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Technical Corrections

NCUTCD RECOMMENDATION FOR CHANGES TO THE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

COMMITTEE / TASK FORCE: Bicycle Technical Committee
ITEM NUMBER: 25A-BIK-01
TOPIC: Chapter 9B Technical Corrections
ORIGIN OF REQUEST: Bicycle Technical Committee
AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD: 9B.02, 9B.11, 9B.16, 9B.17, 9B.21

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY:

Approved by Bicycle TC: 01/08/2025
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This is a recommended change 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:

This proposal includes minor changes to address technical corrections to Chapter 9B.

DISCUSSION:

This proposal includes proposed changes to Chapter 9B to address minor technical corrections including deletion of North Arrows from Chapter 9B Figures and minor editorial text changes.

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 [bracketed white text in shaded green].

PART 9. TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR BICYCLE FACILITIES

CHAPTER 9B. REGULATORY SIGNS

Section 9B.02 EXCEPT BICYCLES Regulatory Plaque (R3-7bP)

Support:

01 There are circumstances where it might be appropriate to exempt bicyclists from regulatory restrictions applied to other traffic.

Guidance:

02 *Where an engineering study or engineering judgment demonstrates that it is appropriate to exempt bicyclists from the provisions of a regulatory sign, the EXCEPT BICYCLES (R3-7bP) regulatory plaque (see Figure 9B-1) should be used.*

Support:

03 Figure 9B-2 shows examples of how the EXCEPT BICYCLES (~~W16-20P~~ R3-7bP) [Known error correction issued by FHWA] regulatory plaque can be applied.

04 Section 9C.05 contains information regarding the EXCEPT BICYCLES (W16-20P) warning plaque when applicable to a warning sign.

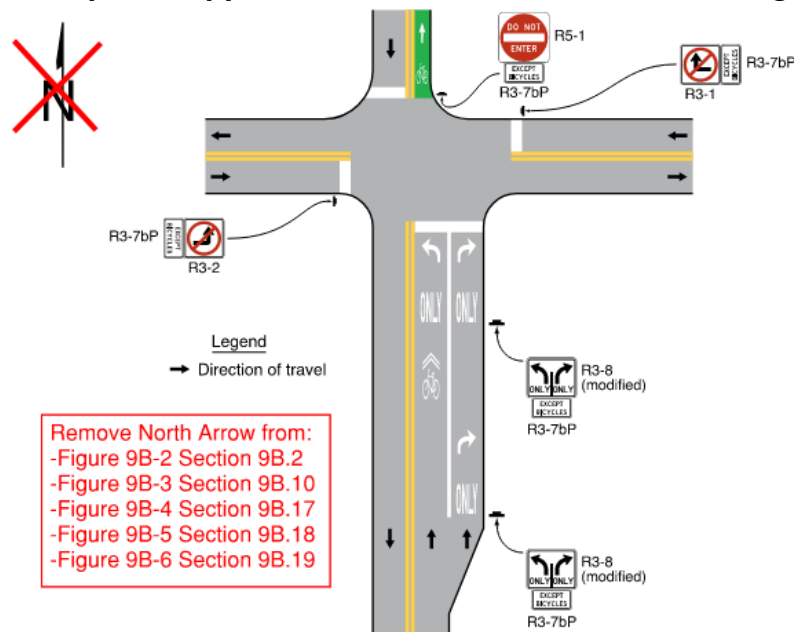
Standard:

05 **The EXCEPT BICYCLES regulatory plaque shall not be used to exempt bicyclists from the legal requirement of a STOP or YIELD sign, Yield Here to Pedestrians Signs, Stop Here for Pedestrians Signs, or a traffic signal indication.**

06 **Where a regulatory sign, such as the No Left Turn (R3-2) sign (see Section 2B.26), is installed on the same post or mounting as a STOP sign or YIELD sign, the EXCEPT BICYCLES regulatory plaque shall not be installed in conjunction with the regulatory sign on that post or mounting that includes the STOP sign or YIELD sign.**

07 **The EXCEPT BICYCLES regulatory plaque shall be placed below the regulatory sign that it supplements.**

Figure 9B-2. Example of Applications of EXCEPT BICYCLES Regulatory Plaques



Section 9B.11 Bicycles Use Ped Signal Sign (R9-5)

Option:

- 01 The Bicycles Use Ped Signal (R9-5) sign (see Figure 9B-1) may be used where the crossing of a street by bicyclists is controlled by pedestrian signal indications.
- 02 In order to remind drivers who are making turns to yield to or stop for pedestrians or bicyclists, a Turning Vehicles Yield to Pedestrians (R10-15) sign, Turning Vehicles Stop for Pedestrians (R10-15a) sign (see Section 2B.59), or Left Turn Yield to Bicycles (R10-12b) sign (see Section 9B.21) may be used.

Guidance:

- 03 If used, the R9-5 sign should be installed in the vicinity of where bicyclists ~~will~~ would ~~be crossing~~ the street.

Section 9B.16 Bicycles Use Shoulder Only Sign (R9-21)

Option:

- 01 The Bicycles Use Shoulder Only (R9-21) sign (see Figure 9B-1) may be used to designate locations on a freeway or expressway where bicycles are allowed, ~~but must remain~~ only on an available and usable shoulder.

Guidance:

- 02 The Bicycles Use Shoulder Only sign should be limited to use on freeways and expressways.
- 03 The Bicycles Use Shoulder Only sign should be placed adjacent to the entrance ramp or entrance to the freeway at or near the location where the full-width shoulder resumes beyond the entrance ramp taper.

Section 9B.17 Signing for Bicycles on Freeways and Expressways

Standard:

- 01 The Bicycles Must Exit (R9-22) sign (see Figure 9B-1) shall be used in advance of a location where a freeway or expressway becomes prohibited to bicycle travel, and shall be placed in advance of the intersection or exit ramp prior to the prohibited segment of roadway (see Figure 9B-4).

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Option:

02 The Bicycles Must Exit sign may be used below a post-mounted Exit Direction sign.

Standard:

03 **If the Bicycles Must Exit sign is used, a No Bicycles (R5-6) sign (see Figure 9B-1) shall be placed downstream from the intersection or exit ramp departure point where the prohibited segment of freeway or expressway begins. The No Bicycles sign shall not be placed below the Exit Gore sign.**

Option:

04 The ON FREEWAY (R5-10dP) plaque (see Figure 9B-1) may be used with an appropriate Selective Exclusion sign to indicate a prohibition along ramps leading to an adjacent or parallel freeway.

Support:

05 Section 2B.45 contains information on regulatory signing for prohibiting bicycles from using particular roadways or facilities.

Section 9B.21 Left Turn Yield to Bicycles Sign (R10-12b)

Option:

01 The Left Turn Yield to Bicycles (R10-12b) sign (see Figure 9B-1) may be used to emphasize the requirement for motorists to yield to bicyclists in situations where the motorist is turning across a bicycle movement that may be unexpected. ~~in direction, location, or some other quality that would be inconsistent with the typical a bicycle lane.~~

Support:

02 Section 2B.59 contains provisions on the placement and use of regulatory Traffic Signal signs.