

National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

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National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices GMI SIGNS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: NCUTCD Guide and Motorist Information Signs Technical Committee

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: January 19, 2011 and 2012

12 TRANSMITTAL TO SPONSORS DATE: March 10, 2012

GMI APPROVAL FOLLOWING SPONSORS: June 20, 2012

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE: June 21, 2012

TOPIC: Review of 2009 MUTCD Standards

AFFECTED PORTIONS OF MUTCD: Chapter 2J, Specific Service Signs

DISCUSSION/QUESTION:

Following the publication of the Final Rule that issued the 2009 MUTCD, FHWA asked that the NCUTCD, through its technical committees, review the text with respect to the Standards, Guidance, and Options included therein. The GMI Signs Technical Committee reviewed each of the applicable sections, resulting in numerous recommendations submitted as sponsor ballots.

The ballot item described herein recommends changing Section 2J, paragraph 1, 2nd sentence from Standard to Guidance to reflect situations where new categories may be added on an interchange approach so that the existing signs would not need to be reordered. In addition, it reflects the common practice, allowed in the MUTCD of combining categories on a single sign. In those instances, the combined categories may well not fit in the prescribed order.

This ballot item also includes the recommendation to add a new option to allow states to use the word FUEL instead of GAS on Specific Service signs.

RECOMMENDATION: The GMI Signs Technical Committee recommends the following.

43	Section 2J.02 Application		
44	Standard:		
45	01 The number of Specific Service signs along an approach to an interchange or		
46	intersection, regardless of the number of service types displayed, shall be limited to		
47	a maximum of four.		
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49	02 A Specific Service sign shall display the	e word messag	ge GAS, FOOD, LODGING,
50	CAMPING, ATTRACTION, or 24-HOUR PHARMACY, an appropriate		
51	directional legend such as the word message EXIT XX, NEXT RIGHT, SECOND		
52	RIGHT, or directional arrows, and the related logo sign panels.		
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54	Guidance:		
55	02 03 In the direction of traffic, successive Specific Service signs shall should be for		
56	24-hour pharmacy, attraction, camping, lodging, food, and gas services, in that order.		
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59	Option:		
60	03 04 The word FUEL may be used instea	d of GAS.	
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62	January 19, 2012		
63	GMI Signs Technical Committee Vote:	For:	19
64	Č	Against:	0
65		Abstentions:	1
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67	June 20, 2012		
68	Editorial comments accepted by GMI and	l recommende	ed for presentation to
69	Council.		•
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71	June 21, 2012		
72	Council Vote:		
73	0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions, 37 For – Unani	mous, Motion	passed
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