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6 **through an Interim Approval or through the Federal rulemaking process.**

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8 **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:** Guide/Motorist Information (GMI)

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10 **TOPIC:** State Welcome Signs

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12 **STATUS/DATE OF ACTION:**

13 **TC Drafts:** 06/25/2014

14 **TC Approval:** 06/25/2014

15 **Transmitted to Sponsors:** 00/00/0000

16 **Council Approval:** 06/26/2014

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18 **ORIGIN OF REQUEST:** Meg Moore

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20 **AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD:** FHWA, 2016 MUTCD Concept Only – Limited
21 Distribution for GMI Review, Section 2AW.07,
22 page 3 of 3, Lines 34-48, and page 4 of 4,
23 Lines 1-14.

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25 **SUMMARY:**

26 The FHWA Concept adds language regarding State Welcome Signs. This modification
27 is revising the proposed FHWA language.

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29 **DISCUSSION**

30 FHWA's 2016 MUTCD Chapter 2H Concept (Chapter 2AW) proposed to add Section
31 2AW.07 which includes Standards, Guidance and Option. GMI is proposing
32 modification in text to the 2AW.07 Standard.

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35 **RECOMMENDED MUTCD PROVISIONS/ REVISIONS**

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37 Add the 2AW.07 regarding State Welcome Signs with the revised Standard and Option
38 and deletion of the Guidance.

39 **Note:** FHWA proposed changes to the MUTCD are shown with text additions in
 40 underline blue. Proposed changes to FHWA Concept are shown with text deletions in
 41 ~~strikeout red~~ and additions in underline green.

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43 Section 2AW.07 State Welcome Signs

44 Support:

45 ~~The design, placement, and function of State Welcome signs differ from Jurisdictional~~
 46 ~~Boundary (I2-1) signs (see Section 2HAW.05) located at State lines. Because of these~~
 47 ~~differences, it is necessary to distinguish State Welcome signs from Jurisdictional Boundary~~
 48 ~~signs.~~

49 Option:

50 A State Welcome sign may be placed~~located~~ at or in the general vicinity of the State
 51 boundary except as prohibited in Paragraph 4 of this Section.

52 ~~State Welcome signs may display the State seal, the officially adopted State motto or slogan,~~
 53 ~~and the name of the Governor, in addition to the State name. State Welcome signs may use~~
 54 ~~legend and background colors that provide adequate visual contrast other than the standard sign~~
 55 ~~colors.~~

56 Standard:

57 ~~State Welcome signs shall not be located where they could interfere with or detract~~
 58 ~~from other traffic control devices. If used, State Welcome signs shall be installed as~~
 59 ~~independent, post-mounted sign assemblies.~~

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61 Guidance:

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63 State Welcome signs should display the name of the state being entered and be clearly legible
 64 by drivers in relation to the background of the sign. These signs should not include forms of
 65 advertising, accomplishments or references to web-sites.

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67 ~~State Welcome signs shall not display changeable or other electronic display messages~~
 68 ~~(see Chapter 2L). State Welcome signs shall not display messages that emulate promotional~~
 69 ~~advertising of any type. State Welcome signs shall not incorporate Acknowledgment signs~~
 70 ~~or messages (see Section 2H.08), or logo sign panels (see Section 2J.03) into their legends or~~
 71 ~~assemblies. Telephone numbers, Internet addresses and e-mail addresses, including domain~~
 72 ~~names and uniform resource locators (URL), and quick response (QR) codes, bar codes, or~~
 73 ~~other graphics intended for optical scanning for the purpose of obtaining information shall~~
 74 ~~not be displayed in the legends of State Welcome signs or on their supports.~~

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76 Guidance:

77 ~~State Welcome signs should be located farther from the edge of the roadway than other~~
 78 ~~traffic control devices. State Welcome signs should not be installed on limited access or other~~
 79 ~~facilities where stopping at the roadside is restricted to emergency purposes.~~

80 ~~The size of a State Welcome sign should be consistent with and not exceed the prevailing size~~
 81 ~~of other guide signs based on the roadway type.~~

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83 **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE VOTE:**

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Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0