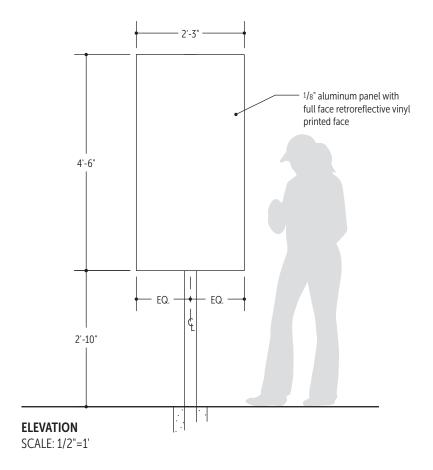
SCALE: 3/4"=1'

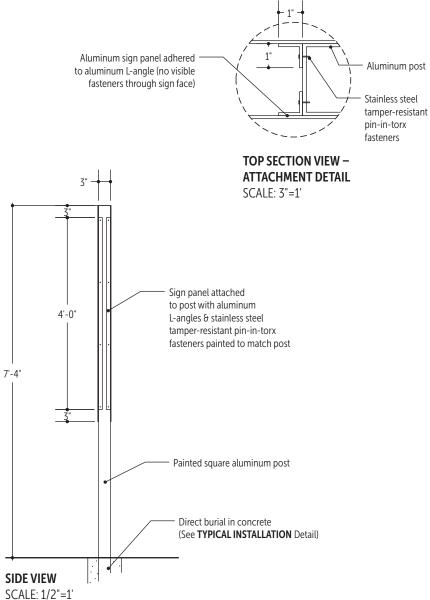
NOTE: Heads-up mapping orients the map to whatever direction the user is facing when viewing the sign. In otherwords, north is not always up. Heads-up mapping should be used because it provides the user with a contextual understanding of their surroundings – up is straight ahead θ what is to the left (or right) on the map is actually to that person's left or right. This also allows the user to understand the order in which they will approach different stops, neighborhoods, streets, θ amenities.



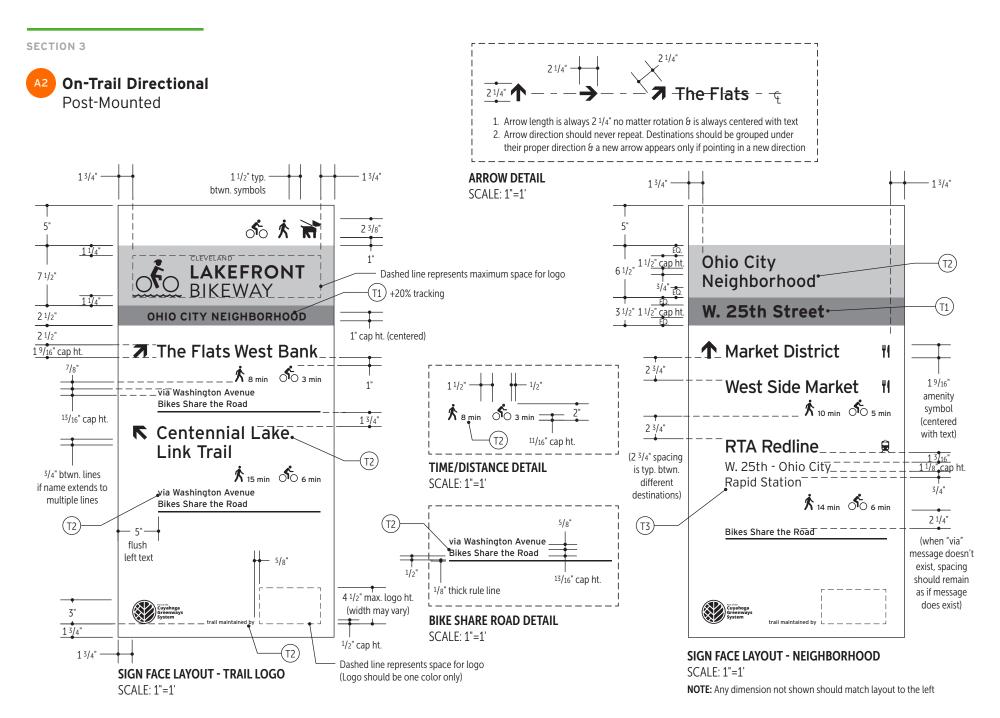
CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT BIKEWAY - WESTBOUND



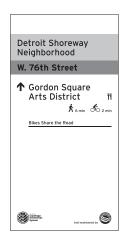




7'-4"













NOTE: The sign faces below & on the previous page represent a variety of layout possibilities based on messaging scenarios. The dimensions & specifications provide standards for message hierarchy & layout. Additional layout combinations and variations may be needed, therefore, all sign faces must be reviewed & approved prior to fabrication.

