



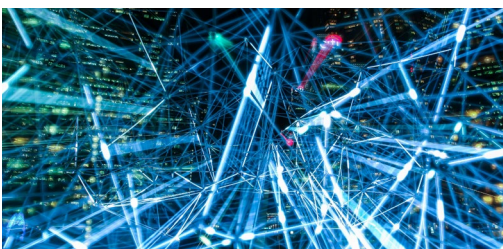
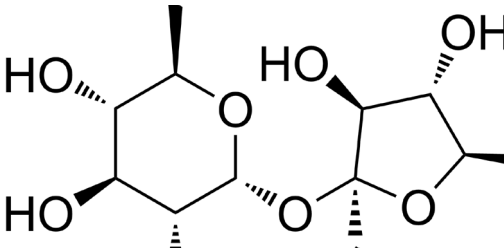
# BCIT PEDESTRIAN SIGNAGE

BURNABY CAMPUS / BCIT

## Way finding Guidelines

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# INTRODUCTION

This document is intended to support the continuing development of pedestrian wayfinding throughout the BCIT campus. It will provide a general overview of the decisions required to choose locations for new signage and how to integrate the content of those signs into the existing system. Graphical standards and materials and finishes are indicated. For details regarding sign fabrication and installation please refer to the original engineered shop drawings.

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# BCIT WAYFINDING STRATEGY

## GENERAL WAYFINDING PRINCIPLES

### OVERVIEW

The BCIT wayfinding system is designed around two primary wayfinding tools. The map pylon and the fingerpost sign. The main idea behind this system is that visitors to the campus will likely encounter a map pylon close to their arrival point and, using that, will be able to get a general sense of the direction and distance to their destination. Once close, finger post signs will confirm and guide visitors to the specific location they are searching for.

### PROGRESSIVE DISCLOSURE

A wayfinding system needs to provide relevant information at the appropriate time and place. The principle of progressive disclosure refers to giving people just the right amount of information just when they need it without overloading their ability to retain everything before they arrive at the next point of reference within the system.

Where ever a sign provides direction to a destination, every sign between that point and the destination must also refer to that location. For example: If a pylon sign indicates that a destination is to the North, a directional sign 200m along that path must also indicate the destination even if the direction of travel does not change, in this case confirming for the traveller that they are going the right way.

*NB: When installing new signs it is critically important to ensure that the messaging of the new sign does not break the chain of disclosure established by nearby existing signs.*

## DESTINATION HEIRARCHY

Destinations within the BCIT wayfinding system are divided into tiers. Tier 1 destinations are those included on wayfinding signs; Tier 2 destinations are included on the map index displayed on pylon signs; and Tier 3 destinations are included on

the map as points of reference, but are otherwise not indicated to by the wayfinding system. Typically Tier 1 destinations will be displayed on signs within an 80-200m radius of the location in question and identify the best path to the entrance.

## TIER LIST

### TIER 1 DESTINATIONS

|         |                            |
|---------|----------------------------|
| NW6     | Test Centre                |
| NE1     | Test Centre                |
| NE9     | Corporate Services         |
|         | Facilities & Development   |
| NE16    | First Aid                  |
| SW1     | Security Office            |
|         | Student Information        |
| SW10-16 | Student Housing            |
| SW11    | Housing Office             |
| SE1     | Electrical Training Centre |
| SE2     | Bookstore                  |
|         | Student Association        |
|         | Town Square                |
| SE12    | IT Services                |
|         | Learning and Teaching Ctr  |
| SE14    | Library                    |
|         | ehPod                      |
| SE16    | Health Services            |
|         | Recreation Centre          |
| SE40    | BCIT Foundation            |
|         | Alumni Association         |
| SE41    | Childcare Centre           |
| SE42    | Marketing & Comm.          |
| —       | Willingdone Ave (Transit)  |
| —       | Deer Lake Parkway          |
| —       | Guichon Creek Trails       |
| —       | main campus                |
| Lot A-B | Student Parking            |
| Lot D-F | Student Parking            |
| Lot J-N | Student Parking            |

### TIER 2 DESTINATIONS

|      |                              |
|------|------------------------------|
| NW5  | Co-op                        |
| NE1  | Trades Access                |
| NE9  | Bookstore Annex              |
| SW1  | Accessibility Services       |
|      | Financial Aid & Awards       |
|      | Indigenous Services          |
|      | International Student Centre |
|      | Emergency Services           |
| SE12 | AV Services                  |
| SE30 | Warehouse                    |
| CARI | Applied Research             |

