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4 **does not constitute official standards, guidance, or options. No proposed revision to**
5 **the MUTCD is effective unless and until approved by FHWA through an Interim Approval**
6 **or through the Federal rulemaking process.**

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8 **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:** Guide/Motorist Information (GMI)

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10 **TOPIC:** Recreational & Cultural Interest (R&CI) Signs

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12 **STATUS/DATE OF ACTION:**

13 **TC Drafts:** 06/26/2014

14 **TC Approval:** 06/27/2014

15 **Transmitted to Sponsors:** 00/00/0000

16 **Council Approval:** 06/28/2014

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18 **ORIGIN OF REQUEST:** Dan Williams/ Mark Wilson

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20 **AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD:** FHWA, 2016 MUTCD Concept Only – Limited
21 Distribution for GMI Review, Section 2BB.02, Page 7
22 of 16, lines 32-34, and Table 2M.08

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24 **SUMMARY:**

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26 This proposal deletes FHWA proposed Section 2BB.02 Standard addition and the deletion of
27 the Section 2BB.04 Support statement to remove the National Park Service recreation area
28 signs and symbols from the MUTCD. (Figure 2M-8 and Table 2M-1). A GMI Task Force has
29 been formed to identify and recommend those recreational and cultural interest area symbols
30 that should be retained for use on roadways outside of park facilities.

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32 **DISCUSSION**

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34 Some recreational and cultural area signs and symbols are in use along roadways outside of
35 park facilities. FHWA's proposed change will affect current application even for those
36 recreational and culture interest area signs and symbols that enjoy wide recognition and use.

38 Instead of a blanket removal of an existing practice, it is recommended that a Task Force
39 identify those cultural and recreational signs and symbols that enjoy wide recognition and use
40 and should be allowed for use on roadways outside of park facilities.

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42 **RECOMMENDED MUTCD PROVISIONS/ REVISIONS**

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44 **Note:** FHWA proposed changes to the MUTCD are shown with text additions in underline
45 blue and deleted text is shown in ~~strikethrough red~~. Proposed changes are shown with
46 additions in underline green and deletions in ~~underline strikethrough red~~. TC proposed
47 deletions from the FHWA proposed text additions are shown in ~~underline strikethrough blue~~.

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49 ~~Section 2M.02~~ Section 2BB.02 **Application of Recreational and Cultural Interest Area Signs**

50 Support:

51 Provisions for signing recreational or cultural interest areas are subdivided into two different types
52 of signs: (1) symbol signs and (2) destination guide signs.

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54 *Guidance:*

55 *When highway agencies decide to provide recreational and cultural interest area signing, these*
56 *agencies should have a policy for such signing. The policy should establish signing criteria for the eligibility of*
57 *the various types of services, accommodations, and facilities. These signs should not be used where they might*
58 *be confused with other traffic control signs.*

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60 Option:

61 Recreational and cultural interest area guide signs may be used on any road to direct persons to
62 facilities, structures, and places, and to identify various services available to the general public. These guide signs
63 may also be used in recreational or cultural interest areas for signing non-vehicular events and amenities such
64 as trails, structures, and facilities.

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66 **Standard:**

67 ~~Recreational and cultural interest area symbols (see Section 2M.04) shall not be used on signs~~
68 ~~on roadways outside of park facilities.~~

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70 Support:

71 Section 2A.12 contains information regarding the use of recreational and cultural interest area symbols
72 on other types of signs.

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74 ~~Section 2M.04~~ Section 2BB.04 **General Design Requirements for Recreational and Cultural Interest** 75 **Area Symbol Guide Signs**

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77 **Standard:**

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79 **Recreational and cultural interest area symbol guide signs shall be square or rectangular in shape and shall h**
80 **ave a white symbol or message and white border on a brown background. The symbols shall be grouped into the follow**
81 **ing usage and series categories:**

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A. General Applications,

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B. Accommodations,

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C. Services,

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D. Land Recreation,

86 **E. Water Recreation, and**
87 **F. Winter Recreation.**

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89 Support:

90 **Table 2M-1 contains a listing of the symbols within each series category.** ~~Table 2M-~~
91 ~~1 contains a listing of the symbols within each series category. The design of symbols for~~
92 ~~recreational and cultural interest areas signs are available from the National Park Service.~~ **NPS R&CIA symbols to be**
93 **removed from MUTCD.**

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95 Option:

96 Mirror images of symbols may be used where the reverse image will better convey the message.
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Figure 2M-8. Recreational and Cultural Interest Area Symbol Signs for Land Recreation



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100 **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE VOTE:**

101 For: 19
102 Opposed: 0
103 Abstentions: 0

