



3.6.2 DRAGON'S TEETH



Description and Purpose:

Dragon's teeth are a series of triangular pavement markings along the edge of the travelled lanes. They may be painted with increasing size to give the impression of roadway narrowing. They provide a visual change of the roadway and alert drivers that they are entering a rural community.

Design Details: Not Available

Advantages:

- Environment: No increase in noise
- Other:
 - o Can be implemented rapidly
 - o No impact to emergency vehicles, snow plowing, street sweeping, and police enforcement
 - o No adverse effect on vehicle operations

Disadvantages:

- Maintenance:
 - o Pavement markings will require regular maintenance
 - May be less effective in winter months due to snow/ice cover
- ▶ Other: Pavement markings are not visible from significant distances upstream

Limited or No Data Available (Further Research Encouraged):

- Speed reduction
- Traffic volume reduction
- Conflict reduction

Applicability:

- Road Classification: All roadways
- Traffic Conditions: All traffic volumes
- Roadway: Primarily rural cross-section, usually two traffic lanes (one each direction)
 - o Can be considered in urban areas
- Entrances to rural communities

Elements to Consider:

Primarily used as a gateway feature to alert drivers that they are entering a rural community

Cost:

- ▶ Low
 - Pavement markings are low cost, with the initial cost to lay markings and cost of subsequent maintenance
 - Durable markings have higher initial cost, but require much less regular maintenance, which avoids the traffic impacts of lane closures while repainting the triangles

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3.6.5 PERIPHERAL TRANSVERSE BARS



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Description and Purpose:

Peripheral transverse bars are a series of parallel pavement markings along the edge of the travelled lane widths. The series of markings may be placed closer together with distance to create the illusion that a vehicle's speed is increasing. This is done to alert the driver's awareness of the need to reduce speed. Peripheral transverse bars are similar to full-lane transverse bars but require less maintenance of pavement markings.

Design Details: Chapter 4, Section 4.6.1

Advantages:

- Vehicle Speeds: Reduction in 85th percentile speed up to 8 km/h²⁰
- Environment: No Increase in noise
- Other:
 - Can be implemented rapidly
 - No impact to emergency vehicles, snow plowing, street sweeping, and police enforcement
 - No adverse effect on vehicle operations

Disadvantages:

- Maintenance:
 - Pavement markings will require maintenance but not as frequently compared to full-lane transverse bars
 - May be less effective in winter months due to snow/ice cover
- Other: Pavement markings are not visible from significant distances upstream

Limited or No Data Available (Further Research Encouraged):

- Traffic volume reduction
- Conflict reduction

Applicability:

- Road Classification: All roadways
- Traffic Conditions: All traffic volumes
- Roadway: Primarily rural cross-section; can be considered in urban areas
 - o Preferred where edge and centerlines are provided
- Freeway off-ramps, bridge approaches, approach to an intersection, deficient horizontal curves

Elements to Consider:

- Enhanced effect on speeds when used with speed display boards
- Effect on speeds may be reduced over time
- Avoid overuse so visual effect of the treatment is not jeopardized (restrict use to known accident locations or situations requiring traffic to significantly reduce speed)

Cost:

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