Federal Highway Administration,

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RE: Concerns about the MUTCD in its current form

Dear Acting Administrator Pollack and Secretary Buttigieg:

I am concerned about the current draft MUTCD . I live in Worthington, Ohio. The MUTCD can be a major obstacle to supporting street level changes that are needed in Worthington and across our country. Even though we recently adopted a “Complete Streets” Policy, the needs of pedestrians and bikes are often brushed aside by traffic engineers on all levels based on the rule-bound dictates of the MUTCD. The main goal seems to be getting cars through as quickly and smoothly as possible rather than considering the needs of all people. My community is a suburb of Columbus Oh. We have Interstate 71, 315 and 270 surrounding us. We also have RT 23 (High Street) and Rt 161 (Dublin Granville Road) that cut through the heart of our community. Children and families in our community are unable to safely navigate on foot or bike to parks, middle school, or our rec center due to issues of speed and lack of local voice and flexibility on design especially with the routes that cross the heart of our community.

Please perform a comprehensive overhaul of the MUTCD, based on equity for all users, health, and safety . Let’s get a rule book that traffic engineers use that :

* Is designed to support healthier safer communities for pedestrians and bikes
* 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 and seniors to navigate.
* Ensures urban and suburban signalized intersections have basic pedestrian infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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