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When symbol is

aligned with secondary

message, match the

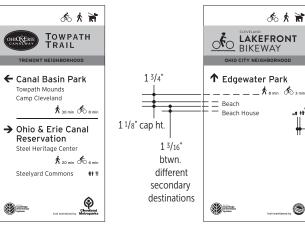
cap ht. of that text

5/8" btwn.

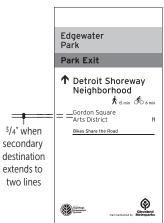
secondary

symbols

OHIO CITY NEIGHBORHOOD



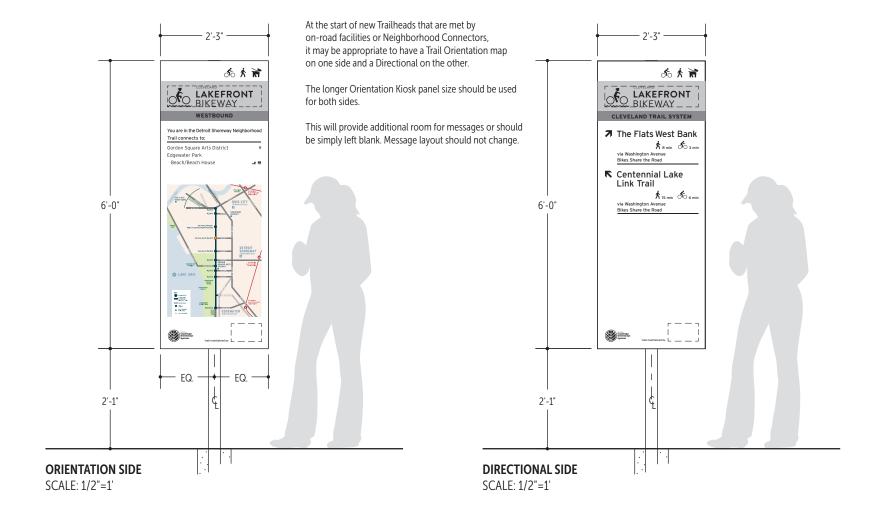




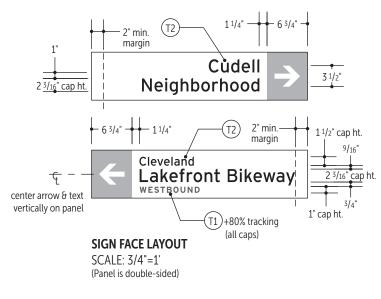
ADDITIONAL SIGN FACE LAYOUT EXAMPLES

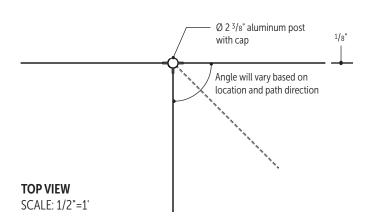
SCALE: 1/2"=1'

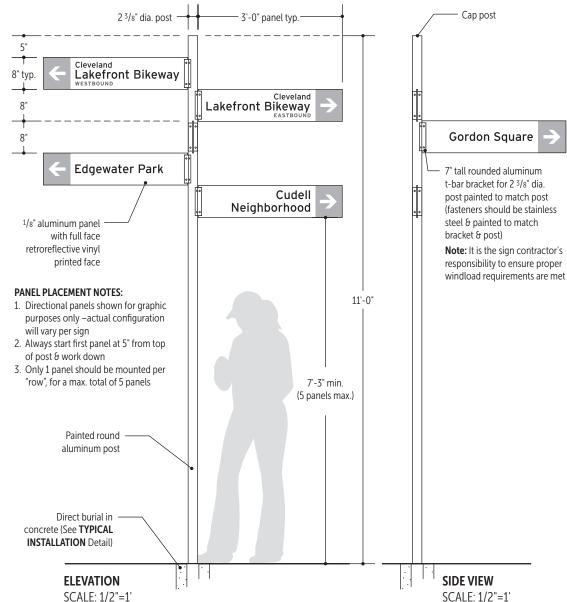
On-Trail Orientation/Directional Post-Mounted