### TIER 3 DESTINATIONS

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| NW1, 3        |                 |
| NE2-8         |                 |
| NE10, 12      |                 |
| NE21 - 25     |                 |
| NE28          |                 |
| SW2-3, 5, 9   |                 |
| SE4, 6, 8 -10 |                 |
| SE16, 19, 50  |                 |
| Lot G         | Parking         |
| Lot Q         | Student Parking |
| P1, 4-6       | Parking         |
| P7            | Staff Parking   |
| P8-9, 12, 15  | Parking         |
| P18, 20-21    | Parking         |
| P22, 23       | Staff Parking   |
| P24-26, 28    | Parking         |
| V1-5          | Visitor Parking |
| —             | Oasis Solar     |

## 02

## SIGN TYPE GUIDELINES

## SIGN TYPE OVERVIEW

Consistent positioning, and messaging standards are critical to ensuring that pedestrians can easily locate and understand wayfinding signs as they progress towards a destination. The following describes how best to select the appropriate sign to use when adding signs to or removing them from the wayfinding system.

**MAP PYLON**

The Map Pylon is intended for use at key arrival and transition points where visitors to may wish to stop and orient themselves to the overall layout of the campus and plan a route to their destination. Such points include well trafficked access points from the street to the campus, especially those nearest to transit stops; visitor parking lots; and high traffic areas such as the main entrances to buildings housing important amenities or services.





Fingerpost signs are designed to support journeys through the campus by providing directional information at significant decision points. These signs function best in intermediate areas where people are moving from one place to another and routes to multiple destinations diverge from one another. Intersections and access points to central plaza type spaces are usually the optimal locations for these signs. Fingerposts also serve as visual anchors for the wayfinding system. Ideally at least one such sign should be visible from any point on the campus.

## FINGERPOST

## SIGN LOCATION CONSIDERATIONS

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | <p>As destinations are added, moved, or removed from the BCIT campus it will become necessary to update the existing system. If new signs are required or existing signs are moved the following factors should be considered when choosing a new location.</p>   |
| <b>PEDESTRIAN SAFETY &amp; ACCESSIBILITY</b> | <p>Signs must remain safely accessible to all users and avoid creating potential hazards wherever possible. Sign placements on or adjacent to a walkway must allow for a well defined pathway with a minimum clear width of 1.5m. Map pylons should provide a 1.0m<sup>2</sup> paved area in front of the sign to allow users with assistive equipment to easily approach and read the sign.</p>  |
| <b>LOCATION TYPE</b>                         | <p>Locations can broadly be defined as arrival points or decision points. Arrival points are locations where users are likely to have their first interaction with campus wayfinding. Typically these will be major parking lots, access points close to transit stops, or central gathering hubs within the campus. Decision points are locations where users have multiple pathways to choose from and are likely to require additional information to choose the correct pathway to their destination.</p> |
| <b>LINES OF SIGHT</b>                        | <p>Review proposed locations to ensure an unobstructed view of the directional messaging from the perspective of an approaching driver or pedestrian (as applicable).</p>   |



**TRAFFIC**

Consider the flow of pedestrian and vehicle traffic around a proposed sign location. Streets and intersections tend have a side with clearly higher pedestrian traffic. For maximum accessibility and effectiveness, position signs in these high traffic areas.

**CLEARANCES**

All parts of the signs should maintain at least 0.5m of clear space both at the base and from any vehicle pathways or nearby structures. This reduces the likelihood of collateral damage in the event of mechanical failure of the sign or of nearby infrastructure. This also increases legibility by ensuring the sign is not interfered with by nearby equipment.

