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NCUTCD Proposal for Changes to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Bicycle Technical Committee
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TOPIC: Proposed General Services Signs for Bikeways
ORIGIN OF REQUEST: NCUTCD Bicycle Technical Committee
AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD: Chapter 9B

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY:

- Approved by Bicycle Technical Committee: 06/18/2015
- Concurrence by GMI Technical Committee: 06/18/2015
- Revised by Bicycle Technical Committee: 01/06/2016
- Approved by NCUTCD Council: 01/08/2016 (v. 1.2 - unanimous)

This is a proposal for recommended changes to the MUTCD that has been approved by the NCUTCD Council. This proposal does not represent a revision of the MUTCD and does not constitute official MUTCD standards, guidance, or options. It will be submitted to FHWA for consideration for inclusion in a future MUTCD revision. The MUTCD can be revised only through the federal rulemaking process.

SUMMARY:

This proposal would expand the use of general service signs to bikeways.

DISCUSSION

Chapter 2I of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices provides for a category of guide signs known as General Service signs that are intended to provide road users with information signing for traveler services. It also states that general service signs may be used on any class of highway where an engineering study determines a need. This proposal adds D9 services signs to Chapter 9B of the MUTCD.

RECOMMENDED MUTCD CHANGES

The following present the proposed changes to the current MUTCD within the context of the current MUTCD language. Proposed additions to the MUTCD are shown in blue underline and proposed deletions from the MUTCD are shown in ~~red strikethrough~~. Changes previously approved by NCUTCD Council (but not yet adopted by FHWA) are shown in green double underline for additions and ~~green double strikethrough~~ for deletions. In some cases, background comments may be provided with the MUTCD text. These comments are indicated by **[highlighted light blue in brackets]**.

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PART 9. TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR BICYCLE FACILITIES

CHAPTER 9B. SIGNS

Table 9B-1. Bicycle Facility Sign and Plaque Minimum Sizes

General Service	D9	9B.20a	12 x 12	24 x 24
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Section 9B.20a General Service Signing for Bikeways

[Note: this section may be inserted anywhere between sections 9B.20 and 9B.25]

Option:

01 General Service signs (see Chapter 2I) may be used on bikeways.

Standard:

02 General Service signs intended for viewing by both bicyclists and other road users shall conform to the sizes in Table 2I-1.

Option:

03 General Service signs intended for the exclusive use of bicyclists may be of reduced size.