



## National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

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2 **NCUTCD. It is being distributed to the National Committee sponsoring**  
3 **organizations for review and is subject to revision. This draft recommendation is**  
4 **not a revision to the MUTCD and does not constitute official standards, guidance,**  
5 **or options. No proposed revision to the MUTCD is effective unless and until**  
6 **approved by FHWA through an Interim Approval or through the Federal**  
7 **rulemaking process.**

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

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11 **TOPIC:** Memorial or Dedication Signing

### 12 **STATUS/DATE OF ACTION:**

13 **TC Drafts:** 06/26/2014

14 **TC Approval:** 06/27/2014

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

16 **Council Approval:** 06/28/2014

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19 **ORIGIN OF REQUEST:** Matt Rauch

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21 **AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD:** FHWA, 2016 MUTCD Concept Only – Limited  
22 Distribution for GMI Review, Section 2BB.10,  
23 Page 5 of 10, lines 13-15

### 24 **SUMMARY:**

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27 GMI reviewed the proposed FHWA Revisions to Section 2M.10 and recommends that the  
28 proposed FHWA text addition which states that the legend of a memorial or dedication  
29 sign shall not include "ROAD" or "HIGHWAY" be deleted.

### 30 **DISCUSSION**

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33 GMI believes that the proposed FHWA standard language would be controversial and  
34 conflict with existing state legislation. The first sentence of the new standard language  
35 is appropriate. However, GMI recommends that the second sentence be deleted.

### 36 **RECOMMENDED MUTCD PROVISIONS/ REVISIONS**

39 **Note:** FHWA proposed changes to the MUTCD are shown with text additions in  
 40 underline blue and deleted text is shown in ~~strikothrough red~~. Proposed changes are  
 41 shown with additions in underline green and deletions in ~~underline strikethrough~~  
 42 ~~red~~. TC proposed deletions from the FHWA proposed text additions are shown  
 43 in ~~underline strikethrough blue~~.

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#### 45 ~~Section 2M.10~~ Section 2BB.10 **Memorial or Dedication Signing**

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47 Support:

48 Legislative bodies will occasionally adopt a resolution memorializing or dedicating a highway, bridge,  
 49 or other component of the highway.

#### 50 Section 2A.03 contains information regarding excessive use of signs.

51 *Guidance:*

52 *Such memorial or dedication names should not appear on or along a highway, or be placed on bridges or other*  
 53 *highway components. If a route, bridge, or highway component is officially designated as a memorial or dedicati*  
 54 *on, and if notification of the memorial or dedication is to be made on the highway right-of-*  
 55 *way, such notification should consist of installing a memorial or dedication marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, or*  
 56 *recreational area, or other appropriate location where parking is provided with the signing in conspicuously locate*  
 57 *d relative to vehicle operations along the highway.*

58 ~~Option:~~

59 ~~If the installation of a memorial or dedication marker off the main roadway is not practical, memorial or dedi~~  
 60 ~~cations signs may be installed on the mainline.~~ Option not needed for deviation from Guidance statement  
 61 based on engineering judgment.

62 ~~Guidance:~~

63 *Memorial or dedication signs should have a white legend and border on a brown background. On all such sig*  
 64 *ns, the design should be simple and dignified, devoid of any tendency toward advertising, and in general compliance*  
 65 *with other signing.*

66 *The minimum letter height of the principal legend on memorial or dedication signs should conform to the min*  
 67 *imum letter heights specified for Miscellaneous Information signs (see Section 2H.04).*

68 *The lettering for the name of the person or entity being recognized should be composed of a combination of lo*  
 69 *wer-case letters with initial upper-case letters.*

70 **Standard:**

71 **Where such memorial or dedication signs are installed on the highway mainline because the provisi**  
 72 **ons of Paragraph 3 of this Section cannot be met,** (1) memorial or dedication names shall not appear on direct  
 73 ional guide signs, (2) memorial or dedication signs shall not interfere with the placement of any other necess  
 74 ary ~~signing~~ traffic control devices, and (3) memorial or dedication signs shall not compromise the safety or ef  
 75 ficiency of traffic flow. The memorial or dedication signs shall be limited to one sign at an appropriate loca  
 76 tion in each routed direction, each as an independent post-mounted sign installation.

77 Memorial or dedication signs shall be rectangular in shape. The legend displayed on memorial or  
 78 edication signs shall be limited to the name of the person or entity being recognized and a simple message pre  
 79 ceding ~~or following~~ the name, such as “DEDICATED TO” or “Memorial Parkway.” Additional legend, such  
 80 as biographical information, shall not be displayed on memorial or dedication  
 81 signs. Decorative or graphical elements, pictographs, logos, or symbols shall not be displayed on memorial  
 82 or dedication signs. All letters and numerals displayed on memorial or dedication signs shall be as provided i  
 83 n the “Standard Highway Signs and Markings” ~~book~~ publication (see Section 1A.11). The route number or  
 84 officially mapped name of the highway shall not be displayed on the memorial or dedication sign.

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86 dofamemorialordedicationssignshallnotbedisplayedintheformatofanofficialhighwayname,suchasapr  
87 opernamefollowedbyadescriptorsuchas“Road”or“Highway.”

88 Memorialordedicationnameshallnotappearonsupplementalsignsoronanyotherinformation  
89 signonoralongthehighwayoritsintersectingroutes.

90 ~~Option:~~

91 ~~Theletteringforthenameofthepersonorentitybeingrecognizedmaybecomposedofacombinationoflow~~  
92 ~~er-caseletterswithinitialupper-caseletters.~~ **RelocatedtofollowingGuidanceprovision**

94 *Guidance:*

95 *Freewaysandexpresswaysshouldnotbesignedasmemorialordedicatedhighways.* Whenused,memori  
96 alordedicationssignsshouldbelocatedinaccordancewiththeprovisionsforlocatingvanitysigns(seeSection2A.0  
97 3).

98 Support:

99 Namedhighways(seeSection2D.53)areofficiallydesignatedandshownonofficialmapsandservethepu  
100 rposeofprovidingroute guidance,primarilyonunnumberedhighways,andpropertyaddresses.Ahighway  
101 designatedasamemorialordedicationisnotconsideredtobeanamedhighwayfor the purposes of highway  
102 signing or road user navigation and  
103 orientation.~~Section2D.53containsprovisionsforthesigningofnamedhighways.~~

106 **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE VOTE:**

107 GMI TC 06/27/2014

For: 19  
Opposed: 0  
Abstentions: 0

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