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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Guide/Motorist Information (GMI)

TOPIC: Specific Service Signs

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ORIGIN OF REQUEST: Tim Crouch

AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD: FHWA, 2016 MUTCD Concept Only – Limited Distribution for GMI Review, Section 2AY.07, page 5 of 11, Lines 40-43

SUMMARY:
The proposed modification removes the FHWA proposed deletion of the Section 2AY.07 option statement that allows the use of an exit number plaque on specific service signs.

DISCUSSION
The FHWA proposed rewrite of this section removed the option statement allowing the use of the exit number plaque on specific service signs. This option is used by some states when modifying existing specific service signs to include additional services without needing to replace the sign. Being able to add the exit number plaque provides the option to make the changes without increasing the size of the sign. The option statement should remain to allow for the efficient use of existing signs.

RECOMMENDED MUTCD PROVISIONS/ REVISIONS
Note: FHWA proposed changes to the MUTCD are shown with text additions in underline blue and deleted text is shown in strikethrough red. Proposed changes are shown with additions in underline green and deletions in underline strikethrough red. TC proposed deletions from the FHWA proposed text additions are shown in underline strikethrough blue.

Section 2J.07 Single-Exit Interchanges

Standard:
At numbered single-exit interchanges, the name of the service type followed by the exit number shall be displayed on one line above the logo sign panels. At unnumbered interchanges, the directional legend NEXT RIGHT (LEFT) shall be used. At single-exit interchanges, Specific Service ramp signs shall be installed along the ramp or at the ramp terminal for facilities that have logo sign panels displayed along the main roadway if the facilities are not readily visible from the ramp terminal. Directions to the service facilities shall be indicated by arrows on the ramp signs. Logo sign panels on Specific Service ramp signs shall be duplicates of those displayed on the Specific Service signs located in advance of the interchange, but shall be reduced in size (see Paragraph 6 of Section 2J.04).

Guidance:
Specific Service ramp signs should include distances to the service facilities.

Option:
An exit number plaque (see Section 2E.31) may be used instead of the exit number on the signs located in advance of an interchange. Option is unnecessary, as the design is standardized with exit number within the sign.

Option:
An exit number plaque (see Section 2E.31) may be used instead of the exit number on the signs located in advance of an interchange.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE VOTE:

For: 18
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0