

APPROVED IN NCUTCD GENERAL SESSION ON JANUARY 20, 2006

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

Approved by NCUTCD Council January 20, 2006

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : Regulatory/Warning Sign TC

TASK FORCE: FHWA 2006 New issues – ITE School Recommended Practice

DATE OF ACTION: 5-26-05 TASK FORCE , revised 7-31-05, approved 1-18-2006 by RWSTC

REQUEST NUMBER

TOPIC: Section 1A.11 and Part 7 Traffic Controls for School Areas

ORIGIN OF REQUEST: ITE Standing Committee on Recommended Practices

DISCUSSION:

The ITE Recommended Practice, “School Trip Safety Program Guidelines”, 1984 Edition, was originally prepared in the 1970’s and updated periodically to address “Safe Routes to School” as a Recommended Practice for the profession since the information was not contained in other documents. As the ITE Recommended Practice became universally accepted ,portions have been included in the MUTCD, Traffic Engineering Handbooks and Traffic Control Devices Handbook. Most of the ITE Recommended Practice is now included in the MUTCD or the Traffic Control Devices Handbook. Accordingly, the duplication of information is not needed and ITE has decided to rescind their Recommended Practice. As a result, it is necessary to revise the MUTCD Text where this ITE Recommended Practice is referenced.

Problem statement:

Delete the references to the ITE Recommended Practice on “School Trip Safety Program Guidelines, 1984 Edition, from the MUTCD.

Response:

The duplication of information and requirements are not needed so deletion of these references is appropriate. **The following revisions to the MUTCD are recommended:**

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

January 18, 2006. Approved by Regulatory and Warning Sign Technical Committee for review and approval by the NCUTCD Council

RECOMMENDED WORDING:

Proposed change – R/W Technical Committee task force – NCUTCD 5-26-05

Section 1A.11 Relation to Other Publications

~~19. “School Trip Safety Program Guidelines,” 1984 Edition (ITE)~~

Section 7A.03 School Crossing Control Criteria

Support:

Alternate gaps and blockades are inherent in the traffic stream and are different at each crossing location. For safety, students need to wait for a gap- in traffic that is of sufficient duration to permit reasonably safe crossing. When the delay between the occurrence of adequate gaps because excessive, students might become impatient and endanger themselves by attempting to cross the street during an inadequate gap.

A recommended method for determining the frequency and adequacy of gaps in the traffic stream is given in the ~~Institute of Transportation Engineers’ publication, “School Trip Safety Program Guidelines,”~~ Traffic Control Devices Handbook (See Section 1A.11).

Sections 7E.02 and 4C.06 cross-reference Section 7A.03 relative to adequate gaps in traffic. The revisions to Section 7A.03 correct the reference so no revisions are required in these other Sections.

VOTE: For = Unanimous
 Opposed =
 Abstentions =