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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Guide/Motorist Information (GMI)

TOPIC: Jurisdictional Boundary Signs

STATUS/DATE OF ACTION:
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ORIGIN OF REQUEST: Meg Moore

AFFECTED SECTION OF MUTCD: FHWA, 2016 MUTCD Concept Only – Limited Distribution for GMI Review, Section 2AW.05, page 3 of 3, Lines 7 thru 24 (insert to Chapter 2H)

SUMMARY:
The FHWA Concept adds language regarding jurisdictional boundary signs. This modification is revising the proposed FHWA language.

DISCUSSION
FHWA’s 2016 MUTCD Chapter 2H Concept (Chapter 2AW) proposed to add Section 2AW.05 which includes Guidance, Standards and Option. GMI is proposing modification in text to the 2AW.05 Standard in the Concept for the 2016 MUTCD and is removing the Standard requirement to include ENTERING and STATELINE text on the Jurisdictional Boundary Sign and making it an Option. It is removing the Standard not allowing population and making it an Option on conventional and low volume roadways.

RECOMMENDED MUTCD PROVISIONS/REVISIONS
Add the 2AW.05 regarding Jurisdictional sign with the revised Standard and Option.
Note: FHWA proposed changes to the MUTCD are shown with text additions in underline blue and deletions in strikeout red. Proposed changes to FHWA Concept are shown with text additions in underline green.

Section 2AW.05 Jurisdictional Boundary (I2-1) Signs

Guidance Option:
If used, the Jurisdictional Boundary (I2-1) sign should be placed located at or in the general vicinity of as near as practicable to the jurisdictional boundary without interfering with higher priority traffic control devices.

Guidance
Notices of statutes or local ordinances should be located separately using regulatory signs (see Chapter 2B).

Standard:
The Jurisdictional Boundary sign shall be rectangular in shape and shall have a white legend on a green background. The sign shall display only the name of the State, county, municipality, or other identifiable community, and an appropriate legend such as ENTERING or STATE LINE. Additional information, such as population, elevation, date of incorporation, names of elected officials, or notable accomplishments or claims, shall not be displayed on a Jurisdictional Boundary sign.

Option:
A pictograph representing the jurisdiction and an appropriate legend such as ENTERING or STATE LINE may be displayed on the Jurisdictional Boundary sign. The population and elevation may be displayed on a Jurisdictional Boundary sign.

Standard:
If a pictograph is displayed on the Jurisdictional Boundary sign, it shall be the official seal of the jurisdiction and shall comply with the provisions of Section 2A.06. The pictograph shall be placed to the left of the legend. The height of the pictograph shall not exceed two times the height of the initial upper-case letter of the principal legend.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (6/25/2014) VOTE:
For: 19
Opposed: 1
Abstentions: 0