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

Subject: Extension of Commenting Period for Docket ID, FHWA-2020-0001

Dear Administrator Nason:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), with support from the Minnesota Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MCUTCD), joins the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD) and others in requesting the docket period for FHWA-2020-0001, *National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highway; Revision* be extended from 90 days to 180 days.

MnDOT, the MCUTCD, and other Minnesota jurisdictions welcome the chance to participate in the rule making process. A thorough review takes time and must be completed in addition to other normal professional duties. The Notice of Proposed Amendments includes 647 identified changes with multiple lengthy supporting documents. Expanding the docket period from 90 days to 180 days would also be in line with the timeframe that was used during the docket review for the current 2009 MUTCD.

We recognize that this is our opportunity to provide comments on and potentially influence the National MUTCD, a document that is paramount to the safety and efficiency of our nation's transportation network. We would like to complete a thorough review of the proposal and provide constructive, meaningful comments to FHWA that reflect the impact the proposed changes would have on our State and will help FHWA finalize this important document.

MnDOT, with support from the MCUTCD, respectfully requests the docket period be extended from 90 days to 180 days for the subject NPA. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Sorenson'.

Brian Sorenson, P.E.
Minnesota State Traffic Engineer

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