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All,

As discussed in our meeting:

- After running simulations on a variety of MGS to curb offsets, NCHRP 1089 ran test 3-11 (pickup truck, 62mph, 25 degrees) on MGS at a 6' offset from 6" curb and test 3-10 (passenger car, 62mph, 25 degrees) at a 1' offset from a 6" curb. These tests were deemed critical to evaluate the potential for pickup truck override at larger offsets and small car underride or snagging at lesser offsets.
 - Both tests passed MASH 2016 criteria
- The study identified through simulation efforts that curbs with a shorter height or more traversable shape will result in a reduction in vertical trajectory and therefore can be used in lieu of the 6" curb.
- Testing was done on level terrain. A 10:1 approach slope for 6' would result in a 7" reduction in elevation of the rail, which would increase the potential for override.

ORE has not updated L&D1 to reflect the new research from NCHRP 1089, but we plan to with the July 2026 update. For now, the table/details below can be used and referenced. Note that the 31" is relative to the top of curb for 1'-6' offsets. Additionally, it is important to keep the approach slopes as flat as possible when offsetting MGS behind curb. I placed a copy of NCHRP 1089 here if needed:

<O:\Engineering\Roadway\Standards\Research\NCHRP 1089 - Install Guidelines for MGS with Curb.pdf>

Table 35. Recommended placement offsets and heights for MGS behind curbs.

Lateral Offset (face of curb to face of rail)	MGS Installation Height
≤ 0.5 ft	31 in. relative to roadway surface
1 ft–6 ft	31 in. relative to top of curb/soil backfill
> 6 ft	Not recommended; further analysis required

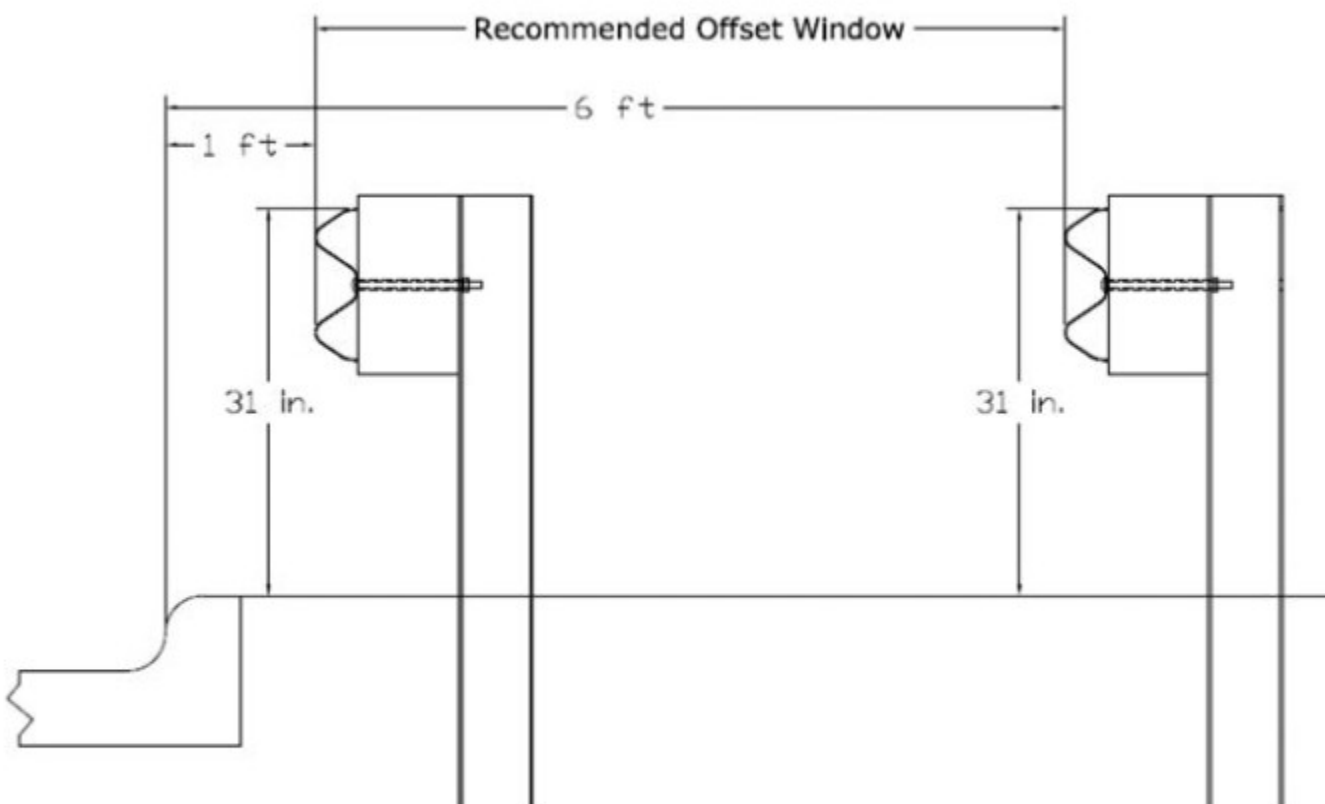


Figure 219. Recommended placement of MGS behind curb, 31-in.-tal relative to curb/soil.

Recommended Offset Window

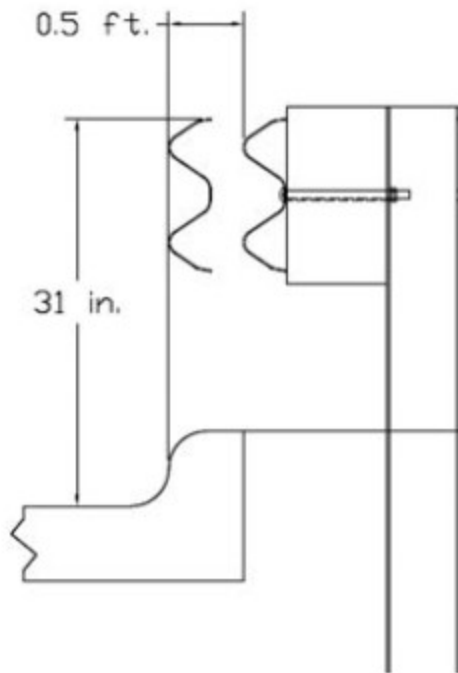


Figure 218. Recommended placement of MGS behind curb, 31-in.-tall relative to roadway.

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