

Federal Highway Administration  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Serious concerns about the MUTCD in its current form

Dear Acting Administrator Pollack and Secretary Buttigieg:

I write, as a supporter of America Walks and a person who cares very deeply about my community, to raise serious concerns about the current draft MUTCD under revision by the agency. The MUTCD is a major obstacle to the kind of humane, activity-supporting street level changes that are needed in my community and others across the United States.

Urban planning professionals like myself have valuable local knowledge that is too often brushed aside by traffic engineers based on the rule-bound dictates of the MUTCD. To make matters worse, much of the guidance is outdated, pseudoscientific and based on the premise that speeding cars through intersections is the most important goal.

I join America Walks and other groups to ask that U.S. DOT perform a comprehensive overhaul of the MUTCD, centering safety and equity. We need a rulebook that is designed to support healthier safer communities, one that:

- Ensures every urban and suburban signalized intersection has basic pedestrian infrastructure, like curb ramps, pedestrian signal heads that display “Walk” and “Don’t Walk” messages and crosswalks.
- Set speed limits based on safety, not based on how fast cars are driving on the road
- Gives local residents a voice in what kind of infrastructure is needed.
- Gives engineers flexibility to design urban streets that are safe enough for children to navigate.
- Prioritizes the most vulnerable in our communities instead of cars.

I join America Walks in asking that FHWA reframe and rewrite the MUTCD, creating a path for guidance that more closely aligns with the equity, safety, and sustainability goals of American cities, as well as those of the Biden Administration.

Thank you,



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