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

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Temporary Traffic Controls
ITEM NUMBER: 16B-TCC-01
TOPIC: Color of Tubular Markers
ORIGIN OF REQUEST: TCCTC Task Force: John Leonard (TTCTC Chair), Sue Reiss, Tim Cox, Art Korfin, Pete Speer, Bill Anderson, Henry Ross, Doug Skowronek, Kirk Gallien, Dave McKee
AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD: Sections 6F.65 Tubular Markers

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DEVELOPMENT HISTORY:

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- Approved by Technical Committee: 06/08/2016
 - Approved by Technical Committee following Sponsor comments: 01/05/2017
 - Approved by NCUTCD Council: 01/06/2017

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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.

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SUMMARY:

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Tubular markers used in Temporary Traffic Control Zones have historically been orange in color. There is a conflict with the requirements of Part 3 Markings, Section 3H.01 Channelizing Devices, where the color orange is allowed only outside of temporary traffic control zones.

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DISCUSSION

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The Temporary Traffic Controls Technical Committee recommends that there be additional language placed into Section 6F.65 Tubular Markers, to clarify that the color orange is permitted for tubular markers in a temporary traffic control zone.

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RECOMMENDED MUTCD CHANGES

34 The following present the proposed changes to the current MUTCD within the context of the
35 current MUTCD language. Proposed additions to the MUTCD are shown in blue underline and
36 proposed deletions from the MUTCD are shown in ~~red strikethrough~~. Changes previously
37 approved by NCUTCD Council (but not yet adopted by FHWA) are shown in green double
38 underline for additions and ~~green double strikethrough~~ for deletions. In some cases, background
39 comments may be provided with the MUTCD text. These comments are indicated by
40 **[highlighted light blue in brackets]**.

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Part 6. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL

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Chapter 6F. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE DEVICES

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Section 6F.65 TUBULAR MARKERS

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Standard:

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01 Tubular markers (see Figure 6F-7) shall be predominantly orange for temporary traffic control zone applications and shall be not less than 18 inches high and 2 inches wide facing road users. They shall be made of a material that can be struck without causing damage to the impacting vehicle.