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NCUTCD Proposal for Changes to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Regulatory & Warning Signs Committee
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TOPIC: R10-15a Traffic Signal Sign – Turning Vehicles Stop For Pedestrians
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AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD: Section 2B.53

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This is a proposal for recommended changes to the MUTCD that has been approved by the NCUTCD Council. This proposal does not represent a revision of the MUTCD and does not constitute official MUTCD standards, guidance, or options. It will be submitted to FHWA for consideration for inclusion in a future MUTCD revision. The MUTCD can be revised only through the federal rulemaking process.

SUMMARY:

MUTCD Figure 2B-27, Traffic Signal Signs and Plaques, includes the Turning Vehicles Yield to Pedestrians (R10-15) sign. The Regulatory and Warning Signs Technical Committee is proposing a Turning Vehicles Stop for Pedestrians (R10-15a) sign for use in States where that message is consistent with State law.

DISCUSSION:

Some States' laws require a driver to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, while other States require a driver to stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk. The Turning Traffic Yield to Pedestrians (R10-15) sign properly reinforces the "yield" State laws but, if used in a State with a "stop" law, provides information that contradicts the legal requirement for a driver to stop for a pedestrian. The MUTCD addresses the "yield" and "stop" laws with the Yield Here To Pedestrians and Stop Here For Pedestrian (R1-5 Series) signs (Section 2B.11) and the In-Street and Overhead Pedestrian (R1-6/R1-6a and R1-9/R1-9a) signs (Section 2B.12). Application of the signs in

33 accordance with law is addressed in the following **Standard** statement that appears in Sections
34 2B.11 and 2B.12:

35 **The STOP FOR legend shall only be used in States where the State law specifically requires**
36 **that a driver must stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk.**

37 The same Standard statement can be used to address the proper application of the R10-15 “yield”
38 sign and the proposed R10-15a “stop” sign. The proposal was originally tabled by Council in
39 June 2016 pending review by the pedestrian task force. The pedestrian task force was presented
40 this proposal at their January 2017 meeting.

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42 **RECOMMENDED MUTCD CHANGES**

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44 The following present the proposed changes to the current MUTCD within the context of the
45 current MUTCD language. Proposed additions to the MUTCD are shown in blue underline and
46 proposed deletions from the MUTCD are shown in ~~red strikethrough~~. Changes previously
47 approved by NCUTCD Council (but not yet adopted by FHWA) are shown in green double
48 underline for additions and ~~green double strikethrough~~ for deletions. In some cases, background
49 comments may be provided with the MUTCD text. These comments are indicated by
50 **[highlighted light blue in brackets]**.

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51 **Part 2. SIGNS**

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53 **Chapter 2B. REGULATORY SIGNS, BARRICADES, AND GATES**

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55 **Section 2B.53 Traffic Signal Signs (R10-5 through R10-30)**

56 **Option:**

57 01 To supplement traffic signal control, Traffic Signal signs R10-5 through R10-30 may be
58 used to regulate road users.

59 02 Traffic Signal signs (see Figure 2B-27) may be installed at certain locations to clarify signal
60 control. Among the legends that may be used for this purpose are LEFT ON GREEN ARROW
61 ONLY (R10-5), STOP HERE ON RED (R10-6 or R10-6a) for observance of stop lines, DO
62 NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION (R10-7) for avoidance of traffic obstructions, USE LANE(S)
63 WITH GREEN ARROW (R10-8) for obedience to lane-use control signals (see Chapter 4M),
64 LEFT TURN YIELD ON GREEN (symbolic circular green) (R10-12), and LEFT TURN YIELD
65 ON FLASHING RED ARROW AFTER STOP (R10-27).

66 *Guidance:*

67 03 *If used, the LEFT ON GREEN ARROW ONLY (R10-5) sign, the LEFT TURN YIELD ON*
68 *GREEN (symbolic circular green) (R10-12) sign, or the LEFT TURN YIELD ON FLASHING*
69 *RED ARROW AFTER STOP (R10-27) sign should be located adjacent to the left-turn signal*
70 *face.*

71 **Option:**

72 04 If needed for additional emphasis, an additional LEFT TURN YIELD ON GREEN
73 (symbolic circular green) (R10-12) sign with an AT SIGNAL (R10-31P) supplemental plaque
74 (see Figure 2B-27) may be installed in advance of the intersection.

75 05 In situations where traffic control signals are coordinated for progressive timing the Traffic
76 Signal Speed (I1-1) sign may be used (see Section 2H.03).

77 **Standard:**

78 06 The CROSSWALK STOP ON RED (symbolic circular red) (R10-23) sign (see Figure
79 2B-27) shall only be used in conjunction with pedestrian hybrid beacons (see Section
80 4F.02).

81 07 The EMERGENCY SIGNAL (R10-13) sign (see Figure 2B-27) shall be used in
82 conjunction with emergency-vehicle traffic control signals (see Section 4G.02).

83 08 The EMERGENCY SIGNAL – STOP ON FLASHING RED (R10-14 or R10-14a) sign
84 (see Figure 2B-27) shall be used in conjunction with emergency-vehicle hybrid beacons (see
85 Section 4G.04.

86 Option:

87 09 In order to remind drivers who are making turns [at a signalized intersection](#) to yield to [or](#)
88 [stop for](#) pedestrians, a Turning Vehicles Yield to ([Stop For](#)) Pedestrians (R10-15, [R10-15a](#)) sign
89 (see Figure 2B-27) may be used.

90 **Standard:**

91 09a [The Turning Vehicles Stop for Pedestrians \(R10-15a\) sign shall only be used in](#)
92 [jurisdictions where laws, ordinances or resolutions specifically require that a driver must](#)
93 [stop for a pedestrian.](#)

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95 **Option:**

96 10 A U-TURN YIELD TO RIGHT TURN (R10-16) sign (see Figure 2B-27) may be installed
97 near the left-turn signal face if U-turn are allowed on a protected left-turn movement on an
98 approach from which a right-turn GREEN ARROW signal indication is simultaneously being
99 displayed to drivers making a right turn from the conflicting approach to their left.

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101 **Add sign R10-15a to Figure 2B-27. Add * fluorescent yellow-green background color may**
102 **be used instead of yellow for this sign**

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