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

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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

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DEVELOPMENT HISTORY:

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- Approved by Technical Committee: 01/03/2018
 - Approved by NCUTCD Council: 06/21/18

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This is a proposal for recommended changes to the MUTCD that has been approved by the NCUTCD Council. This proposal does not represent a revision of the MUTCD and does not constitute official MUTCD standards, guidance, or options. It 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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The RW Signs and RRLRT technical committees asked the Edit Committee about content related to 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.

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DISCUSSION

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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.

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RECOMMENDED MUTCD CHANGES

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

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38 **PART 1. GENERAL**

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40 **CHAPTER 1A. GENERAL**

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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**
49 **text appears in bold type. The verb “shall” is typically used. The verbs “should”**
50 **and “may” are not used in Standard statements. Standard statements are**
51 **sometimes modified by Options. Standard statements shall not be modified or**
52 **compromised 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,**
56 **and the text appears in unbold type. The verb “should” is typically used. The**
57 **verbs “shall” and “may” are not used in Guidance statements. Guidance**
58 **statements are 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.**
63 **The 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.**