



January 5, 2021

Honorable Nicole R. Nason
Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Docket No. FHWA-2020-0001; Request for Extension of Comment Period
on Proposed Revisions to MUTCD

Dear Administrator Nason:

The American Highway Users Alliance (the “Highway Users”) respectfully requests that the FHWA extend the comment period in the above-referenced docket by 90 days and, failing that, by at least 60 days. We also ask that the decision to extend be issued very promptly – preferably before January 20, 2021. This would facilitate the ability of the interested public, including the Highway Users, to analyze the lengthy, complex and important proposal to revise the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), undertake such examination, and prepare comments.

The Highway Users is the united voice of the motoring public -- promoting safe, uncongested highways and enhanced mobility for people and business. The Highway Users, a 300-member coalition, includes companies, trade associations, safety advocacy groups, and motoring clubs. Our members represent or support millions of road users from the truck, bus, auto, RV, and motorcycling modes. Such users pay the bulk of the fees deposited into the Highway Trust Fund. Our membership includes manufacturers who not only use the roads, but also produce vehicles and automotive equipment, fuel, asphalt, concrete, signage, pavement markings and other products that are essential to or improve the road user experience in terms of safety, efficiency, and other ways -- improving the economy and the quality of life.

Members of the Highway Users have a vital interest in a safe highway system – for themselves and their own members and customers. Additional time is needed for review of this proposed modification of the MUTCD and to prepare comments. Other organizations with a strong interest in this issue (including AASHTO and the NCUTCD) have also requested additional time to comment. Also, the 90-day comment period provided (so far) is less than the time allowed for comment on earlier proposed revisions to the MUTCD. This proposed revision is at least as important and warrants a similar comment period, not a much shorter comment period.

Accordingly, the Highway Users requests very prompt action on this request to extend by 90 days the comment period on FHWA’s proposed revision of the MUTCD.

Respectfully submitted,

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