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GMI agenda item II F.5 January 19,

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### National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices GMI RECOMMENDATION

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**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:** NCUTCD GMI Technical Committee

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**DATE OF ACTION:** January 19, 2012

**Reviewer:** Margaret Moore

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**GMI APPROVAL DATE:** January 19, 2012

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**TRANSMITTAL TO SPONSORS DATE:** March 10, 2012

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**GMI APPROVAL FOLLOWING SPONSORS:** June 20, 2012

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**COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE:** June 22, 2012

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**AFFECTED PORTIONS OF MUTCD:** Section 2N.05, P1 - P4

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**SUMMARY/TOPIC:** Traffic Control Point Sign from a Standard to Guidance

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**DISCUSSION/QUESTION:** The standard requires a Traffic Control Point sign shall be used to designate a location where an official traffic control point has been set up to impose such control as are necessary to limit congestion, expedite emergency traffic, exclude unauthorized vehicles or protect the public. The standard defines that the sign shall be installed in the same manner as the Area Closed Sign. The standard requires a Stop sign shall be used in conjunction with the Traffic Control Point sign. The Traffic Control Point section is in Section 2N, Emergency Management, of the manual. In an emergency, the shall language requirements may not be obtainable. The Standard “shall” statements should be revised to “should” and the Standard made a Guidance Statement. The language regarding the Traffic Control Point Sign legend and background should be retained as a Standard.

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Section 2N.05 – delete “Standard” and insert “Guidance.”

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Section 2N.05 (paragraph 1) – delete the “shall” and insert “should.”

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Section 2N.05 (paragraph 2) – delete the “shall” and insert “should.”

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Section 2N.05 (paragraph 3) – delete the sentence regarding the Traffic Control Point sign legend and background and move to new paragraph 5.

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44 Section 2N.05 (paragraph 4) – delete the “Guidance” heading.

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46 Section 2N.05 (new paragraph 5) – insert a Standard regarding Traffic Control Point sign  
47 legend and background.

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49 **RECOMMENDED: Revise the majority of 2N.05 from Standard to Guidance while**  
50 **retaining a Standard regarding Traffic Control Point sign legend and background.**

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52 **Note: Proposed changes to the MUTCD are shown in underline red and removed**  
53 **text are shown in ~~strikethrough red~~.**

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55 **RECOMMENDED WORDING:**

56 Section 2N.05 **TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT Sign (EM-3)**

57 ~~Standard~~**Guidance:**

58 **01 The TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT (EM-3) sign (see Figure 2N-1) ~~shall~~should be used to**  
59 **designate a location where an official traffic control point has been set up to impose such**  
60 **controls as are necessary to limit congestion, expedite emergency traffic, exclude**  
61 **unauthorized vehicles, or protect the public.**

62 **02 The sign ~~shall~~should be installed in the same manner as the AREA CLOSED sign (see**  
63 **Section 2N.04), and at the point where traffic must stop to be checked.**

64 **03 The standard STOP (R1-1) sign ~~shall~~should be used in conjunction with the TRAFFIC**  
65 **CONTROL POINT sign. ~~The TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT sign shall consist of a black~~**  
66 **~~legend and border on a retroreflectorized white background.~~**

67 **Guidance:**

68 *04 The TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT sign should be mounted directly below the STOP sign.*

69 **Standard:**

70 **05 The TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT sign shall consist of a black legend and border on a**  
71 **retroreflectorized white background.**

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73 **January 19, 2012**

74 GMI Vote: FOR: 23 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

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76 **June 20, 2012**

77 **GMI recommends language sent to sponsors be presented to Council.**

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79 **June 22, 2012**

80 Council Vote:

81 **0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions, 37 For – Motion Passed**