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National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices RWSTC RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING SPONSOR COMMENTS

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: NCUTCD Regulatory/Warning Signs Technical Committee

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TOPIC: Large Animal, Snowmobile and Horse Drawn Vehicle Signs
AFFECTED PORTIONS OF MUTCD: Table 2C-2 (2009 MUTCD)

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BACKGROUND:
In its review of the 2009 MUTCD, the Regulatory and Warning Sign Technical Committee (RWSTC) noted a number of omissions. One of these omissions was the Freeway size for a number of signs in the Freeway category in Table 2C-2. Of primary concern were the Large Animal signs, particularly the W11-3 “Deer” sign in Section 2C.50 Non Vehicular Warning Signs. Of secondary concern were the W11-14 “Horse Drawn Vehicle” sign in Section 2C.49 Vehicular Traffic Warning Signs and the “Snowmobile” sign in Section 2C.50 Non Vehicular Warning Signs.

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Table 2C-2 of the 2003 MUTCD included Freeway sizes for all of these signs.

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DISCUSSION:
Large animals, especially deer are frequently encountered on our Freeways. In the three year period between the beginning of 2007 and the end of 2009 there were over 4000 crashes involving deer and vehicles on the Interstates, Thruways and Parkways in New York State. It is unarguable that this type of collision frequently occurs throughout

41 the nation. There should be provisions in the MUTCD for a large size sign for use on a
42 Freeway.

43 There are locations where snowmobiles are allowed along non Interstate Freeways.
44 Generally they are operated on the side slope of the roadway. But they are allowed to use
45 the shoulder on bridges and to occasionally cross the roadway. Since the presence of the
46 snowmobile in these circumstances is unexpected, some engineers feel that there should
47 be provisions in the MUTCD for a large size sign for use on a Freeway. However, the
48 consensus of the Task Force and the RWSTC is that this is a local issue and should be
49 addressed by the individual States.

50 In Amish country, horse drawn vehicles are allowed along some non Interstate
51 Freeways. Since the presence of the snowmobiles in these circumstances is unexpected,
52 some engineers feel that there should be provisions in the MUTCD for a large size sign
53 for use on a Freeway. However, the consensus of the Task Force and the RWSTC is that
54 this is a local issue and should be addressed by the individual States.

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58 **RECOMMENDATION: Amend Table 2C-2 to provide for a Freeway size sign in**
59 **the Large Animal category of signs. The RWSTC recommends that 48 inch by 48**
60 **inch signs be used**

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62 **Note: Proposed changes to the MUTCD are shown in underline red and removed**
63 **text is shown in ~~strikethrough red~~.**

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66 RWSTC VOTE 1-18-12:

67 For: Unanimous

68 Opposed:

69 Abstentions:

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71 COUNCIL VOTE: 1-19-12 Unanimous 37-0-0

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