



All Way Stop Signs FAQs

FAQ: Can I request an All Way Stop sign?

If there are issues at a specific intersection related to traffic volume, safety, sight distance, or other traffic, pedestrian, or bicycle based concerns, residents should submit a completed DDOT Traffic Assessment - Application, and specifically state the issues that warrant the installation of All Way Stop signage. Based on the information provided, DDOT will investigate the intersection by observing conditions in the field and collecting data. DDOT will then evaluate which solutions would best address the specific issues, and provide alternative improvements where necessary.

FAQ: What are criteria used for installing an All Way stop sign?

In compliance with federal and local federal law, DDOT has adopted the [Federal Highway Administration's \(FHWA\) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices \(MUTCD\)](#) as the official standard for traffic signs, traffic signals, pavement marking, and traffic control devices. ([DCMR 18-2100](#)). In all instances, the decision to install All Way Stop signage must be based on an engineering study performed according to the national criteria established by the Federal Highways Administration's (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Standards (MUTCD); specifically, [§2B.07: Multi-way Stop Applications](#). However, in some instances, an engineering study may deem the installation of All Way Stop signage necessary for conditions and situations not expressly stated in the MUTCD.

FAQ: Why does one block have one and not mine?

There are a number of reasons why All Way Stop signage may be warranted and provided at one intersection but not at an adjacent location, such as differences in volume, crash data, intersection geometry, etc.

FAQ: If All Way Stop signage is not warranted, does DDOT use other options to calm traffic?

Absolutely. While All Way Stop signage may not be the best solution to address traffic concerns at a specific intersection, DDOT will consider and implement all beneficial, feasible, and viable solutions. Based on the information obtained from a Traffic Calming Assessment – Application, DDOT will evaluate the specific issue and provide a solution tailored to that concern.