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NCUTCD Resolution on the Use of Messages on Changeable Message Signs

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY:

- Approved by GMI Technical Committee: 06/20/2019
- Approved by NCUTCD Council: 6/21/2019

WHEREAS:

The NCUTCD is an organization that represents a wide range of practitioners having many years of experience with traffic control devices and use of the MUTCD, and

WHEREAS:

Changeable message signs are official traffic control devices, and

WHEREAS:

The primary purpose of changeable message signs is to display traffic operational, regulatory, warning, and guidance information, and

WHEREAS:

The MUTCD Section 2L.02 includes an option allowing the display of safety and transportation related messages on agency changeable message signs, and

WHEREAS:

The use of changeable message signs to display safety messages is increasing nationwide, and

WHEREAS:

The messages displayed by many agencies are trending toward unconventional formats and syntax using non-standard language, popular culture references and witticisms, and

WHEREAS:

The messages displayed should be relevant to the driving task and be generally understood by road users.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The NCUTCD requests FHWA to provide interpretation on the permissible display and content of messages on changeable message signs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The NCUTCD requests FHWA to work with NCUTCD to draft provisional language for the MUTCD regarding the permissible display and content of messages on changeable message signs.