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Stephanie Pollack, Acting Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Acting Administrator Pollack,

The Minnesota County Engineers Association (MCEA) joins the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) in requesting that the docket period for the Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA) that will result in the 11th edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) be extended to a full 180 days from the original notice, to June 13, 2021.

Minnesota's county engineers welcome the chance to participate in the rule making process, and to work with our state and local partners to review the proposed changes. A thorough review takes time and must be completed in addition to other normal professional duties. The Notice of Proposed Amendments includes 647 identified changes with multiple lengthy supporting documents. Expanding the docket period to a full 180 days would also be in line with the timeframe that was used during the docket review for the current 2009 MUTCD.

We recognize that this is our opportunity to provide comments on and potentially influence the national MUTCD, a document that is paramount to the safety and efficiency of our nation's transportation network. We would like to complete a thorough review of the proposal and provide constructive, meaningful comments to FHWA that reflect the impact the proposed changes would have on Minnesota counties, and will help FHWA finalize this important document.

Though the 60-day extension issued this week is helpful, MCEA respectfully requests the comment period be extended to a full 180 days. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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