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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Bicycle Technical Committee

TOPIC: W16-xxP Except Bicycles Supplemental Warning Plaque

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AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD: Chapter 2C - Warning Signs And Object Markers
Chapter 9B - Signs (For Bicycle Facilities)

SUMMARY:
This plaque is intended to be used beneath warning signs where it is desired to alert bicyclists that the specific condition depicted on the warning sign is not applicable to them.

DISCUSSION
There are some roadway conditions subject to warning signage such as DEAD END and NO OUTLET where it may be appropriate to expect the condition not apply to bicyclists. For example, the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities 2012 4th Edition notes that roadways which terminate as a dead end or cul-de-sac may serve as a continuous route for bicycle travel through the use of connecting paths or barrier openings. This plaque provides a simple and clear method for appropriately allowing these exceptions.
The NCUTCD Regulatory and Warning Sign Technical Committee reviewed and concurred with this proposal in January 2014 (vote: unanimous).

RECOMMENDED MUTCD PROVISIONS/ REVISIONS:

A new Section 2C.xx is inserted into Chapter 2C of the MUTCD:

Section 2C.xx Except Bicycles Plaque (W16-xxP)

Option:

Where it is desired to notify bicyclists that the conditions depicted by a warning sign are not applicable to bicycles, the Except Bicycles supplemental warning plaque (W16-xxP) may be mounted below the warning sign.

Support:

Examples of warning signs with which an Except Bicycles (W16-xxP) plaque can be mounted include DEAD END (W14-1) or NO OUTLET (W14-2) signs.

Standard:

If used with a warning sign, The Except Bicycles (W16-xxP) plaque shall be a rectangle with a black legend and border on a yellow background.

Also add the section in the appropriate location in Chapter 9B of the MUTCD.