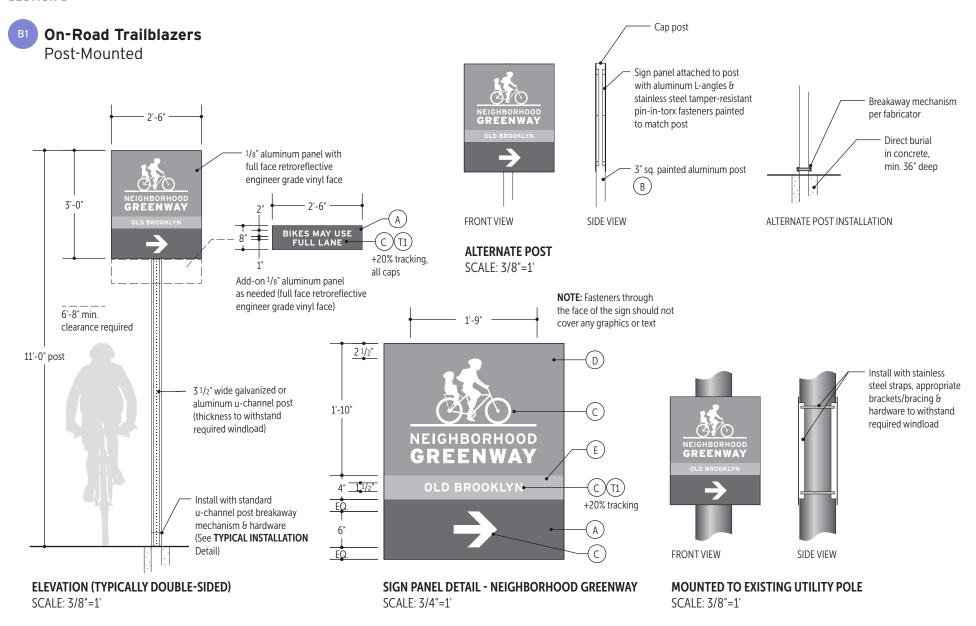


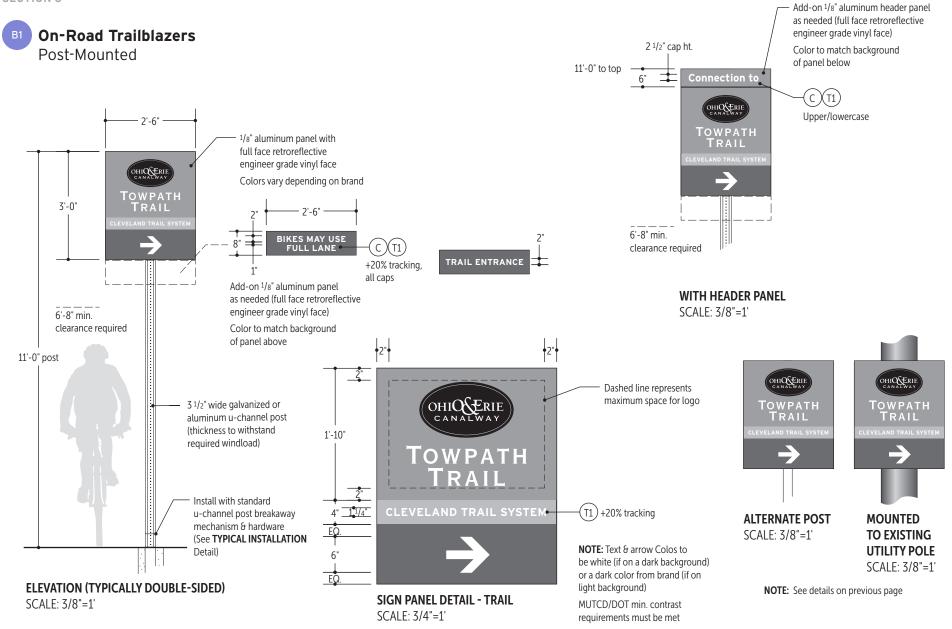
On-Road Sign Drawings

On Road Trailblazer

On Road Directional

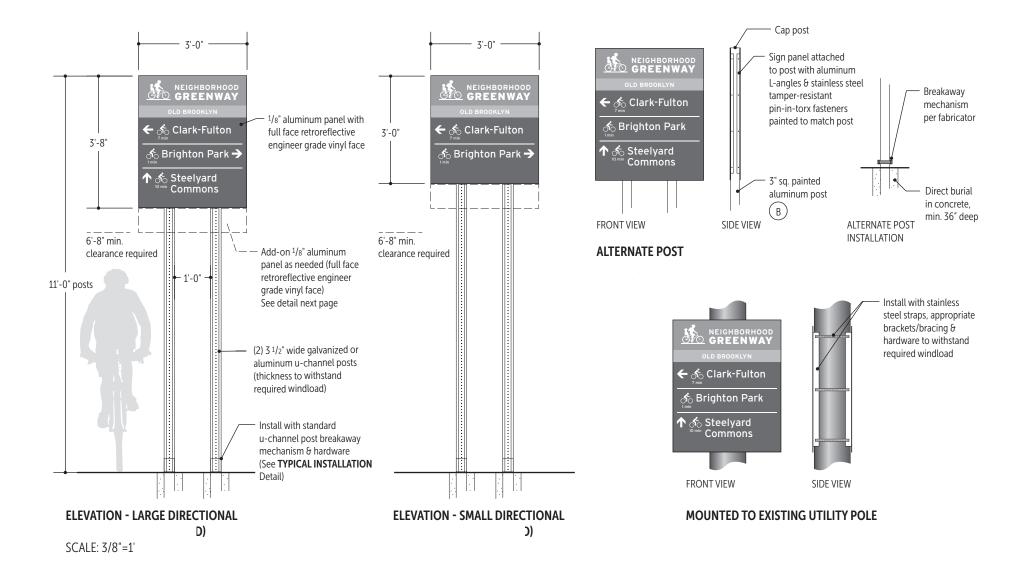
Confidence Marker



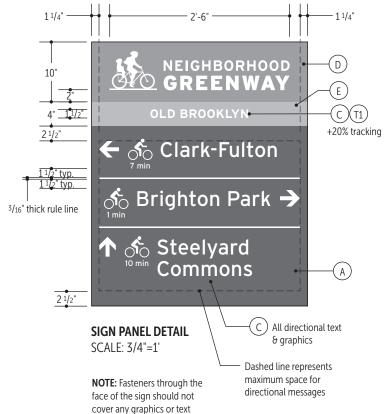


On-Road Directional Post-Mounted

NOTE: Two (2) standard panel heights have been specified to make for simpler maintenance θ management of the sign program. Panel size is determined based on the amount of directional information needed. When double-sided, both sides should utilize the same panel height.







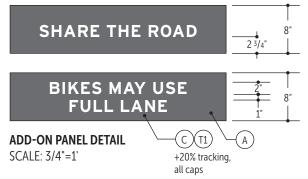


ALTERNATE TOPPER

SCALE: 3/4"=1'



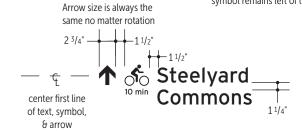
Dimensions remain the same for smaller panel







Right direction is always aligned flushed right, bike symbol remains left of text





