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**National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices**  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO NCUTCD COUNCIL

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Regulatory/Warning Signs Technical Committee**

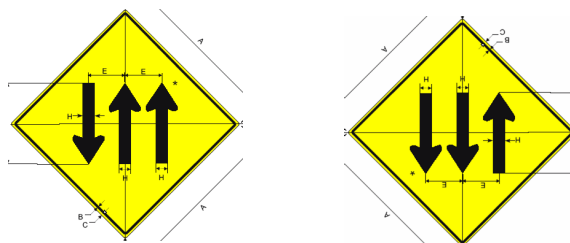
**DATE OF ACTION: June 29, 2006; Revised January 17, 2007**

**TOPIC: Warning Signs, Two-way Traffic on a Three Lane Road**

**AFFECTED PORTIONS OF MUTCD: Sections 2C.XX, Table 2C-1; Table 2C-21; Figure 2C-6**

**DISCUSSION:**

The *Synthesis of Non-MUTCD Signing* identified seventy-four signs or categories of signs that are not in the MUTCD but were in common use by various States, local governments and Canada. The *Synthesis of Non-MUTCD Signing* recommended that these signs be considered for inclusion in the NCUTCD. One of these signs was the symbol “Two-way Traffic on a Three Lane Road” shown below.



At least 3 States are using a variant of the W6-~~13~~ two-way traffic symbol for warning of two-way traffic on roads having three lanes, with one lane in one direction and two lanes in the other direction. The standard W6-~~13~~ symbol shows one up arrow and one down arrow. The three States’ variants show three arrows, symbolically denoting not only two-way traffic but also how many lanes in each direction. The Canadian equivalent of the W6-~~13~~ symbol includes a vertical broken line separating the up and down arrows, and one State’s 3-arrow variant uses the same concept (but with a solid line) to reinforce the message.

Recommendation: This type of sign with 3 arrows (2 up/1 down or 1 up/2 down) should be considered for addition to the MUTCD, for use on 3-lane undivided roads only.

**RECOMMENDED WORDING:**

**Add Section 2C.XX, and add sign shown above to Table 2C-1, Table 2C-2 and Figure 2C-6**

**Section 2C.XX Two-way Traffic on a Three Lane Roadway (W6-X) sign**

Option:

The Two-way Traffic on a Three Lane Roadway (W6-Xa and W6-Xb) signs may be installed ~~in advance of and at intervals~~ along three lane roadways with two lanes in one direction and one in the opposing direction.

**Standard:**

~~Where used, t~~ **The W6-X sign shall match the lane configuration of the roadway.**

VOTE: For: Unanimous