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Stephanie Pollack

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Dear Acting Federal Highway Administrator Pollack:

We are writing to you today to thank you for extending the comment period for the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) and to encourage you to stay the course in obtaining public comment on the NPA and expediting the issuance of an 11th Edition of the MUTCD.

The MUTCD is a key tool utilized by practicing transportation professionals at all levels of government across the United States. With the current version of the MUTCD being more than 10 years old, the transportation community and the traveling public desperately need an update.

During this decade there have been many advancements in transportation research, technology, practice, and services that are not reflected in the current Manual. These advancements, if well-integrated into the next edition, have the potential to save numerous lives and prevent serious injuries on our nation’s transportation system.

We are confident that the USDOT will obtain timely and relevant input on the proposed changes to the Manual and many suggestions on how to improve upon them, as well as ideas for rethinking and restructuring the Manual. Both are important. However, rescinding the NPA and starting over again, as some have recently suggested, risks not only negating years of important work by FHWA and countless volunteers but also misses the opportunity to save lives now.

To reiterate, Pexco encourages the FHWA and the U.S. Department of Transportation to stay the course in obtaining public comment on the NPA and expediting the issuance of a new MUTCD.

Respectfully,

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