

761—115.16(306A) Longitudinal installations on nonfreeway primary roads.

115.16(1) *Location.* Longitudinal utility facility installations should be located on uniform alignment as near as practical to the right-of-way line to provide a safe environment for traffic operations and to preserve space for future road improvements and other utility installations.

115.16(2) *Underground installations.*

a. No carrier of flammable, corrosive, expansive or unstable material may be placed longitudinally within the rights-of-way of a nonfreeway primary road. Exceptions:

(1) A natural gas line with an operating pressure that is no greater than 150 pounds per square inch is permissible.

(2) The department may permit the placement of a natural gas line with an operating pressure that is greater than 150 pounds per square inch only if a suitable alternate location cannot be found.

b. On rural-type roadways, utility facilities shall be located in an area beyond the road foreslope and ditch bottom, right-of-way width permitting. Exceptions to the location may be made by the district representative for areas such as deep ravines or ditches or to allow for adequate separation between utility facilities. When adequate room within the rights-of-way is available, the utility facility shall be installed beyond the end of any culverts at a minimum depth of 10 feet beneath the normal flow line unless otherwise authorized by the district representative. When adequate room within the rights-of-way is not available, the utility facility shall be installed by trenchless methods a minimum depth of 10 feet beneath any culverts unless otherwise authorized by the district representative.

c. On urban-type roadways, utility facilities shall be located as near to the right-of-way line as practical. A utility access placed within the rights-of-way shall not protrude above the surrounding surface.

d. Utility facilities should not be placed in the median. The district representative may allow an installation within the median if a suitable alternative is not found.

e. Utility facility locations shall be marked and identified as set out in subrule 115.3(12).

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