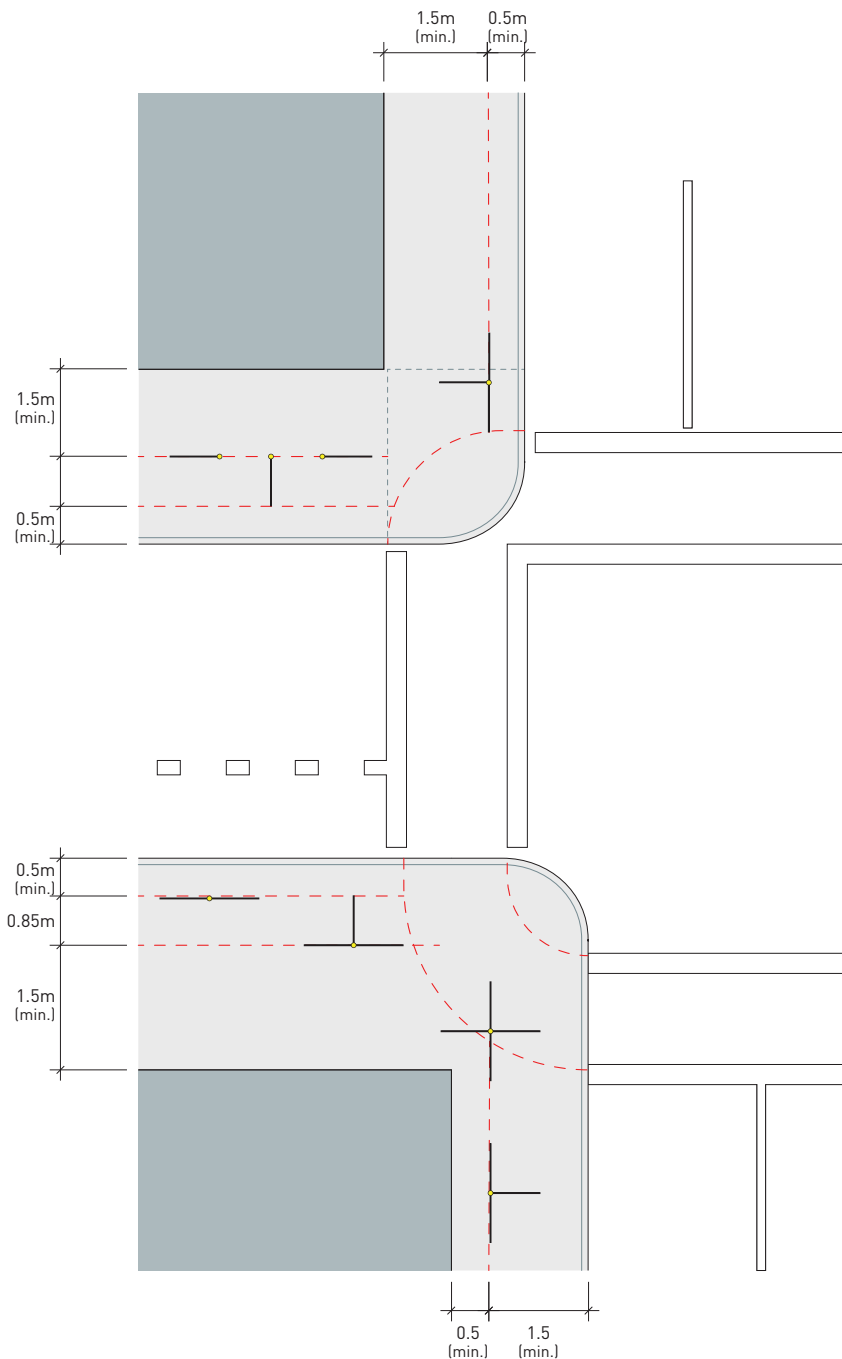
**UNDERGROUND UTILITIES**

Where possible signs may be placed in areas with a low likelihood of conflict with existing utilities. If a conflict is possible more costly or more time consuming methods (e.g.: excavation by hand or by hydro-vac) may be weighed against the impact of placing a sign in a less effective location.

**INTEGRATION & AESTHETICS**

Minor adjustments in sign placement can significantly impact the appearance and effectiveness of an installed sign at little to no extra cost. When placing a sign in a new location consider alignment with existing structures such as street furniture, ground plane textures (pavers, expansion seams, etc), and proximity to the pathways along which the sign is directing users. Relating the sign to its surroundings in this way will reduce its impact and improve the overall quality of the public realm.

## CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

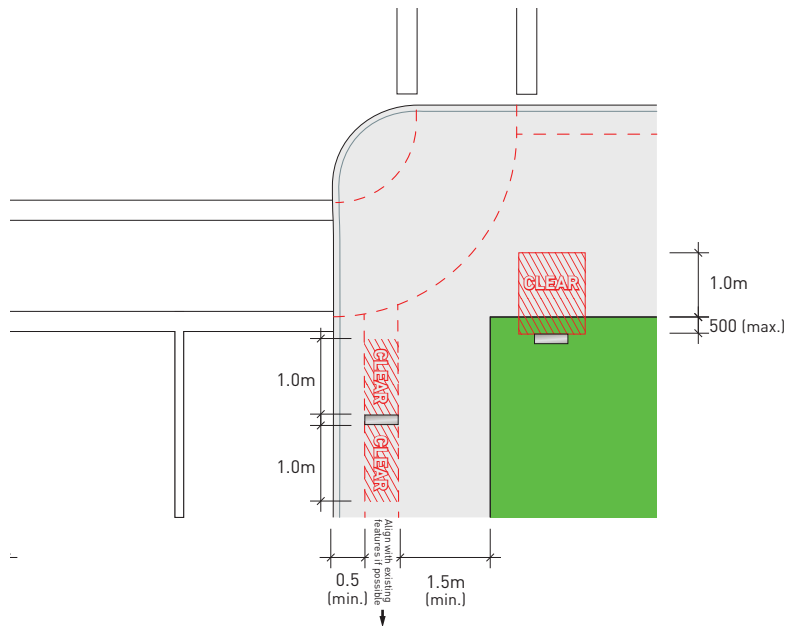


### FINGERPOST SIGN CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Sign blades and posts should maintain a minimum distance of 0.5m from any vehicle traffic areas.
- Ensure that a minimum clearance of at least 1.5m is maintained to allow accessible pedestrian traffic past the sign.
- Place sign posts in a manner that provides a clear preferred path past the sign (i.e., even if there is space, avoid placing the post in the center of a pedestrian pathway)
- Avoid placing signs at locations where a blade will point directly at a barrier such as a building or fence.
- If possible avoid placing sign posts in locations that will result in a space of less 0.5m between the post or blades and any adjacent fixed structures or equipment.

## PYLON SIGN CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Pylon signs must always be installed with the primary sign faces oriented North/South. If a map is included it must be on the south-facing side of the sign.
- If a sign is adjacent to a pathway on a soil or grassy surface, the primary messaging face must stand no more than 0.5m offset from the paved surface.
- Sign footprint should maintain a minimum distance of 0.5m from any vehicle traffic areas.
- A minimum clearance past the sign of at least 1.5m is required to allow accessible pedestrian traffic past the sign.
- Place the sign in a manner that provides a clear preferred path past the sign (i.e., even if there is space, avoid positioning the sign in the center a pedestrian pathway)
- If possible avoid placing sign posts in locations that will result in a space of less than 0.5m between the sign and any adjacent structure or equipment.



# 03

## PRODUCTION DETAILS

### TYPOGRAPHY



Trade Gothic  
Medium

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AaBbCcDdEe  
FfGgHhIiJjKk  
LlMmNnOoPp  
QqRrSsTtUu  
VvWwXxYyZz  
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!@#\$%&\*

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5 KM

Trade Gothic  
Bold


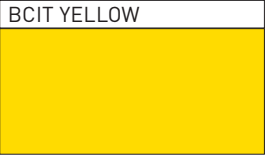


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LlMmNnOoPp  
QqRrSsTtUu  
VvWwXxYyZz  
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5 KM

# COLOURS & FINISHES

|                   | WHITE   | BCIT YELLOW   | BCIT BLUE  | BCIT LIGHT BLUE   |
|-------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                   |  |  |  |  |
| PANTONE+          | <b>P1</b> 11-0601-TCX   | <b>P2</b> —   | <b>P3</b> —  | <b>P4</b> 7690C   |
| PROCESS           | <b>K1</b> —   | <b>K2</b> C05 M00 Y94 K00   | <b>K3</b> C100 M80 Y33 K20   | <b>K4</b> C95 M41 Y10 K0  |
| PAINT (EXTERIOR)  | <b>E1</b> VERIZON WHITE<br>MP27386  | <b>E2</b> BRIGHT SUN YELLOW<br>MP00119  | <b>E3</b> —<br>MP40200   | <b>E4</b> MONSERRAT BLUE<br>MP00017   |
| POWDER COAT       | <b>C1</b> RAL-K5 9003   | <b>C2</b> —   | <b>C3</b> —  | <b>C4</b> —   |
| OPAQUE VINYL      | <b>V1</b> AVERY COVER WHITE<br>SC900-101-O  | <b>V2</b> —<br>SC900-###-O  | <b>V3</b> —<br>SC900-###-O   | <b>V4</b> AVERY<br>SC900-###-O  |
| TRANSLUCENT VINYL | <b>T1</b> AVERY WHITE<br>UC900-101-T  | <b>T2</b> —   | <b>T3</b> —  | <b>T4</b> —   |
| NOTES             | Wayfinding text   | Background/Accent colour  | Background colour  | Secondary tone used as a subtle contrast to BCIT Blue.                              |



