



January 8, 2021

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 International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA) is hereby requesting an extension of the docket period from 90 days to 180 days for the Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA) that will ultimately result in the 11th edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

The IMSA is a diverse organization of technicians, engineers, municipalities, state DOT's and transportation related companies. IMSA members are extensive users of the MUTCD and use its guidance daily to promote public safety for all users of streets, highways, greenways and public right of ways. The IMSA develops and provides quality certification programs for the safe installation, operation and maintenance of public safety systems. These programs are regularly reviewed to keep up with technological advances and all MUTCD updates.

The approximately 8,800 IMSA members each have an opportunity to provide remarks regarding the current NPA. While not every member will participate in the review of the entire document, we do feel that 180 days will allow many of them the time to review and comment in areas of their expertise. The advantage of having end users providing comments is that it is helpful to producing a MUTCD that benefits the public by ensuring a safe and efficient transportation system.

Lastly, given that the NPA was released on December 14th a swift and thorough review would be less likely to occur. Many people are away from their work to be with their families and a review of the NPA is probably not the first thing on their list of things to do. Therefore, the International Municipal Signal Association humbly requests that the review period be extended from 90 days to 180 days for the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Notice of Proposed Amendments.

Sincerely,

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Delegate, IMSA