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SUBJECT: Comments and Suggestions
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Docket No. FHWA-2020-0001
RIN 2125-AF85

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity for Salem-Keizer Public Schools Transportation Services to pose comments and suggestions related to Docket No. FHWA-2020-0001. For background, Salem-Keizer Public Schools transports 14,843 students utilizing school buses, multi-functional school activity buses (MFSAB), and multi-purpose vehicles (MPV). We travel over 2.5 million miles annually.

- 1. 524. FHWA proposed to add a new Section 7B.05 "School Bus Stop When Flashing Signs." Page 80961**
Salem-Keizer Public Schools Transportation Services are in support of adding a new "STOP FOR SCHOOL BUS WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASH SIGN".
However, we advocate making all signs associated with schools the same color. The sign is listed with a header that is yellow with black lettering instead of the fluorescent yellow/green of all other school signs. There is support elsewhere in the MUTCD for florescent yellow/green signs at non-school locations with the "SCHOOL BUS TURN AHEAD" and "SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD" signs.
- 2. 525. FHWA proposes to retitle Section 7B.06 (existing Section 7B.15) "School Speed Limit Signs and Plaques" and incorporate information from existing Section 7B.16. Page 80961**
Salem-Keizer Public Schools Transportation Services are in support of retitling the new section and incorporating information from the existing section.
However, on page 675, we recommend removing the 500' maximum warning for school zone speed changes to allow local traffic engineers to determine the best location based on the conditions of the road leading to the speed change. Often traffic near a school will be completely or nearly stopped, additional feet of warning may prevent crashes in the school area in some circumstances.

Thank you for your consideration, and this opportunity to give our feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T.J. Crockett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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