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RE: Docket No. FHWA-2020-0001, RIN 2125-AF85, National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Revision

Thank you FHWA for publishing the NPA and working towards a new edition. This new edition is crucial as it has been over a decade since the publishing of the last edition without any significant revisions. I look forward to the FHWA Final Rule and hope that this will be done expeditiously. As an employee in the road building industry for over 20 years, I'm particularly excited to see the increased attention to the consideration for positive protection in work zones to increase safety for all road users and workers.

With recent data showing an 11.2% increase in work zone fatalities, I appreciate and support the FHWA's updates in Part VI that incorporate the language from CFR Title 23 Part 630 Subpart K concerning positive barrier protection of work zones. I support the Docket comments concerning positive protection from both the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD) and The American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) and encourage the FHWA to incorporate these into the new edition of the MUTCD.

Lastly, I respectfully request that the FHWA continues to do regular and targeted revisions of the 11th edition once a final rule is published.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.

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