Sign structure is primarily comprised of HSS aluminum and off-the-shelf aluminum extrusions.



Direction of brush to follow long dimension of specified components.



Satin finish for sign panels



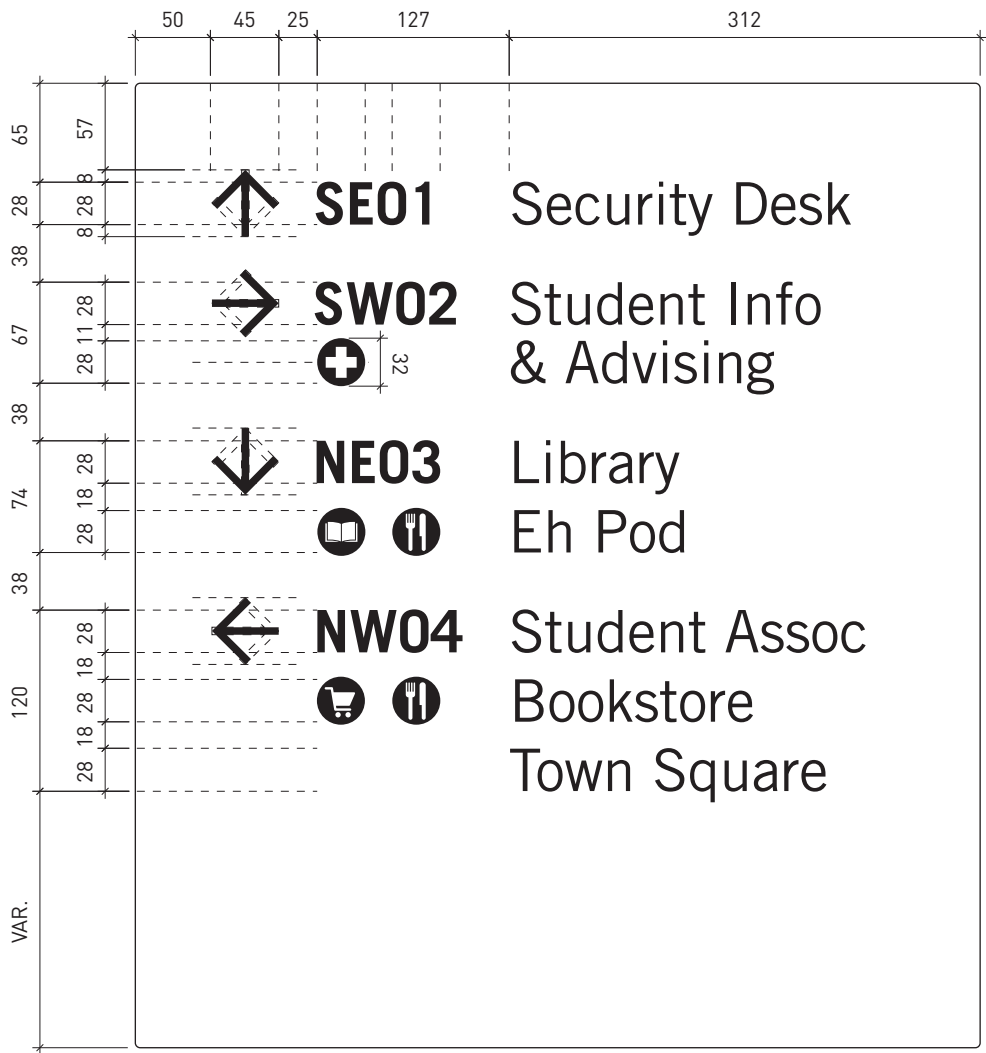
Polish to a mirror finish for contrast with M2 or M3.



