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Comments on Proposed Amendments to the 11th Edition of the MUTCD

Dear Acting Administrator Pollack and Secretary Buttigieg,

Alta Planning + Design is an active transportation consulting firm dedicated to creating active, healthy communities through planning, landscape architecture, engineering, and education/encouragement programs. We are the oldest specialty firm with this focus in the Nation and have been involved in the design of thousands of miles of bike lanes, trails, sidewalks, streetscape and other high-quality active transportation facilities nationwide.

We have reviewed the current proposed 11th Edition of the MUTCD and are providing our comments to that draft. Overall, there are many improvements to the previous 2009 version of the MUTCD, including the integration of many current interim approvals. Some previous deficiencies have also been corrected through this draft. Having noted these improvements, we are concerned that there still are many treatments that are either omitted or not provided with sufficient guidance in this draft. Our firm is intimately familiar with these issues and we encounter them frequently while planning and designing streets and intersections that provide both high comfort and safe transportation choices to people walking and bicycling. Given the length of time that transpires between MUTCD updates we strongly urge you to consider these comments and alter the 11th edition of the MUTCD accordingly prior to adoption.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Gilpin", followed by a stylized flourish.

Joe Gilpin, Vice-President
On behalf of Alta Planning + Design, Inc.