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Uniform Traffic Control Devices**

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**National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
GMI RECOMMENDATION**

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

DATE OF ACTION: January 18, 2012

Reviewer: Rick Werts

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AFFECTED PORTIONS OF MUTCD: Section 2E.43 Signing by Type of Interchange

SUMMARY/TOPIC: The GMI Committee has been reviewing all Standard sections in the guide sign sections of the manual to determine if they should be modified based on the new definition of a "Standard".

DISCUSSION/QUESTION: In reviewing this section, it was noted that paragraph 2 is a standard that requires interchange guide signing to be consistent for each type of interchange along a route. Although this is highly desirable, there are instances where the signing for similar interchanges along a route will vary due to interchange spacing and other geometric features. This variation is allowed in the Guidance section below the Standard.

RECOMMENDED MUTCD Provisions/Revisions:

The GMI Committee recommends the Standard section be deleted and the Guidance section be revised as shown below.

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

RECOMMENDED WORDING:

42 **Section 2E.43 Signing by Type of Interchange**

43 Support:

44 01 Road users need signs to help identify the location of the exit, as
45 well as to obtain route, direction, and destination information for
46 specific exit ramps. Figures 2E-34 through 2E-40 show examples of
47 guide signs for common types of interchanges. The interchange
48 layouts shown in most of the figures illustrate only the major guide
49 signs for one direction of traffic on the freeway and on the exit ramps.
50 Section 2D.45 contains information regarding the signing of the
51 crossroad approaches and connecting roadways to freeways and
52 expressways.

53 **Standard:**

54 ~~02 Interchange guide signing shall be consistent for each type~~
55 ~~of interchange along a route.~~

56 *Guidance:*

57 ~~03-02 The signing layout for all interchanges of the same type having~~
58 ~~only one exit ramp in the direction of travel should be similar,~~
59 ~~regardless of the interchange type.~~ For the sake of uniform application,
60 the significant features of the signing plan for each of the more
61 frequent kinds of interchanges (illustrated in Figures 2E-34 through
62 2E-40) should be followed as closely as possible. Even when unusual
63 geometric features exist, variations in signing layout should be held to
64 a minimum.

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67 GMI Vote: FOR: 25 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

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69 **June 20, 2012**

70 **No sponsor comments received. Recommend presentation to Council.**

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72 **June 21, 2012**

73 Council Vote:

74 **0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions, 37 For – Unanimous, Motion passed.**