## MESSAGING TEMPLATES

Consistent layout and spacing of directional messaging is key to the clarity of the wayfinding system. In addition to the spacing and alignment details provided here, it should be noted that the order of destinations should always run of nearest to farthest, with the nearer destinations positioned at the topmost available space on a given sign and proceeding to the farthest at the lowest available space.

All artwork for directional panels and fingerpost blades should be produced at 1:1 scale and saved as full colour EPS files for production.



**SINGLE-LINE**  
ONE DESTINATION  
(NO ICON)

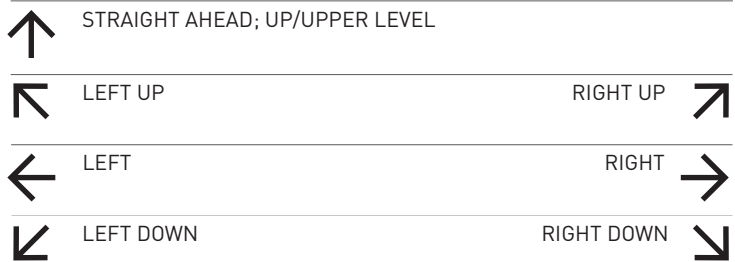
**TWO-LINE**  
ONE DESTINATION  
(ONE ICON)

**TWO-LINE**  
TWO DESTINATIONS  
(TWO ICONS)

**THREE-LINE**  
THREE DESTINATIONS  
(TWO ICONS)

| DIRECTIONAL ARROW | BUILDING ID No.<br>TRADE GOTHIC BOLD<br>125 PT; COLOUR P1 | PRIMARY DESTINATION NAME<br>TRADE GOTHIC REGULAR<br>125 PT/120 PT; COLOUR P1 |
|-------------------|---|--|
|-------------------|---|--|

