

TTC Comment on 23 CFR Part 630

FHWA Docket No. – 2006 – 25203

Temporary Traffic Control Devices

The NCUTCD appreciates the opportunity to respond to Docket No. FHWA – 2006 – 25203 on the subject of safety and mobility in highway work zones.

We recognize that there is limited crash data for work zone incidents and we urge FHWA to develop programs that will assist the states, local government entities and industry to gather work zone crash data that will guide them in creating safer work zones.

It is inevitable that work zone crashes will increase as major road maintenance and construction work is undertaken in the future under high traffic volume and high traffic speed conditions. This, coupled with a seemingly less attentive and more aggressive motoring public, will dictate that strong steps be

taken by highway operating agencies if the rising work zone crash rate is to be diminished.

The NCUTCD strongly endorses the provisions of the NPRM, and looks forward to working with its partners in the public sector and industry to effect meaningful and productive programs in the cited areas of positive protection for workers and the traveling public, the increased use of law enforcement in work zones, and the implementation of well designed and applied traffic control strategies and devices.