

January 14, 2021

Nicole R. Nason Administrator,
Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Extension of Comment Period for Docket No. FHWA-2020-0001

Dear Administrator Nason:

The Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) requests that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) extend the comment period for the proposed rulemaking *National Standards for Traffic Control Devices: Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Revision* for a period of 60 days beyond the current 90 days from publication currently provided in the docket. This request is not being sent to delay implementation of the new MUTCD, but is instead being made to allow the State Departments of Transportation, local transportation agencies, and other key transportation stakeholders adequate time to provide FHWA a substantive response that will serve as valuable input to the rulemaking process.

APBP members are practitioners working to create more walkable, bikeable places who work in all levels of government, in manufacturing, and as consultants, advocates, researchers, and students in a wide range of disciplines: transportation planning and engineering, urban design, landscape architecture, public health, active living, and Safe Routes to School. We are reviewing the proposed changes and determining the impact those changes would have on daily work.

Given the unfortunate timing of the rulemaking (four federal holidays fall within the 90 days) and the extensive and detailed changes proposed, APBP requests that FHWA provide an additional 60 days commenting time with a revised closing date of May 13, 2020. This additional time will enable the State DOTs, local transportation agencies, APBP, and other key transportation stakeholders to provide FHWA with more comprehensive and substantive comments, ultimately leading to an enhanced rulemaking outcome.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter and we look forward to providing FHWA with a comprehensive response to the MUCTD NPA.

Sincerely,
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