**Directional Panel Layout Options**  
1:5

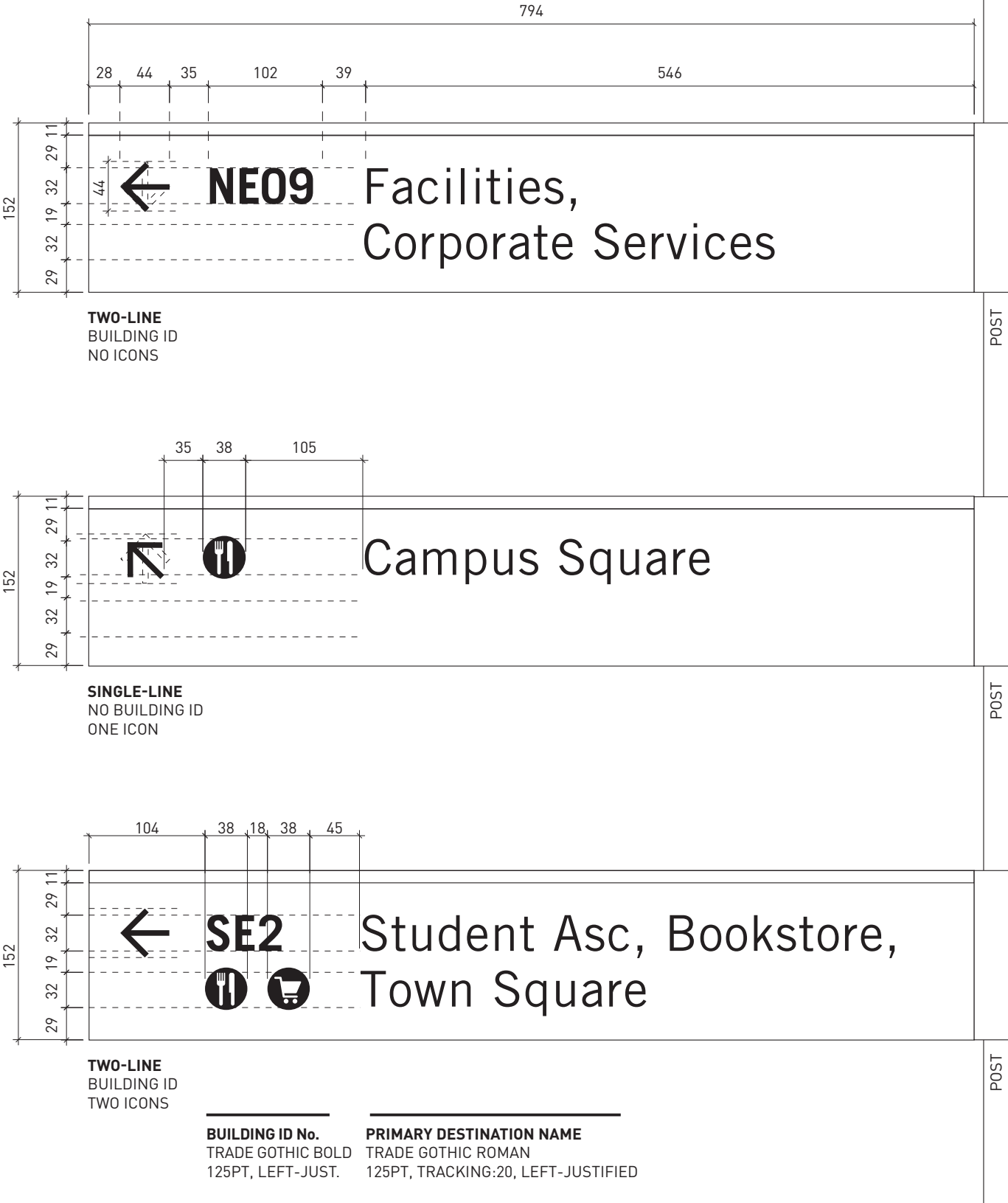


**Directional Arrows**  
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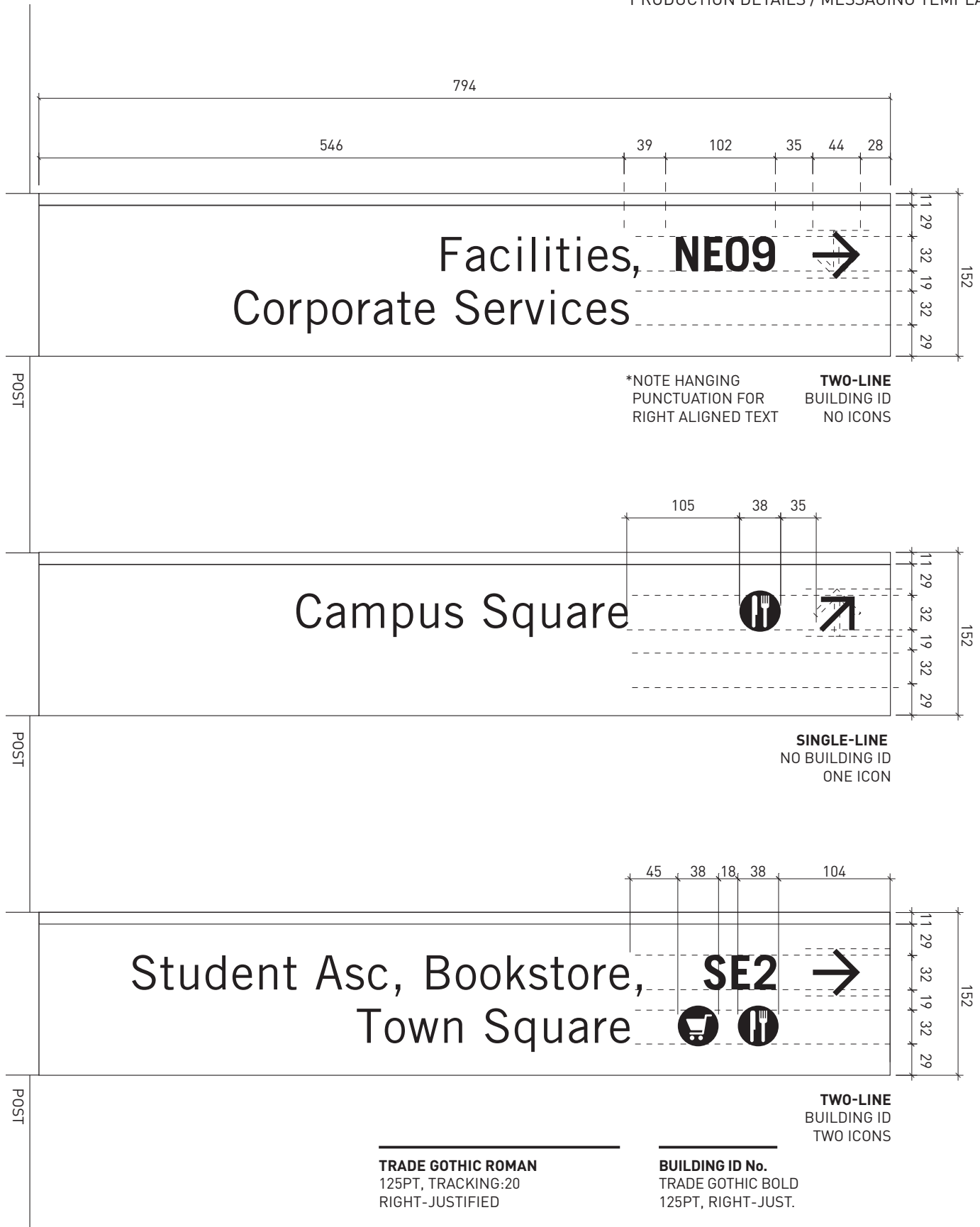
ARROWS ARE 1-3/4" (45 MM)  
AND ROTATE AROUND CENTRE  
OF AREA; COLOUR P1

