

Federal MUTCD NPA (Notice of Proposed Amendments)

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) is incorporated in FHWA regulations and recognized as the national standard for traffic control devices used on all public roads. The MUTCD NPA is a regulatory action seeking to collect comments from the public on proposed revisions to the MUTCD.

The purpose of this MUTCD NPA is to revise standards, guidance, options, and supporting information relating to the traffic control devices in all parts of the MUTCD. The proposed changes are intended to update the technical provisions to reflect advances in technologies and operational practices, incorporate recent trends and innovations, and set the stage for automated driving systems as those continue to take shape.

Your input is needed! The Federal Highway Administration is currently holding a comment period through **May 14th, 2021** for the proposed amendment, Docket No. FHWA-2020-0001 [Regulations.gov - Docket Folder Summary](#).

The proposed rules may have an impact on your system. State Aid encourages you to review and provide constructive, meaningful comments to FHWA that reflect any impact of the proposed changes from a local agency perspective. Your input will potentially influence the National MUTCD and help FHWA finalize a foundational document to the safety and efficiency of our nation's transportation network. Please consider the following suggestions for your review and comments:

- 1) Please refer to the Appendix: SALT MUTCD NPA List of Proposed Changes as a starting point for your review. The MUTCD NPA includes 647 identified changes with multiple supporting documents.
 - a) To "View All" of the Supporting Documents, <https://www.regulations.gov/docketBrowser?rpp=25&so=DESC&sb=commentDueDate&po=0&dct=SR%2BO&D=FHWA-2020-0001>
 - b) As of 1/20/21, the link above should bring up a list of nine documents. Other documents may be added later. Four of the document links are of primary interest for your review:
 - i) The proposed new MUTCD, referred to as Corrected MUTCD Proposed Text (dated 12/18/2020): <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FHWA-2020-0001-0038>
 - ii) Proposed Figures: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FHWA-2020-0001-0005>
 - iii) Proposed Tables: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FHWA-2020-0001-0006>
 - iv) FHWA document providing an explanation of the proposed changes: National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Revision; Proposed Rule – Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA) [FHWA Docket Number FHWA-2020-0001] ([Text](#)) ([PDF File, KB](#))
- 2) The above-mentioned Appendix is not an all-inclusive list, yet, intended to help you with some focus areas that are most pertinent and informative to our local partners.
- 3) Regulations.gov has provided tips for submitting an effective comment, https://www.regulations.gov/docs/Tips_For_Submitting_Effective_Comments.pdf.
- 4) Comments must be received on or **before May 14, 2021** via Regulations.gov at, <https://www.regulations.gov/docketBrowser?rpp=25&so=DESC&sb=commentDueDate&po=0&D=FHWA-2020-0001>. (Please note: On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the www.regulations.gov website defaults to a beta version. If you are having trouble accessing materials on one of these days, try it on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.)

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