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

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**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: NCUTCD Guide and Motorist Information Signs
Technical Committee**

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: January 19, 2011

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COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE: June 21, 2012

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TOPIC: Review of 2009 MUTCD Standards

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**AFFECTED PORTIONS OF MUTCD: Chapter 2K, Tourist Oriented Directional
Signs**

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DISCUSSION/QUESTION:

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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.

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The ballot item described herein recommends deleting Standards found in Sections 2J.10 and 2K.01 paragraph 2 because it describes an issue best addressed by the respective policies of the state agencies for both sign programs. There are numerous types of trailblazing that can be used to lead road users to a particular location, including Community Wayfinding signs and private off premise advertising devices. Because of this variety, the existing Standard may cause confusion and is not necessary.

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RECOMMENDATION: The GMI Signs Technical Committee recommends the following.

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Section 2J.10 Signs at Intersections

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Standard:

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~~01 Where both tourist-oriented information (see Chapter 2K) and specific service~~

43 ~~information would be needed at the same intersection, the design of the tourist-~~
44 ~~oriented directional signs shall be used, and the needed specific service information~~
45 ~~shall be incorporated.~~

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47 *Guidance:*

48 *02 If Specific Service signs are used on conventional roads or at intersections on*
49 *expressways, they should be installed between the previous interchange or intersection*
50 *and at least 300 feet in advance of the intersection from which the services are available.*

51 *03 The spacing between signs should be determined on the basis of an engineering study.*

52 *04 Logo sign panels should not be displayed for a type of service for which a qualified*
53 *facility is readily visible.*

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55 **Standard:**

56 **05 If Specific Service signs are used on conventional roads or at intersections on**
57 **expressways, the name of each type of service shall be displayed above its logo sign**
58 **panel(s), together with an appropriate legend, such as NEXT RIGHT (LEFT) or a**
59 **directional arrow, either displayed on the same line as the name of the type of**
60 **service or displayed below the logo sign panel(s).**

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62 *Option:*

63 *06 Signs similar to Specific Service ramp signs as described in [Section 2J.07](#) may be*
64 *provided on the crossroad.*

65 66 **Section 2K.01 Purpose and Application**

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68 *Option:*

69 *03 Tourist-oriented directional signs may include businesses involved with seasonal*
70 *agricultural products.*

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72 **Standard:**

73 **04 When used, tourist-oriented directional signs shall be used only on rural**
74 **conventional roads and shall not be used on conventional roads in urban areas or at**
75 **interchanges on freeways or expressways.**

76 ~~**05 Where both tourist-oriented directional signs and Specific Service signs (see**~~
77 ~~**Chapter 2J) would be needed at the same intersection, the tourist-oriented**~~
78 ~~**directional signs shall incorporate the needed information from, and be used in**~~
79 ~~**place of, the Specific Service signs.**~~

80 **This Standard may create confusion. Driver would no longer receive the same**
81 **message / reinforced message. Message format is changed from Specific Service to**
82 **TOD. Delete Paragraph 05 from both SS and TOD sections.**

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84 *Option:*

85 ~~**0605**~~ Tourist-oriented directional signs may be used in conjunction with General Service
86 signs (see [Section 2I.02](#)).

87 Support:
88 **0607** [Section 2K.07](#) contains information on the adoption of a State policy for States that
89 elect to use tourist-oriented directional signs.

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91 **January 19, 2012**

92 GMI Signs Technical Committee Vote: For: 17
93 Against: 0
94 Abstentions: 2

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96 **June 20, 2012**

97 **GMI Signs Technical Committee Vote: For: 18**
98 **Against: 0**
99 **Abstentions: 0**

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101 **June 21, 2012**

102 **Council Vote:**

103 **0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions, 37 For – Unanimous, Motion passed.**