LEFT AND RIGHT DOWN ARROWS  
SHOULD ONLY BE USED WHEN  
INDICATING AND INCLINE,  
POINTING DOWN STAIRS OR  
DOWN A HILL.

**MAP PYLON –  
MESSAGING TEMPLATE**



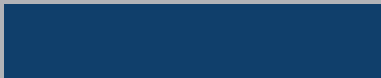
FINGER POST – TEMPLATE  
LEFT ALIGNED




FINGER POST – TEMPLATE  
RIGHT ALIGNED

MAP GUIDELINES

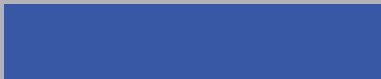
Overview Map Areas




**Buildings**  
Fill: C100 M80 Y33 K20



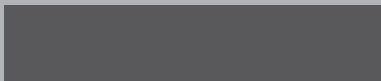
**Green Space**  
Fill: C74 M45 Y20 K01



**Guichon Creek**  
Fill: C87 M74 Y0 K0



**Map Base**  
Fill: C39 M45 Y09 K0



**Roads and Parking Lots**  
Fill: C63 M56 Y53 K28

Map Typography

**LOT D**

**Campus Square**

**WAYBURNE**

**CAREY AVE**

**Buildings and Parking Lots**  
Trade Gothic Bold  
Size: 12pt  
Fill: C0 M0 Y0 K0

**Major Locations**  
Trade Gothic Bold  
Size: 17pt  
Fill: C5 M0 Y94 K0

**Major Roadways**  
Trade Gothic Regular  
Size: 20pt Tracking: 200pt  
Fill: C5 M0 Y94 K0

**Minor Roadways**  
Trade Gothic Regular  
Size: 12pt Tracking: 200pt  
Fill: C5 M0 Y94 K0

Map Scale

**5-Min Text**  
Geogrotesque Regular  
Size: 15pt Tracking: 200pt  
Fill: C87 M74 Y0 K0


**You Are Here Text**  
Geogrotesque Bold  
Size: 15pt  
Fill: C100 M80 Y33 K20

**Distance Text**  
Geogrotesque Regular  
Size: 15pt Tracking: 200pt  
Fill: C87 M74 Y0 K0


**5-Min Radius**  
Stroke: C05 M0 Y94 K0  
Stroke Weight: 1.75pt  
Width: 7.25in




Map Icons




**ATM**  
Fill: C100 M80 Y33 K20  
Size: 0.3125




**Bookstore**  
Fill: C100 M80 Y33 K20  
Size: 0.3125




**Campus Dining**  
Fill: C100 M80 Y33 K20  
Size: 0.3125




**First Aid**  
Fill: C84 M16 Y76 K02  
Size: 0.3125




**Library**  
Fill: C100 M80 Y33 K20  
Size: 0.3125



**Security**  
Fill: C0 M99 Y100 K0  
Size: 0.3125



**Transit Stop**  
Fill 1: C0 M0 Y0 K0  
Fill 2: C85 M50 Y0 K0  
Size: 0.3125



**Visitor Parking**  
Fill 1: C84 M16 Y76 K02  
Fill 2: C05 M0 Y94 K0  
Size: 0.3125



