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**National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION**

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Regulatory/Warning Sign TC

TASK FORCE: Part 2C Signs without language

DATE OF ACTION: 1-18-06 RWSTC

REQUEST NUMBER

TOPIC: Part 2C Signs without language

ORIGIN OF REQUEST: NPA R/W Sign issues - FHWA

DISCUSSION: A review of the 2003 MUTCD and 2004 SHS revealed 3 warning signs without language in the MUTCD.

Problem statement:

Provide language for Part 2C as described below.

Response:

A review of the 2003 MUTCD and 2004 SHS revealed the following 3 warning signs without language in the MUTCD:

Truck Escape Ramp Signs (W7-4) Series
Surface Condition Signs (W8-5, W8-7, W8-8, W8-12)
Nonvehicular Signs (W11-2, W11-3, W11-4, W11-6, W11-7, W11-9)

Proposal:

It is recommended that the MUTCD be corrected to address language omission.

RECOMMENDED WORDING:

~~1. Truck Escape Ramp Signs (W7-4) Series (see Figure 2C-2)~~

1. Add the following Option to the end of **Section 2C.12 Hill Signs (W7-1, W7-1a, W7-1b)**

Option:

The USE LOW GEAR (W7-2) or TRUCKS USE LOWER GEAR (W7-2b) supplemental plaque may be used to indicate a situation where downshifting as well as braking may be advisable.

2. Revise **Section 2C.27 Slippery When Wet Sign (W8-5)** as follows:

Section 2C.27 Slippery When Wet Sign (W8-5) Surface Condition Signs (W8-5, W8-7, W8-8, W8-12)

Option:

The Slippery When Wet (W8-5) sign (see Figure 2C-4) may be used to warn for unexpected slippery conditions. Supplemental plaques may be used with the sign to indicate the conditions such as ice, when wet, steel deck or excess oil. that a slippery condition might exist.

The LOOSE GRAVEL (W8-7) sign may be used to warn of loose gravel on the roadway surface.

The ROUGH ROAD (W8-8) sign may be used to warn of a rough roadway surface.

The NO CENTER STRIPE (W8-12) sign may be used to warn of a roadway without centerline pavement markings.

The BRIDGE ICES BEFORE ROAD (W8-13) sign (see Figure 2C-4) may be used in advance of bridges to advise bridge users of winter weather conditions. The BRIDGE ICES BEFORE ROAD sign may be removed or covered during seasons of the year when its message is not relevant.

Guidance:

When used, Surface Condition signs a Slippery When Wet sign should be placed in advance of the beginning of the affected section (see Table 2C-4), and additional signs should be placed at appropriate intervals along the road where the condition exists.

No additional language needed because these signs will be addressed under a RWSTC working on new language for Section 2C.27.

3. Revise **Section 2C.28 BRIDGE ICES BEFORE ROAD Sign (W8-13)** as follows:

Section 2C.28 BRIDGE ICES BEFORE ROAD Sign (W8-13) NO CENTER STRIPE (W8-12) Sign.

Option:

A BRIDGE ICES BEFORE ROAD (W8-13) sign (see Figure 2C-4) may be used in advance of bridges to advise bridge users of winter weather conditions.

The BRIDGE ICES BEFORE ROAD sign may be removed or covered during seasons of the year when its message is not relevant.

The NO CENTER STRIPE (W8-12) sign may be used to warn of a roadway without centerline pavement markings.

4. **Section 2C.41 - Nonvehicular Signs (W11-2, W11-3, W11-4, W11-6, W11-7, W11-9)**

Add reference to the signs in the first Option statement.

Option:

Nonvehicular signs ([W11-2](#), [W11-3](#), [W11-4](#), [W11-6](#), [W11-7](#), [W11-9](#)) may be used to alert road users in advance of locations where unexpected entries into the roadway or shared use of the roadway by pedestrians, animals, and other crossing activities might occur (see Figure 2C-10).

VOTE: For = Unanimous
 Opposed = None
 Abstentions = None