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**National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION**

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : Regulatory/Warning Sign TC

TASK FORCE: FHWA 2006 New issues – Issue # 3

DATE OF ACTION: 5-7-05 TASK FORCE – revised 5-16-05, revised 7-31-05, revised 1-18-06 by RWSTC

REQUEST NUMBER

TOPIC: Section 2C.50 Cross Traffic Does Not Stop plaque

ORIGIN OF REQUEST: NPA R/W Sign issues - FHWA

DISCUSSION:

Problem statement: (FROM NPA)

Check the text for use of the W4-4P “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” plaque. What color is the plaque when used on a STOP sign? (Black on Yellow). Add W4-4a TRAFFIC FROM LEFT DOES NOT STOP and W4-4b ONCOMING TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP designs and illustrate in figure. Add statement which requires plaque with stop when one approach is not stop controlled.

Response:

Section 2C.50 is part of the warning sign section of the MUTCD; therefore, the sign would be black on yellow. This section indicates that it may be used under a STOP sign when engineering judgment indicates that conditions are present that are causing or could cause drivers to misinterpret the intersection as an all-way stop. Therefore, it would be black on yellow as the detail in Figure 2C-8 indicates.

A sign detail is contained in the SHS and alternative signs are generally not shown in the MUTCD figures. .

We do not agree that a statement should be added to require this sign when one approach is not stop controlled. This plaque is used for problematic intersections with safety concerns where drivers fail to yield. Engineering judgment should determine the use of the plaque.

Proposal

Add the W4-4a and W4-4b sign to Figure 2C-8. Plate is already included in FHWA “standard highway signs” manual.

Note: June 23, 2005 Approved by Regulatory and Warning Sign Technical Committee for transmittal to Sponsors for comments.

RECOMMENDED WORDING.

(Changes made at January 2006 meeting highlighted in Green)

Section 2C.50. CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP Plaque (W4-4p)

Standard:

~~If the W4-4p plaque is used, it shall be installed below the STOP sign.~~

If the W4-4p plaque or a plaque with an alternate message TRAFFIC FROM LEFT (RIGHT) DOES NOT STOP (W4-4a) or ONCOMING TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP (W4-4b) is used, it shall be mounted below the STOP sign.

Guidance:

Plaques with the appropriate alternative messages of TRAFFIC FROM LEFT (RIGHT) DOES NOT STOP or ONCOMING TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP should be used at intersections where all but one approach to the intersection is controlled.

VOTE: For = Unanimous
 Opposed = None
 Abstentions = None