ATTACHMENT NO. 1
Item No.: 16A-RW-02

NCUTCD Proposal for Changes to the
Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE:
Regulatory & Warning Signs Committee

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TOPIC:
R10-15a Traffic Signal Sign – Turning Vehicles Stop For
Pedestrians

ORIGIN OF REQUEST:
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AFFECTED SECTIONS
OF MUTCD:
Section 2B.53

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY:
task force: revised 5-18-16 following sponsor comments

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- Approved by NCUTCD Council: 01/06/2017

This is a proposal for recommended changes to the MUTCD that has been approved by
the NCUTCD Council. This proposal does not represent a revision of the MUTCD and
does not constitute official MUTCD standards, guidance, or options. It will be submitted to
FHWA for consideration for inclusion in a future MUTCD revision. The MUTCD can be
revised only through the federal rulemaking process.

SUMMARY:
MUTCD Figure 2B-27, Traffic Signal Signs and Plaques, includes the Turning Vehicles Yield to
Pedestrians (R10-15) sign. The Regulatory and Warning Signs Technical Committee is
proposing a Turning Vehicles Stop for Pedestrians (R10-15a) sign for use in States where that
message is consistent with State law.

DISCUSSION:
Some States’ laws require a driver to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, while other States
require a driver to stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk. The Turning Traffic Yield to Pedestrians
(R10-15) sign properly reinforces the “yield” State laws but, if used in a State with a “stop” law,
provides information that contradicts the legal requirement for a driver to stop for a pedestrian.
The MUTCD addresses the “yield” and “stop” laws with the Yield Here To Pedestrians and Stop
Here For Pedestrian (R1-5 Series) signs (Section 2B.11) and the In-Street and Overhead
Pedestrian (R1-6/R1-6a and R1-9/R1-9a) signs (Section 2B.12). Application of the signs in
accordance with law is addressed in the following **Standard** statement that appears in Sections 2B.11 and 2B.12:

**The STOP FOR legend shall only be used in States where the State law specifically requires that a driver must stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk.**

The same Standard statement can be used to address the proper application of the R10-15 “yield” sign and the proposed R10-15a “stop” sign. The proposal was originally tabled by Council in June 2016 pending review by the pedestrian task force. The pedestrian task force was presented this proposal at their January 2017 meeting.

**RECOMMENDED MUTCD CHANGES**

The following present the proposed changes to the current MUTCD within the context of the current MUTCD language. Proposed additions to the MUTCD are shown in [blue underline](#) and proposed deletions from the MUTCD are shown in [red strikethrough](#). Changes previously approved by NCUTCD Council (but not yet adopted by FHWA) are shown in [green double underline](#) for additions and [green double strikethrough](#) for deletions. In some cases, background comments may be provided with the MUTCD text. These comments are indicated by [highlighted light blue in brackets](#).

**Part 2. SIGNS**

**Chapter 2B. REGULATORY SIGNS, BARRICADES, AND GATES**

**Section 2B.53 Traffic Signal Signs (R10-5 through R10-30)**

Option:

01 To supplement traffic signal control, Traffic Signal signs R10-5 through R10-30 may be used to regulate road users.

02 Traffic Signal signs (see Figure 2B-27) may be installed at certain locations to clarify signal control. Among the legends that may be used for this purpose are LEFT ON GREEN ARROW ONLY (R10-5), STOP HERE ON RED (R10-6 or R10-6a) for observance of stop lines, DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION (R10-7) for avoidance of traffic obstructions, USE LANE(S) WITH GREEN ARROW (R10-8) for obedience to lane-use control signals (see Chapter 4M), LEFT TURN YIELD ON GREEN (symbolic circular green) (R10-12), and LEFT TURN YIELD ON FLASHING RED ARROW AFTER STOP (R10-27).

**Guidance:**

03 If used, the LEFT ON GREEN ARROW ONLY (R10-5) sign, the LEFT TURN YIELD ON GREEN (symbolic circular green) (R10-12) sign, or the LEFT TURN YIELD ON FLASHING RED ARROW AFTER STOP (R10-27) sign should be located adjacent to the left-turn signal face.

Option:

04 If needed for additional emphasis, an additional LEFT TURN YIELD ON GREEN (symbolic circular green) (R10-12) sign with an AT SIGNAL (R10-31P) supplemental plaque (see Figure 2B-27) may be installed in advance of the intersection.

05 In situations where traffic control signals are coordinated for progressive timing the Traffic Signal Speed (I1-1) sign may be used (see Section 2H.03).

**Standard:**
The CROSSWALK STOP ON RED (symbolic circular red) (R10-23) sign (see Figure 2B-27) shall only be used in conjunction with pedestrian hybrid beacons (see Section 4F.02).

The EMERGENCY SIGNAL (R10-13) sign (see Figure 2B-27) shall be used in conjunction with emergency-vehicle traffic control signals (see Section 4G.02).

The EMERGENCY SIGNAL – STOP ON FLASHING RED (R10-14 or R10-14a) sign (see Figure 2B-27) shall be used in conjunction with emergency-vehicle hybrid beacons (see Section 4G.04).

Option:

In order to remind drivers who are making turns at a signalized intersection to yield to or stop for pedestrians, a Turning Vehicles Yield to (Stop For) Pedestrians (R10-15, R10-15a) sign (see Figure 2B-27) may be used.

Standard:

The Turning Vehicles Stop for Pedestrians (R10-15a) sign shall only be used in jurisdictions where laws, ordinances or resolutions specifically require that a driver must stop for a pedestrian.

Option:

A U-TURN YIELD TO RIGHT TURN (R10-16) sign (see Figure 2B-27) may be installed near the left-turn signal face if U-turn are allowed on a protected left-turn movement on an approach from which a right-turn GREEN ARROW signal indication is simultaneously being displayed to drivers making a right turn from the conflicting approach to their left.

Add sign R10-15a to Figure 2B-27. Add * fluorescent yellow-green background color may be used instead of yellow for this sign.

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