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

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:  Temporary Traffic Controls

ITEM NUMBER:  16B-TTC-04

TOPIC:  Providing for Optional use of the End Road Work (G20-2) Sign

ORIGIN OF REQUEST:  TCCTC Task Force:  John Leonard (TTCTC Chair), David Church, Tim Cox, Tom Hicks, Dave Royer, Tim Stroth, Jim Bryden, Todd Lohman, Gene Edmonds, Fred Hanscom, Dave McKee, Gene Putman, Charles Adams, Jim Harkness

AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD:

Section 6F.57 END ROAD WORK Sign (G20-2)

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY:

- Approved by Technical Committee:  06/09/2016
- Sponsor Comments Approved by Technical Committee:  01/03/2018
- Approved by NCUTCD Council:  01/05/2018

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:

The Temporary Traffic Controls Technical Committee recommends that there be modifications to Section 6F.57, END ROAD WORK Sign (G20-2), by adding the option that the sign may be omitted under certain conditions:

DISCUSSION

As now presented in the Section 6F.57, the END ROAD WORK Sign (G20-2), is not required.  The use of this sign is optional, calling upon engineering judgment for its use, considering many factors.  For consistency with Figure 6H-22, Right-Hand Lane Closure on the Far Side of an Intersection (TA-23), the TTC originally proposed to Sponsors to modify Figures 6H-23 through 6H-27 to also reflect that the use of the END ROAD WORK Sign is optional when leaving an urban intersection.  Based upon Sponsor comments, the proposal has been modified to reflect the proposed changes be accomplished in Section 6F.57, END ROAD WORK Sign (G20-2),
through the addition of two new Paragraphs, 03 and 04, without the modification to the Figures. The intent and effect of the proposed clarification has not changed.

**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 6. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL**

**Chapter 6F. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE DEVICES**

**Section 6F.57 END ROAD WORK Sign (G20-2)**

**Guidance:**

01. When used, the END ROAD WORK (G20-2) sign (see Figure 6F-4) should be placed near the downstream end of the termination area, as determined by engineering judgment.

**Option:**

02. The END ROAD WORK sign may be installed on the back of a warning sign facing the opposite direction of road users or on the back of a Type 3 Barricade.

03. The END ROAD WORK sign may be omitted if the end of the work zone is apparent to motorists or falls within a larger project’s limits. For normal daytime maintenance operations, the END ROAD WORK sign is optional.

**Support:**

04. Conditions could be such that posting of an END ROAD WORK sign is not appropriate. For example, it can be omitted if another TTC zone begins within 1 mile of the end of the workspace in rural areas, or about 0.25 miles within urban areas.