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Notice to candidates for election to offices in the State of Florida

The Department of Transportation's Office of Right of Way would like to remind you of State Law regarding political campaign signs:

- (1) Signs placed on the state rights of way — Political campaign signs may not be placed in the right of way of any state or national highway [Chapter 479.11(8), Florida Statutes]. A joint effort by the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Highway Patrol produced a brochure explaining that the unauthorized use of the public right of way is prohibited by Florida law. This brochure further outlines how the right of way is regulated and how to recognize the location of the right of way line. The brochure is available on our website, <http://www.fdot.gov/rightofway/>. Please feel free to print and copy the brochure for distribution. We recommend campaigns make this brochure required reading for volunteers who post candidate signage.
- (2) Signs placed on private property — Temporary political campaign signs may be placed on private property with the permission of the owner. Such signs do not require a permit under state law.

Please advise your campaign workers to ensure that signs are placed on private property. Signs placed on the state rights of way must be picked up by Department staff and placed in one of the Department's maintenance yards. We will make every effort to place a courtesy call to your campaign office advising of sign removal and the location of the maintenance yard where the signs have been stored.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the Department's Outdoor Advertising Office in Tallahassee at (850) 414-4569.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Foltz", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Scott Foltz, Director
Office of Right of Way




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OUTDOOR ADVERTISING



WHAT IS THE RIGHT OF WAY AND HOW DO I KNOW WHERE IT IS?

The right of way for a road or other transportation facility is the paved area of the road, the road shoulders, sidewalks, swales, and all the other property adjacent to the road owned by the government for the construction and operation of the road or other facility. It may extend far beyond the paved road surface and may or may not be mowed or fenced.



Unauthorized use of the public right of way
is prohibited by Florida law.

Illegal use of the right of way is a crime.
Each day a violation continues is a separate
offense.

