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NCUTCD Proposal for Changes to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Edit Committee
ITEM NUMBER: 18A-Edit-01
TOPIC: Definition for Busway
ORIGIN OF REQUEST: RW and RR technical committees
AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD: 1A.13 Definitions

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY:

- Approved by Technical Committee: 01/03/2018
- Approved by NCUTCD Council: MM/DD/YYYY

This is a proposal for recommended changes to the MUTCD that has been developed by a technical committee of the NCUTCD. The NCUTCD is distributing it to its sponsoring organizations for review and comment. Sponsor comments will be considered in revising the proposal prior to NCUTCD Council consideration. This proposal does not represent a revision of the MUTCD and does not constitute official MUTCD standards, guidance, or options. If approved by the NCUTCD Council, the recommended changes will be submitted to FHWA for consideration for inclusion in a future MUTCD revision. The MUTCD can be revised only through the federal rulemaking process.

SUMMARY:

The RW and RR technical committees asked the Edit Committee about content related the busway material previously approved by Council for Part 8. During those deliberations, it was realized that there is no definition of a busway in the MUTCD.

DISCUSSION

The Edit Committee reviewed existing definitions for a busway that are used by other organizations or in other documents. The Edit Committee voted to adopt the definition used in the AASHTO Glossary, which is the one given in this proposal.

RECOMMENDED MUTCD CHANGES

The following present the proposed changes to the current MUTCD within the context of the current MUTCD language. Proposed additions to the MUTCD are shown in blue underline and proposed deletions from the MUTCD are shown in ~~red strikethrough~~. Changes previously approved by NCUTCD Council (but not yet adopted by FHWA) are shown in green double

37 underline for additions and ~~green double strikethrough~~ for deletions. In some cases, background
38 comments may be provided with the MUTCD text. These comments are indicated by
39 [highlighted light blue in brackets].

41 PART 1. GENERAL

42 CHAPTER 1A. GENERAL

43 Section 1A.13 Definitions of Headings, Words, and Phrases in this Manual

44 Standard:

45 01 When used in this Manual, the text headings of Standard, Guidance, Option, and
46 Support shall be defined as follows:

- 47 A. **Standard**—a statement of required, mandatory, or specifically prohibitive practice
48 regarding a traffic control device. All Standard statements are labeled, and the text
49 appears in bold type. The verb “shall” is typically used. The verbs “should” and
50 “may” are not used in Standard statements. Standard statements are sometimes
51 modified by Options. Standard statements shall not be modified or compromised
52 based on engineering judgment or engineering study.
- 53 B. **Guidance**—a statement of recommended, but not mandatory, practice in typical
54 situations, with deviations allowed if engineering judgment or engineering study
55 indicates the deviation to be appropriate. All Guidance statements are labeled, and
56 the text appears in unbold type. The verb “should” is typically used. The verbs
57 “shall” and “may” are not used in Guidance statements. Guidance statements are
58 sometimes modified by Options.
- 59 C. **Option**—a statement of practice that is a permissive condition and carries no
60 requirement or recommendation. Option statements sometime contain allowable
61 modifications to a Standard or Guidance statement. All Option statements are
62 labeled, and the text appears in unbold type. The verb “may” is typically used. The
63 verbs “shall” and “should” are not used in Option statements.
- 64 D. **Support**—an informational statement that does not convey any degree of mandate,
65 recommendation, authorization, prohibition, or enforceable condition. Support
66 statements are labeled, and the text appears in unbold type. The verbs “shall,”
67 “should,” and “may” are not used in Support statements.

68 02 Unless otherwise defined in this Section, or in other Parts of this Manual, words or
69 phrases shall have the meaning(s) as defined in the most recent editions of the “Uniform
70 Vehicle Code,” “AASHTO Transportation Glossary (Highway Definitions),” and other
71 publications mentioned in Section 1A.11.

72 03 The following words and phrases, when used in this Manual, shall have the following
73 meanings:

- 74 25a. Busway: A special roadway designed for exclusive use by buses. It may be
75 constructed at, above, or below grade and may be located in separate rights-of-
76 way or within highway corridors.