MESSAGE LAYOUT DETAILS

SCALE: 3/4"=1'

MESSAGE/ARROW ORDER:

(Top to Bottom)

1. Left

2. Left/Up

3. Right →
4. Right/Up →

5. Up

Confidence Marker Flag-Mounted



Install standard wing bracket & hardware to withstand required windload

1/8" aluminum panel with full face retroreflective engineer grade vinyl face

NOTE: Fasteners through the face of the sign should not cover any graphics or text

NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAY

11/4"

21/4"

3"

11/2"

PANEL LAYOUT - WITH ARROW

SCALE: 11/2"=1'



PANEL LAYOUT - WITHOUT ARROW

SCALE: 11/2"=1'



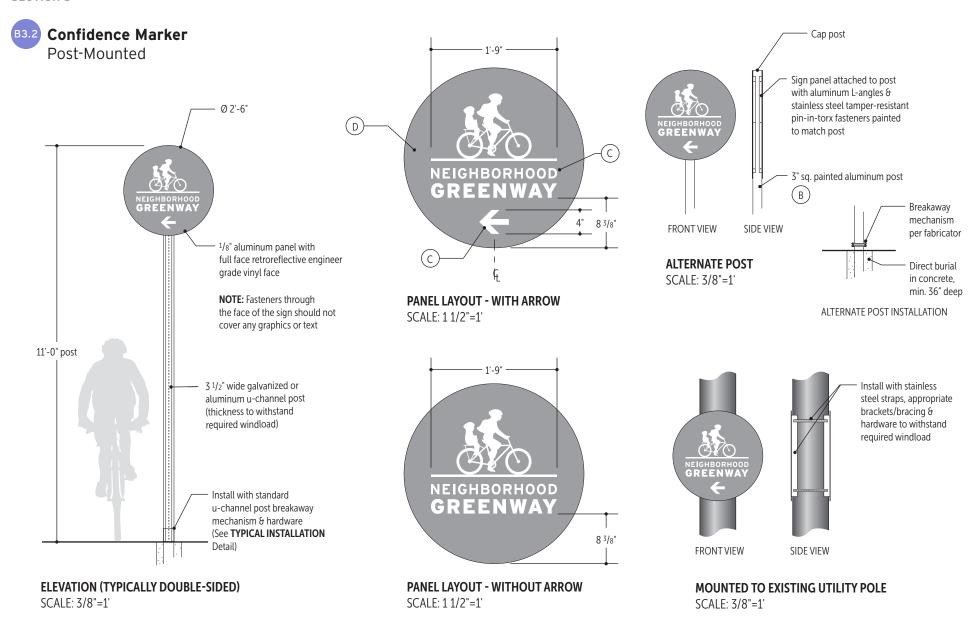
REVERSE SIDE

SCALE: 3/4"=1'

Mirror layout on reverse side

SCALE: 3/4"=1'

ELEVATION - DOUBLE-SIDED



Appendix

Performance Specifications

Programming Examples

Templates