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Subject: **FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2020-0001**
National Standards for Traffic Control Devices

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) requests an extension of the docket period from 90 days to 180 days for the Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA) that will result in the 11th edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

ODOT is working collaboratively with the Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee (OTCDC), local road authorities, and other interested professionals in Oregon who are volunteering their time and expertise to develop comments and recommendations to the Federal Highway Administration through the federal docket. This work requires review of all the proposed changes to the MUTCD, development and coordination of draft responses, and approval from OTCDC members.

Oregon's collaborative process results in meaningful comments to FHWA that reflect how proposed changes will affect road users and road authorities in Oregon. While ODOT wants a new MUTCD published as soon as practicable, this process takes time and must be scheduled around the normal professional duties of these volunteers and committee members.

The docket period gives ODOT 90 days to review and comment on 647 numbered items and 784 pages of proposed changes – half the time that FHWA afforded in the NPA that lead to the 2009 MUTCD that had 513 numbered items. In addition, the NPA was published 11 days before Christmas with one working day of warning. This means the effective time for ODOT to provide FHWA with meaningful comments is shorter than would be the case outside the holiday season.

For these reasons, ODOT respectfully request the docket period be extended from 90 days to 180 days for the subject NPA. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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