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National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices GMI SIGNS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: NCUTCD Guide and Motorist Information Signs
Technical Committee**

TASK FORCE: Chapter 2E - Jonathan Upchurch
GMI SIGNS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: January 19, 2012
TRANSMITTAL TO SPONSORS DATE: March 10, 2012
GMI APPROVAL FOLLOWING SPONSORS: June 20, 2012
COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE: June 21, 2012

TOPIC: INTERCHANGE SEQUENCE SIGNS

AFFECTED PORTIONS OF MUTCD: Chapter 2E, Section 2E.40

DISCUSSION/QUESTION:

A review of Chapter 2E revealed a conflict in the use of Interchange Sequence Signs. Sections 2E.33 and 2E.50 state that Interchange Sequence Signs should be used at closely spaced interchanges while Section 2E.40 states that Interchange Sequence Signs may be used at closely spaced interchanges.

RECOMMENDATION: Change the language in Section 2E.40 on the use of Interchange Sequence Signs from Option to Guidance. The text of the proposed change in Section 2E.40 is shown below. Pertinent portions of Sections 2E.33 and 2E.50, which would remain unchanged, are also shown below.

Section 2E.40 Interchange Sequence Signs

Option: Guidance:

01 If interchanges are closely spaced, particularly through large urban areas, so that guide signs cannot be adequately spaced, Interchange Sequence signs identifying the next two or three interchanges may should be used.

Guidance:

02 If used, Interchange Sequence signs should be used over the entire length of a route in an urban area. Except as provided in Paragraph 3, they should not be used on a single interchange basis.

03 If there is less than 800 feet between interchanges, Interchange Sequence signs should be used instead of the Advance Guide signs for the affected interchanges.

(There are no changes in the remainder of Section 2E.40)

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49 **Section 2E.50 Closely-Spaced Interchanges**

50 Support:

51 Section 2E.11 contains information regarding sign spreading where the Exit Direction sign
52 and the Advance Guide sign for the next interchange are mounted overhead. Sign spreading is
53 particularly beneficial where interchanges are closely spaced and overhead signing is used in
54 conjunction with Interchange Sequence signs as provided in Paragraph 2.

55 *Guidance:*

56 *Interchange Sequence signs (see Section 2E.40) should be used at closely-spaced*
57 *interchanges. When used, they should identify and show street names and distances for the next*
58 *two or three exits as shown in Figure 2E-30.*

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60 [Note: In a separate action, the GMI Signs Technical Committee made a
61 recommendation to add an option statement in Section 2E.50. That
62 recommendation is being submitted as a separate recommendation.]

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64 **Standard:**

65 **Advance Guide Signs for closely-spaced interchanges shall show information for**
66 **only one interchange.**

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68 Excerpt from 2E-33 **Advance Guide Signs**

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70 *Guidance:*

71 *Where there is less than 800 feet between interchanges, Interchange Sequence Series signs (see*
72 *Section 2E.40) should be used instead of Advance Guide signs for the affected interchanges.*

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75 Figures 2E-30 and 2E-31 show Interchange Sequence Signs. No changes are
76 recommended in these figures. All other locations in the Chapter 2E text which refer to
77 Interchange Sequence Signs have been reviewed and no changes are needed at those
78 other locations.

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81 **January 19, 2012**

82 GMI Signs Technical Committee Vote: FOR: 22 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

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84 **June 20, 2012**

85 **Editorial comment to remove the duplicate “Guidance”. GMI unanimously**
86 **concurs and recommends presentation to Council.**

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88 **June 21, 2012**

89 **Council Vote:**

90 **1 Opposed, 0 Abstentions, 36 For – Motion passed.**