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

**Not Approved By NCUTCD Council**

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : Regulatory/Warning Sign TC**

**TASK FORCE:** FHWA 2006 New issues – Issue #11

**DATE OF ACTION:** 5-12-05 TASK FORCE; 6-23-05 RWSTC; revised 7-31-05 by Task Force, 1-18-06 by RWSTC

**REQUEST NUMBER : RW Proposal # 7**

**TOPIC:** Borders on Regulatory Parking Signs, R7-2a and R3-8a

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**Problem statement:** (FROM NPA)

If jurisdictions have been buying or making their ~~R3-8a~~R8-3a signs with black borders since 1988 (It shows a black border in the 1900 MUTCD) then we can't just change it to a red border without going thru NPA process and establishing a compliance date with the final rule. For the R7-2a, however, it was correctly shown with red border in the 88 and 00 MUTCD's, and it was shown correctly with red border in the NPA for the 03 Edition. So, for the R7-2a it is an error in the final rule.

**Response:**

The border on the R7-2a sign, figure 2B-16 on page 2B.37, 2003 MUTCD is shown as black. It should be shown as red in this figure. Previous editions of the MUTCD provided a red border, a red border was shown in the 2004 SHS, in the NPA for the 2003 Edition, and the provisions of Section 2B.40 call for a red border for parking signs where parking is prohibited at all times or specific times. The 2003 MUTCD errata sheet corrected this error ~~so no action is required~~.

The border on the R8-3a sign should be black since the symbol is black with an overlaying red circle and slash. The sign is illustrated correctly in the 2003 MUTCD, Figure 2B.17, and also in the 2004 SHS. However, Section 2B.40 needs to be revised to reflect this exception. For consistency, the border on the R8-3a sign in figure 2B-17 as well as the border on the R7-2a in figure 2B-16 should be red. Also, the border and legend on the R7-201a in figure 2B-16 should be red for consistency. This is in

accordance with standard language in Section 2B.40 which states “where parking prohibited at all times or at specific times, the basic design for parking signs shall have a red legend and border on a white background (Parking Prohibition signs)”. The “P” within the R7-2a and R8-3a signs would remain black as shown in the manual.

**Recommendation:**

**Change Section 2B.40 Design of Parking, Standing, and Stopping Signs. (New recommendation on 2/18/06 is to have no changes to this section.)**

**Standard:**

Where parking is prohibited at all times or at specific times, the basic design for parking signs shall have a red legend and border on a white background **except the No Parking Symbol Sign (R8-3a) that has a black border and legend** (Parking Prohibition signs). Where only a limited-time parking or parking in a particular manner are permitted, the signs shall have a green legend and border on a white background (Permissive Parking signs).

**Revise Figure 2B-16 (No Parking Signs R7 Series) and Figure 2B-17 (No Parking Signs R8 Series) to show signs R7-2a, R7-201a, and R8-3a, with red borders.**

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