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Uniform Traffic Control Devices**

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 5 **proposed revision to the MUTCD is effective unless and until approved by FHWA**  
 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:** Use of recreational and cultural interest area  
 11 signs

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 13 **STATUS/DATE OF ACTION:**  
 14 **TC Drafts:** 06/26/2014  
 15 **TC Approval:** 06/27/2014  
 16 **Transmitted to Sponsors:** 00/00/0000  
 17 **Council Approval:** 06/28/2014

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 21 **AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD:** FHWA, 2016 MUTCD Concept Only – Limited  
 22 Distribution for GMI Review, Section 2AZ.02,  
 23 Page 8 of 11, lines 42-43

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 25 **SUMMARY:**

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 27 The FHWA Fall 2013 Compilation of Draft Technical Updates/ Considerations restricts  
 28 the use of symbols for recreational and cultural interest areas on tourist-oriented  
 29 directional signs. Due to the larger library of recreational and cultural interest than  
 30 General Service symbols, there is a need to use recreational and cultural interest  
 31 symbols to depict such activities on tourist-oriented directional signs.

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 33 **DISCUSSION**

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 35 GMI proposes to continue to allow the use of symbols for recreational and cultural  
 36 interest areas on tourist-oriented directional signs, which is consistent with the 2009  
 37 MUTCD.GMI has formed a task force to compare the general service symbols with the  
 38 recreational and cultural interest area symbols, in order to determine which recreational

39 and cultural interest area symbols are most appropriate for use on roadways outside of  
40 parks.

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### 43 RECOMMENDED MUTCD PROVISIONS/ REVISIONS

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45 **Note:** FHWA proposed changes to the MUTCD are shown with text additions in  
46 underline blue and deleted text is shown in ~~strikethrough red~~. Proposed changes are  
47 shown with additions in underline green and deletions in ~~underline strikethrough~~  
48 ~~red~~. TC proposed deletions from the FHWA proposed text additions are shown  
49 in ~~underline strikethrough blue~~.

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#### 51 ~~Section 2K.02~~ Section 2AZ.02 Design

##### 52 **Standard:**

53 Tourist-oriented directional signs assemblies shall have one or more sign panels (see Figure 2K-  
54 1) for the purpose of displaying the business identification of and directional information for eligible  
55 facilities. Each sign panel shall be rectangular in shape and shall have a white legend and border on  
56 blue background.

57 The content of the legend on each sign panel shall be limited to the identification and directional  
58 information for no more than one eligible business, service, or activity facility. The legends shall not  
59 include promotional advertising.

##### 60 *Guidance:*

61 Each sign panel should have a maximum of two lines of legend including no more than one symbol, a separated dir-  
62 ectional arrow, and the distance to the facility displayed beneath the arrow. Arrows pointing to the left or up should be  
63 at the extreme left of the sign panel. Arrows pointing to the right should be at the extreme right of the sign panel. Sym-  
64 bols, when used, should be to the left of the word legend or logo sign panel (see Paragraph 7).

##### 65 **Option:**

66 The General Services signs symbols (see Section 2I.02) ~~and the symbols for recreational and cultural interest~~  
67 ~~area signs (see Chapter 2M)~~ and the symbols for recreational and cultural interest area signs (see Chapter  
68 2M) may be used. R&CIA symbols not for use outside park facilities.

69 Logosign panels (see Section 2J.03) for specific businesses, services, and activities may also be used.  
70 Based on engineering judgment, the hours of operation may be displayed on the sign panels.

##### 71 **Standard:**

72 When used, symbols and logosign panels shall be an appropriate size (see Section 2K.04). Logos resembling  
73 official traffic control devices shall not be permitted.

##### 74 **Option:**

75 The ~~tourist-oriented directional sign~~ may display the word message TOURIST ACTIVITIES maybe  
76 displayed at the top of the tourist-oriented directional sign assembly.

##### 78 **Standard:**

79 The TOURIST ACTIVITIES word messages shall have a white legend in all upper-case letters and a  
80 white border on a blue background. If used, it shall be placed above and in addition to the directional signs ~~pan-~~  
81 ~~els~~.

##### 82 **Support:**

83 Examples of tourist-oriented directional signs are shown in Figures 2K-1 and 2K-2.

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**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE VOTE:**

**GMI 06/27/2014**

For: 18  
Opposed: 0  
Abstentions: 0