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National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD) Recommended Changes to Proposed Text for 11th Edition of the MUTCD Docket Number: FHWA-2020-0001

23 **Federal Register Item Number:** 519 and 526

24 **NPA MUTCD Section Numbers:** 7D.01 and 7D.02

25 **Summary:** Summary of changes shown in docket comment

26 **Legend:** Base text shown in proposal is the NPA “clean” proposed text.

- 27 • Addition to NPA text: [Added text proposed by NCUTCD.](#)
- 28 • Deletion of NPA text: ~~Deleted text proposed by NCUTCD.~~
- 29 • Moving NPA text: [Moved text proposed by NCUTCD.](#)
- 30 • NPA text added by FHWA and not previously approved by Council: NPA text not previously approved by Council but recommended for approval.
- 31 • Explanatory note (normally accompany each change within the NPA text): **[Note that explains purpose of recommended change.]**
- 32 • References in 00X-XXX-00 format refer to previous NCUTCD recommendations approve by Council and sent to FHWA, which may be seen on the NCUTCD website at <https://ncutcd.org>.

33 The following pages present NCUTCD recommendations for changes to the MUTCD NPA proposed text and figures for Chapters 7A, 7B and 7D. Below is a summary of the NCUTCD position for each section of these chapters. A more detailed summary is provided at the beginning of each section.

- 34 • NPA #519 and 526: Section 7D.01. NCUTCD agrees with NPA content
- 35 • NPA #519 and 526: Section 7D.02. Changes recommended based on Council action in spring 2021

36 **Section 7D.01 Comments: NCUTCD agrees with 7D.01 as presented in the NPA.**

Section 7D.01 Qualifications of Adult Crossing Guards

37 Option:

38 Adult crossing guards may be used to provide gaps in traffic at school crossings where an engineering study has shown that adequate gaps need to be created, and where authorized by law.

40 A recommended method for determining the frequency and adequacy of gaps in the traffic
41 stream is given in the “Traffic Control Devices Handbook” (see Section 1A.05).

42 Support:

43 High standards for selection of adult crossing guards are essential because they are
44 responsible for the safety of and the efficient crossing of the street by schoolchildren within and
45 in the immediate vicinity of school crosswalks.

46 *Guidance:*

47 *Adult crossing guards should possess the following minimum qualifications:*

- 48 *A. Average intelligence;*
- 49 *B. Good physical condition, including sight, hearing, and ability to move and*
50 *maneuver quickly in order to avoid danger from errant vehicles;*
- 51 *C. Ability to control a STOP paddle effectively to provide approaching road users*
52 *with a clear, fully direct view of the paddle’s STOP message during the entire crossing*
53 *movement;*
- 54 *D. Ability to communicate specific instructions clearly, firmly, and courteously;*
- 55 *E. Ability to recognize potentially dangerous traffic situations and warn and manage*
56 *students insufficient time to avoid injury.*
- 57 *F. Mental alertness;*
- 58 *G. Neat appearance;*
- 59 *H. Good character;*
- 60 *I. Dependability; and*
- 61 *J. An overall sense of responsibility for the safety of student*

63 **Section 7D.02 Comments:** NCUTCD agrees with 7D.02 with minor revision to latest ANSI
64 standard version (ANSI 107-2020 vs. -2004).
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66 **Section 7D.02 Operating Procedures for Adult Crossing Guards**

67 **Standard:**

68 **Law enforcement officers performing school crossing supervision and adult crossing**
69 **guards shall wear high-visibility retroreflective safety apparel labeled as ANSI 107-~~2004~~**
70 **2020 standard performance for Class 2 as described in Section 6C.05.**

71 **Adult crossing guards shall not direct traffic in the usual law enforcement regulatory**
72 **sense. In the control of traffic, they shall pick opportune times to create a sufficient gap in**
73 **the traffic flow. At these times, they shall stand in the roadway to indicate that pedestrians**
74 **are about to use or are using the crosswalk, and that all vehicular traffic must stop.**

75 **Adult crossing guards shall use a STOP paddle. The STOP paddle shall be the primary**
76 **handsignaling device.**

77 **The STOP paddle shall comply with the provisions for a STOP/SLOW paddle (see**
78 **Section 6D.02) except both sides shall be a STOP face.**

79 **The paddle shall be retroreflective or illuminated when used during hours of darkness.**
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