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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Bicycle Technical Committee

TOPIC: Wayfinding Signs for Shared-Use Paths

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SUMMARY: Establish criteria for the use of community wayfinding signs for shared-use paths.

DISCUSSION: Community wayfinding guide signs can be part of a coordinated and continuous system of signs that direct travelers unfamiliar with an area to key civic, cultural, visitor, and recreational attractions and other destinations within a city or a local urbanized or downtown area.

Community wayfinding guide signs are a type of destination guide sign with a common color and/or identification enhancement marker for destinations within an overall wayfinding guide sign plan for an area.

Current language in Section 2D.50 Community Wayfinding Signs provides guidance on the placement and design of wayfinding signage for roadways and pedestrian way; however Part 2D.50 lacks guidance on the placement and design of wayfinding signage on a shared use path on an independent alignment or right of way.
As shared use pathways are becoming more integrated into community and regional transportation networks a mechanism to provide coordinated wayfinding signage to direct the users of these pathways to key civic, cultural, visitor, and recreational attractions and other destinations and services within a city, a local urbanized or downtown area or in close proximity to the shared use pathway is necessary.

**RECOMMENDED MUTCD PROVISIONS/ REVISIONS:**

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

A new Section 9B.xx is inserted into Part 9 of the MUTCD:

**Section 9B.XX Wayfinding Guide Signs for Shared-Use Paths**

**Support:**

01 Wayfinding guide signs are a type of destination guide sign for shared-use paths with a common color and/or identification enhancement marker for destinations or services of interest to shared-use path users. Section 2D.50 contains information on wayfinding sign systems and applications.

**Guidance:**

02 Wayfinding guide signs for shared-use paths should be part of a coordinated and continuous system of signs on shared-use paths and conventional roadways. The design and placement of wayfinding signs should be consistent with the provisions of Section 2D.50, except as provided in Paragraph 3.

03 Where wayfinding signs will be read by moving bicyclists, the lettering for destinations should be a minimum of 2 inches in height.