

## **PENNDOT ASKS CANDIDATES TO USE CAUTION WITH ROADSIDE SIGNS**

ALLENTOWN, PA (April 1) - As the election approaches, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) reminds candidates that a visible sign along a roadside must also be a safely visible sign.

PennDOT asks candidates and campaign volunteers to take extra care in ensuring campaign signs do not block motorists' sight distance while traveling on roadways or at intersections. Additionally, campaign signs should not be placed on interstates or limited access highways. Signs found to cause sight distance problems on state roadways will be removed.

Keeping campaign signs clear from PennDOT right-of-way will help reduce driver distraction and allow for proper sight distance.

In an effort to make the political sign process easier on everyone involved, the District has developed the following guidelines for the proper placement of political signs:

- 1) No political signs should be placed on any limited access highway/expressway (e.g. U.S. Routes 22, 33, 422, I-78, I-80, I-81, etc.), Interstate Highway, or on the ramps to said highways.
- 2) No signs shall be larger than a typical yard sign (e.g. 14"X22" or 22"X28").
- 3) No signs shall have posts larger than 1/8" in diameter for metal posts and 3" wide by 1/4" thick for wooden posts.
- 4) No signs shall limit sight distance at an intersection. PennDOT will immediately remove such signs upon notification.
- 5) No sign shall be attached to a highway sign or structure.
- 6) All signs are to be removed from state roads 10 days after Election Day.

Any signs found to be in violation of these guidelines will be removed and stored at the nearest PennDOT stockpile. Each County Maintenance organization will keep the signs until approximately 10 days after Election Day.

For additional information, contact the District Community Relations Office at 610-798-4123 or the District Maintenance Office at 610-791-6001.