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NCUTCD Resolution Regarding Incorporation of PROWAG into the MUTCD

- Whereas*, The National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD) represents 21 sponsoring organizations representing a wide range of transportation stakeholders, and uses a strong consensus-building approach to develop recommendations for traffic control device standards and guides;
- Whereas*, The NCUTCD and its predecessor organizations have developed or contributed to 11 editions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD);
- Whereas*, NCUTCD members represent a wide range of MUTCD users and road users, with a significant emphasis on involvement by volunteers representing public agencies responsible for implementing MUTCD content;
- Whereas*, Section 11135 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act states “... the Secretary shall include updates necessary to provide for— ... (5) any additional recommendations made by the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices that have not been incorporated into the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices;
- Whereas*, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has benefitted from thousands of NCUTCD volunteer person-hours in the development of MUTCD recommendations;
- Whereas*, Changes to MUTCD content should be carefully evaluated by MUTCD users, practitioners, and other stakeholders to optimize the consistency and value of MUTCD content to both practitioners and the traveling public;
- Whereas*, It is approaching 14 years since a new edition of the MUTCD was published;
- Whereas*, The Congressional deadline for updating the MUTCD, as provided in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, was May 15, 2023;
- Whereas*, A final rule on the 11th edition of the MUTCD is underway within the federal government;
- Whereas*, On August 8, the U.S. Access Board published a final rule for Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) and these guidelines will impact content in the MUTCD;
- Resolved*, That the NCUTCD recommends any changes in MUTCD content that are needed to incorporate PROWAG provisions into the MUTCD should be made through a separate MUTCD rulemaking effort that includes a Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA) that provides MUTCD stakeholders the opportunity to comment on specific proposed changes to MUTCD content resulting from PROWAG;
- Be it Further Resolved*, That the NCUTCD recommends the final rule for the 11th edition of the MUTCD be published quickly and not be delayed due to PROWAG or other issues not addressed in the December 14, 2020 NPA.

Unanimously adopted by the NCUTCD on August 11, 2023.

Gene Hawkins, NCUTCD Chair