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January 9, 2014 National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD) Meeting

- FHWA providing NCUTCD Technical Committees with a 2016 Concept of the MUTCD.
  - Upcoming Rules with Additions/Revisions to MUTCD.
  - 2016 MUTCD
## New Lettering System for Chapters

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Chapter 2D – Guide Signs-Conventional Roads

- Received on December 24, 2013.
- Section 2D.09 (New Section 2AA.01) Number Highway Systems
  Concept had language added to Standard. GMI submitted proposed ballot to Sponsors in Spring 2014.
- Need to revise Weigh Station to Inspection Station.
- Editing comments.
Chapter 2E - Guide Signs-Freeway and Expressways

- Received on January 23, 2014
- Section 2E-37 (New Section 2AJ.06), Exit Gore Signs

NCUTCD Ballot of June 21, 2012 was not incorporated. FHWA said it did not promote uniformity and consistency.

Standard:

An Exit Gore (E5-1a) sign shall be used when the replacement of an existing assembly of an E5-1 sign and an E5-1bP plaque becomes necessary.
Section 2E.20 (New Section 2AJ.18), Signing for Option Lanes at Splits and Multi-Lane Exits

FHWA indicated they were going to insert additional information in the section. GMI has not seen it.

- No figures were provided.
- Editing comments.
Chapter 2F-Toll Road Signs

- Received on February 6, 2014.
- 2016 MUTCD Concept has not cleared up the issues with the Toll Road Signs Chapter
  - Consistent Terminology between MUTCD and Toll Industry
  - Consistent Terminology within MUTCD
  - Use of Purple on Signs
  - Additional figures needed in chapter to clarify standards (Concept had no figures)
  - More guidance for all electronic tolling or video tolling applications
  - Reference for toll operators beyond guide signs (signals, pavement markings, object markers, gates and islands, etc.)

- No figures provided.
- Editing comments.
Chapter 2G - Preferential and Managed Lane Signs

- Received on February 6, 2014
- Section 2G.18 (New Section 2V.04), Guide Signs for Priced Lanes
  New Standard and Option Language – Hard to review without figures.
- New Sections with no text provided:
  - 2AV.05, Signs for Part-Time Shoulder Use - General
  - 2AV.06, Regulatory Signs for Part-Time Shoulder Use
  - 2AV.07, Lane-Use Control Signs for Part-Time Shoulder Use
- No figures were provided.
Chapter 2H – General Information Signs

- Received on January 28, 2014.

- New Section 2AW.05, Jurisdictional Boundary Signs

Excerpt of some of the section.

**Standard:**

The Jurisdictional Boundary sign shall be rectangular in shape and shall have a white legend on a green background. The sign shall display only the name of the State, county, municipality, or other identifiable community, and an appropriate legend such as ENTERING or STATE LINE. Additional information, such as population, elevation, date of incorporation, names of elected officials, or notable accomplishments or claims, shall not be displayed on a Jurisdictional Boundary sign.

- New Section 2AW.06, Geographical Feature Signs
New Section 2AW.07, State Welcome Signs

Standard:

State Welcome signs shall not be located where they could interfere with or detract from other traffic control devices. If used, State Welcome signs shall be installed as independent, post-mounted sign assemblies.

State Welcome signs shall not display changeable or other electronic-display messages (see Chapter 2L). State Welcome signs shall not display messages that emulate promotional advertising of any type. State Welcome signs shall not incorporate Acknowledgment signs or messages (see Section 2H.08), or logo sign panels (see Section 2J.03) into their legends or assemblies. Telephone numbers, Internet addresses and e-mail addresses, including domain names and uniform resource locators (URL), and quick-response (QR) codes, bar codes, or other graphics intended for optical scanning for the purpose of obtaining information shall not be displayed in the legends of State Welcome signs or on their supports.
Guidance:

State Welcome signs should be located farther from the edge of the roadway than other traffic control devices. **State Welcome signs should not be installed on limited-access** or other facilities where stopping at the roadside is restricted to emergency purposes.

The size of a State Welcome sign should be consistent with and not exceed the prevailing size of other guide.

- No figures were provided.
- Editing comments.
Chapter 2I – General Service Signs

- Received on January 28, 2014
- New Section AX.10 Channel 9 Monitored Sign
- New Section AX.11, EMERGENCY CALL XX Sign
- New Section AX.13, Emergency Service Sign
- Editing comments.
Chapter 2J – Specific Service Signs

- Received on January 28, 2014.
- Section 2J.02 (New Section 2AY.02), Application
  FHWA not implementing the NCUTCD June 2012 recommendation to change order requirements for Specific Services Signs from Standard to Guidance.
  Ballot related to use of combination signs.
- Section 2J.09 (New Section 2AY.09), Specific Service Trailblazer Signs
  FHWA not implementing the NCUTCD June 2012 recommendation to increase allowable number of logo signs panels to six on the trailblazer signs.
  - No figures were provided.
  - Editing comments.
Chapter 2K – Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs

- Received on January 28, 2014.
- Section 2K.02 (New Section 2AZ.02), Design
  Deleted the option to use symbols for recreational and cultural interest areas signs from TODS.
- No figures were provided.
- Editing comments.
Chapter 2L - Changeable Message Signs

- Received on February 14, 2014.

- Section 2L.02 (New Section 2BA.02), Applications of Changeable Message Signs

  **Standard**

Other types of “alert” messages that are unrelated to traffic or travel conditions shall not be displayed on CMS. AMBER alerts, when displayed shall not pre-empt messages related to traffic or travel conditions. AMBER alert message shall be kept as brief as possible and display only that information which will direct road users to another source, such as highway advisory radio, for detailed information about the alert. Other information, such as descriptions or persons, vehicles, or license plate numbers, shall not be displayed with an AMBER alert message on a CMS.
Section 2L.02 (New Section 2BA.02), Applications of Changeable Message Signs

Guidance

... When displayed, safety messages should be simple and direct, emphasizing the applicable regulation or traffic condition information. *Slogan-type messages and the display of highway statistics should be avoided.*

Editing comments.
Chapter 2M - Recreational and Cultural Interest Area Signs

- Received on February 14, 2014.
- Section 2M.10 (New Section 2BB.10), Memorial or Dedication Signs
  - Controversial Standard Language
- No figures were provided.
- Editing comments.
Chapter 2N – Emergency Management Signs

- Received on February 14, 2014.
- No figures were provided.
- Editing comments.