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Subject: *Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MMUTCD)

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Michigan State Police (MSP), are proud to announce the release of the 2011 *Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MMUTCD). Both MDOT and MSP, per state law, are responsible for the MMUTCD. The State of Michigan has adopted the 2009 *Federal Manual on Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD) with Michigan amendments. The amendments address those items in the Michigan Vehicle Code that conflict with the 2009 Federal MUTCD and Special items unique to Michigan.

The effective date of the MMUTCD is December 1, 2011, for all sections except Part 6, Temporary Traffic Control. Part 6, Temporary Traffic Control, will go into effect April 1, 2012. The later date is to allow roadway agencies and contractors to adjust, as necessary, their maintaining traffic plans for projects in the design phase. Until April 1, 2012, the 2005 Edition of Part 6, Temporary Traffic Control will govern for temporary traffic control.

Unless a particular traffic control device is no longer serviceable, non-compliant devices on existing highways and bikeways shall be brought into compliance with the current edition of the MMUTCD as part of the systematic upgrading of substandard traffic control devices (and installation of new required traffic control devices) required pursuant to the Highway Safety Program, 23 U.S.C. § 402(a). In cases involving Federal-aid projects for new highway or bikeway construction or reconstruction, the traffic control devices installed (temporary or permanent) shall be in conformance with the MMUTCD before that highway is opened or re-opened to the public for unrestricted travel [23 CFR 655.603(d)(2)]. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has the authority to establish other target compliance dates for implementation of particular changes to the MUTCD [23 CFR 655.603(d)(4)]. Attention is directed to Table I-2 of the Introduction for target compliance dates.

In order for maintenance personnel to understand what to do when replacing a damaged, non-compliant traffic control device, agencies may establish a policy regarding whether to replace the device in kind or replace it with a compliant device. Often it is desirable to upgrade to a compliant device at the time of this maintenance of a damaged device. However, it might be appropriate to replace the damaged, non-compliant device in kind at the time of this maintenance activity if engineering judgment indicated that:

- a. One complaint device in the midst of a series of adjacent non-compliant devices would be confusing to road users; and/or
- b. The schedule for replacement of the whole series of non-compliant devices will result in achieving timely compliance with the MMUTCD.

From time to time there will be revisions to the Federal MUTCD and the MMUTCD. These revisions will be incorporated in the manual upon the review and approval of both MDOT and

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MSP. To receive e-mail notifications of changes to the MMUTCD, please subscribe to the MDOT Traffic and Safety Listserv. Go to http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9623_26663_27281---,00.html and under “Quicklinks” click on “E-Mail Alerts – Traffic & Safety.”

The MMUTCD is available from two sources; within the MDOT Web site at <http://mdotwas1.mdot.state.mi.us/public/tands/plans.cfm> and MDOT Maps and Publications. Listed below is what is available from each location:

MDOT Web site

- 2011 MMUTCD (2009 Federal MUTCD with Michigan amendments)
- 2009 Federal MUTCD
- 2011 MMUTCD Changes to the 2009 Federal MUTCD
- Individual 2011 MMUTCD Sections

All above documents are available in Acrobat .pdf format.

MDOT Maps and Publications

- 2011 MMUTCD (2009 Federal MUTCD with Michigan amendments)
- Part 6 Temporary Traffic Control

The MMUTCD is available for a nominal cost. Please refer to www.michigan.gov/mdot or call 517-322-1676 for further information regarding the publication.

I would appreciate it if you could pass this information on to those involved with traffic control devices within your organization. Please call me at 517-335-2625 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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