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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

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

Dear Administrator Nason,

The National Association of County Engineers (NACE), the national voice of county road professionals, respectfully 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).

As the NPA has 647 numbered items, and the text (marked and non-marked) of the proposed changes to the MUTCD is nearly 800 pages long, an appropriate review will take considerable time. For reference, the 2008 NPA, which led to the 2009 MUTCD, had 513 numbered items, and its docket period was 180 days. Additionally, the 2020 NPA was published against the December holiday season, limiting the amount of time to conduct thoughtful examination and make productive recommendations. All parties can agree that an item of this magnitude should not be rushed and allow for an appropriate amount of time for stakeholders to provide input.

For these reasons, NACE respectfully requests that the docket period be extended from 90 days to 180 days for the NPA. NACE members are most appreciative of the support, guidance, and partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, working together to provide for a safer transportation network utilizing innovative new technologies to ensure the safety of our residents and businesses, and looks forward to continuing that work for years to come.

Sincerely,

Kevan Stone  
CEO/Executive Director  
National Association of County Engineers