



## NO SOLICITING AND CUSTOM NO PANHANDLING SIGNS – SELECT FREEWAY EXIT RAMP AND CITY INTERSECTIONS

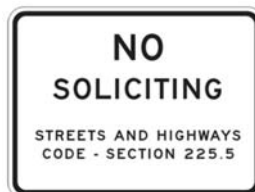
Public Works Department

Mobility and Infrastructure Committee  
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### BACKGROUND

1. No Soliciting signs may be utilized by public agencies to prohibit soliciting/panhandling in accordance with:
  - a. California Streets and Highway Code; and
  - b. California Vehicle Code (CVC).
2. Caltrans only support standard “No Soliciting” signs at freeway exit ramps:



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## CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAY CODE

### California Streets & Highway Code Section 225.5 :

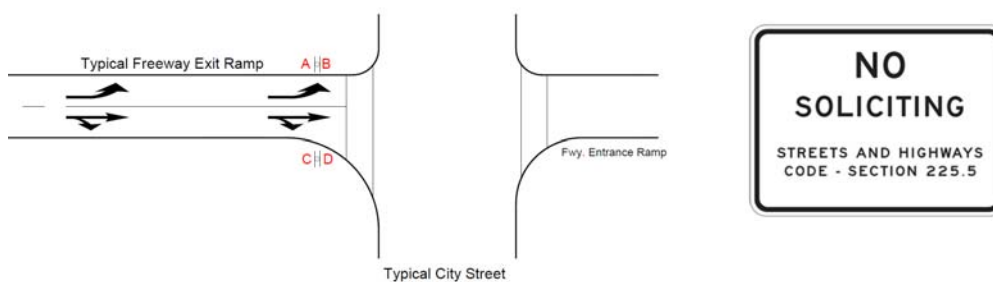
1. States no persons shall display, sell, offer for sale, or otherwise vend or attempt to vend any merchandise, foodstuff, or service within any vista point or safety roadside rest area; and
2. Specifies no person shall solicit money within any vista point or safety roadside rest for any purpose.



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## ALLOWABLE SIGN PLACEMENT



City recommends engaging Caltrans to install "No Soliciting" signs at Locations "A" and "B" at select Exit Ramps



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## PRIORITY FREEWAY EXIT RAMPS

Eastbound Exit Ramps	# of Signs	Westbound Exit Ramps	# of Signs
SR-91 @ Pierce St/Riverwalk Pkwy	2	SR-91 @ La Sierra	1
SR-91 @ La Sierra Ave	1	SR-91 @ Tyler St	2
SR-91 @ Tyler St	1	SR-91 @ Van Buren Blvd	2
SR-91 @ Adams St	2	SR-91 @ Adams St	1
SR-91 @ Madison St	2	SR-91 @ Madison St	2
SR-91 @ Central Ave	1	SR-91 @ Central Ave	1
SR-91 @ 14 <sup>th</sup> St	2	SR-91 @ 14 <sup>th</sup> St	2
I-215 @ University Ave	1	SR-91 @ Mission Inn Ave	1
SR-60 @ Market St	1	SR-60 @ Market St	1
I-215 @ Third St/Blaine St	1	I-215 @ Third St/Blaine St	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>



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## EDUCATIONAL SIGN SAMPLES



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## RECOMMENDED CITY SIGNS

1. Signs with Lettering Only (no graphics) may be expeditiously approved by the City Traffic Engineer.
2. Signs with graphics need to be reviewed and approved by the California Traffic Control Device Committee and/or FHWA.



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## EFFORTS BY OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES

1. City of Upland:
  - a. Collaborated with a local private group to develop an education campaign aimed at discouraging panhandling through the installation of "Say No to Panhandling" signs;



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## EFFORTS BY OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES (CONT.)

### 2. City of Redlands:

- a. Adopted an ordinance prohibiting aggressive solicitation;
- b. Restricts intentional physical contact with or the blocking or interfering with the safe and free passage of an occupied vehicle without consent in the course of soliciting, asking, or begging; and
- c. Violations are punishable as misdemeanor or infraction at the discretion of the City Attorney; and

### 3. City of Menifee:

- a. Adopted an ordinance prohibiting certain forms of solicitation including aggressive solicitations and at specific locations including in driveways, on median strips and freeway ramps, and from persons in vehicles;
- b. Has 3 existing S24(CA) signs in place at select freeway exit ramps; and
- c. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and may receive administrative citations.



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## CITY OF RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE

- 1. RMC Section 9.04.010 prohibits certain forms of aggressive solicitation;
- 2. Restricts solicitation from persons in vehicles, in driveways, and on median strips and freeway ramps;
- 3. Purpose to protect public health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Riverside; and
- 4. Violations are punishable as a misdemeanor or infraction, chargeable at the City Attorney's discretion.



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## BENEFITS OF NO SOLICITATION SIGNS

1. Deter solicitation and panhandling activities at freeway exit ramps;
2. Discourage motorists from stopping and/or obstructing traffic to buy from vendors or give to pedestrians;
3. Create a less intimidating more enjoyable environment for residents and visitors; and
4. Enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists.



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

1. Review signage and practices to prohibit soliciting, panhandling, and related safety concerns at freeway exit ramps; and
2. Evaluate the short-term need to install additional standard No Soliciting signs at freeway exit ramps to make them visible to motorists and solicitors; and
3. Approve staff's pursuit of CTCDC approval for Custom "No Panhandling" signs within the City right-of-way.



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