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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: FHWA 2006 New issues – Issue #21

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REQUEST NUMBER: RW Proposal # 9

TOPIC: Part 2 C Warning Signs, Drawbridge Ahead (W3-3) Sign

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

DISCUSSION:

Problem statement: (FROM NPA)

Add a permanent number for Drawbridge Ahead warning sign and add new Section in Part 2C with text re application and illustrate in Figure.

Response:

Presently, DRAWBRIDGE AHEAD is designated as W3-6 and is detailed in the Standard Highway Signs book. The sign is referred to only in the MUTCD in Section 4I.02.

Text should be added as Section 2C.18 with an illustration of the sign in Figure 2C-3 with a cross-reference to Section 4I.02. In Section 4I.02, the designation of the DRAWBRIDGE AHEAD sign should include the sign designation W3-6. The W3 series is used for advance warning signs and considered more appropriate than the W5-5, since the sign is being used in advance of the condition.

Note: June 23, 2005. Approved by Regulatory and Warning Sign Technical Committee for transmittal to Sponsors for comments.

Recommendation:

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Create a new section as follows:

Section 2C.18. DRAWBRIDGE AHEAD Sign ~~(W5-5)~~ (W3-6)
Standard

The DRAWBRIDGE AHEAD ~~(W5-5)~~ (W3-6) sign shall be used in advance of movable bridge signals and gates to give warnings to road users, except in urban conditions where such signing would not be practical (see Section 4I.02, Traffic Control for Movable Bridges).

Figure 2C-3. Miscellaneous Warning Signs:
Add the DRAWBRIDGE AHEAD ~~(W5-5)~~ (W3-6) sign

Section 4I.02. Design and Location of Movable Bridge Signals and Gates
Standard:

If physical conditions prevent a road user from having a continuous view of at least two signal indications for the distance specified in Table 4D-1, an auxiliary device (either a supplemental signal face or the mandatory DRAWBRIDGE AHEAD ~~(W5-5)~~ (W3-6) ~~warning~~ sign to which has been added a warning beacon (that is interconnected with the movable bridge controller) shall be provided in advance of movable bridge signals and gates.

A DRAWBRIDGE AHEAD ~~(W5-5)~~ (W3-6) ~~warning~~ sign shall be used in advance of movable bridge signals and gates to give warning to road users, except in urban conditions where such signing would not be practical.

Option:

The DRAWBRIDGE AHEAD ~~(W5-5)~~ (W3-6) sign may be supplemented by a Warning Beacon (see Section 4K.03)

VOTE: For = Unanimous
Opposed = None
Abstentions = None