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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Bicycle Technical Committee

TOPIC: Bicycle Lane Extensions through Intersections

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AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD: Section 9C.xx - Bicycle Lane Extensions through Intersections

SUMMARY:
Provides for the extension of bicycle lanes through intersections to denote the expected path for bicyclists and advise motorists that bicyclists are likely to use the intended path.

DISCUSSION:
FHWA has indicated that extension of bicycle lanes through intersections is allowable under existing MUTCD provisions. This section clarifies and provides additional options for usage. Typical applications are shown below:
RECOMMENDED MUTCD PROVISIONS/ REVISIONS:

Note: Deletions from the 2009 MUTCD text are noted in strikethrough red, and insertions in underline blue.

Add the following Section 9C.xx to Part 9 of the MUTCD:

Section 9C.XX Bicycle Lane Line Extensions through Intersections

Option:

01 Bicycle lane markings may be extended through intersections consistent with the provisions of Section 3B.08.

02 Green colored pavements may be used in conjunction with the extension of bicycle lanes through intersections, consistent with (the Section that the IA is finalized within).

03 White markings as depicted in Figure 9C-9 but omitting the bicycle symbol, or bicycle lane markings, may be used within the boundaries of bicycle lane extensions.