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**To: Each Senior Engineer, Roads**

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**Re: NRA Temporary Traffic Management Guidance Handbooks – Traffic Signs and Road Marking Handbooks (Dashboard Manuals)**

**Dear Senior Engineer,**

The Authority has produced a pair of Temporary Traffic Management Guidance Handbooks (Dashboard Manuals) for use on Traffic Signs and Road Marking works on the national road network. While the safety record on these works has thankfully been very good, it is recognised that these activities, undertaken for the most part as they necessarily are on live roads, are amongst the highest risk operations carried out on the network. The Handbooks have been developed over the past number of years with the assistance of RPS Consulting Engineers, in conjunction with the Signing and Road Marking industries in a collaborative endeavour to document and implement best practice in temporary traffic management on Signing and Road Marking works on the national road network.

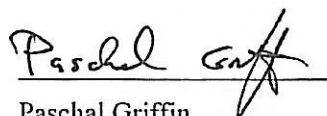
The preparation of the Handbooks involved an in-depth process of hazard identification, risk assessment, research on international best practice, consultation with Local Authorities and contractors and a number of pilot trials with specialist contractors. The Handbooks reflect the guidance of Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual in the first instance, but draw extensively also on the considerable experience of the industry and on current advice and best practice both domestically and internationally. The general principles underlying the Handbooks are set out in section 2 of each document. They seek to maximise the protection of the workers, while presenting road users with consistent, clear and timely notification of the activities underway and safe passage through or around the works.

These Handbooks, or Dashboard Manuals, will be used on all Signing and Road Marking works carried out by the Authority on the national road network. Two copies of the Handbooks are enclosed herewith. Further copies are available either by download from the NRA web-site (<http://www.nra.ie/policy-publications/signage/>) or in hardcopy from the Publications Section in St Martin's House (Tel: 01 – 6602511) for a nominal charge (to cover printing, postage & package).

It is important to state that these Handbooks have been produced specifically for Signing and Road Marking works on the national road network. They may be of use to assist in the preparation of Temporary Traffic Management Plans for other similar and related type works on the road network and you may consider some of the layouts contained in the Handbooks appropriate for these other types of work activities. However they do not remove the obligation to have a Temporary Traffic

Management Plan in place for the particular works or to carry out a site-specific risk assessment at each site.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paschal Griffin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Paschal Griffin  
Senior Project Manager  
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## **NRA Temporary Traffic Management Guidance Handbooks – Traffic Signs and Road Marking Handbooks (Dashboard Manuals)**

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It is important to note that these Handbooks have been produced specifically for the purpose described above. While the principles and layouts contained therein may be appropriate for other similar and related type works on the road network, they have not been trialled or assessed in respect of such work activities. Hence the responsibility for their application on Temporary Traffic Management Plans outside of the scope for which they have been specifically developed remains with the Designer for those particular works.