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4 **content of the MUTCD. This proposal by itself does not constitute official**
5 **standards or guidance. Regardless of NCUTCD approval status, any proposed**
6 **change or revision has no legal or official status until specifically approved by**
7 **FHWA through either the Interim Approval process or adoption into a new edition**
8 **of the MUTCD.**

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10 **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:** **Bicycle Technical Committee**

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12 **TOPIC:** **Wayfinding Signs for Shared-Use Paths**

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14 **STATUS/DATE OF ACTION:**

15 **BTC Drafts:** 06/27/2014
16 **GMITC Approval:** 06/27/2014
17 **Council Approval:** 06/28/2014 (v1.0)
18 **Transmittal to Sponsors:**

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20 **ORIGIN OF REQUEST:** FHWA

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22 **AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD:** Part 9 – Traffic Control for Bicycle Facilities

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24 **SUMMARY:**

25 Establish criteria for the use of community wayfinding signs for shared-use paths.

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27 **DISCUSSION:**

28 Community wayfinding guide signs can be part of a coordinated and continuous system of signs
29 that direct travelers unfamiliar with an area to key civic, cultural, visitor, and recreational
30 attractions and other destinations within a city or a local urbanized or downtown area.

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32 Community wayfinding guide signs are a type of destination guide sign with a common color
33 and/or identification enhancement marker for destinations within an overall wayfinding guide
34 sign plan for an area.

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36 Current language in Section 2D.50 Community Wayfinding Signs provides guidance on the
37 placement and design of wayfinding signage for roadways and pedestrian way; however Part
38 2D.50 lacks guidance on the placement and design of wayfinding signage on a shared use path
39 on an independent alignment or right of way.
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41 As shared use pathways are becoming more integrated into community and regional
42 transportation networks a mechanism to provide coordinated wayfinding signage to direct the
43 users of these pathways to key civic, cultural, visitor, and recreational attractions and other
44 destinations and services within a city, a local urbanized or downtown area or in close proximity
45 to the shared use pathway is necessary.
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47 **RECOMMENDED MUTCD PROVISIONS/ REVISIONS:**

48 **Note:** Deletions from the 2009 MUTCD text are noted in ~~striketrough—red~~, and
49 insertions in underline blue.
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52 **A new Section 9B.xx is inserted into Part 9 of the MUTCD:**

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54 **Section 9B.XX Wayfinding Guide Signs for Shared-Use Paths**

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56 Support:

57 01 Wayfinding guide signs are a type of destination guide sign for shared-use paths with a common color
58 and/or identification enhancement marker for destinations or services of interest to shared-use path users.
59 Section 2D.50 contains information on wayfinding sign systems and applications.
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61 Guidance:

62 02 Wayfinding guide signs for shared-use paths should be part of a coordinated and continuous system of
63 signs on shared-use paths and conventional roadways. The design and placement of wayfinding signs
64 should be consistent with the provisions of Section 2D.50, except as provided in Paragraph 3.
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66 03 Where wayfinding signs will be read by moving bicyclists, the lettering for destinations should be a
67 minimum of 2 inches in height.