Section 337.406, Florida Statutes



▶ Red Arrow = Bad

▶ Green Arrow indicates = Good







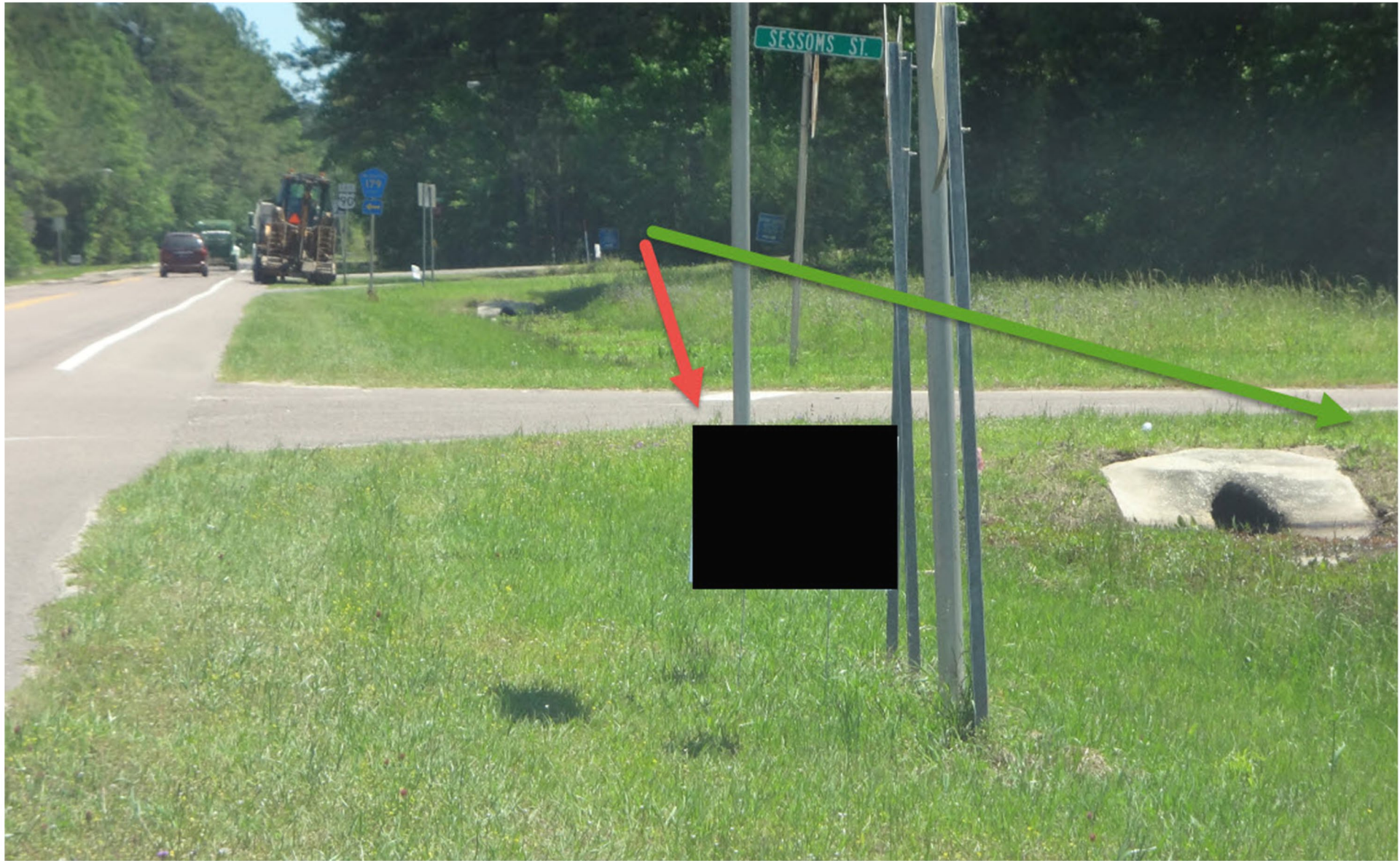


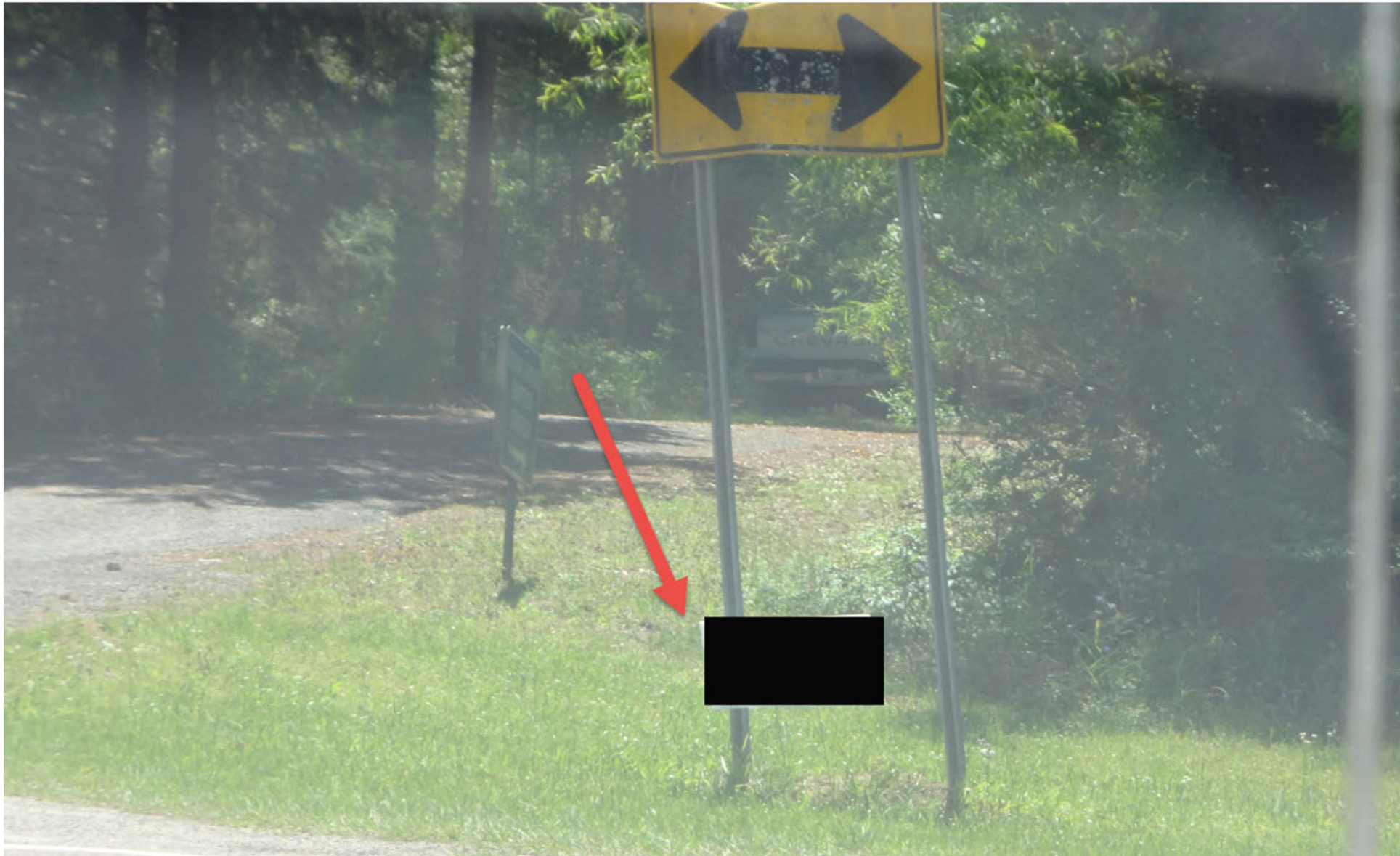
































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▶ THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION AND GOOD LUCK !!