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Mr. Robert W. Bronkall, Chair
California Traffic Control Devices Committee
County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) Representative
County Surveyor, Humboldt County Public Works
3033 H Street, Room 17
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Mr. Bronkall:

Effective April 1, 2025, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is updating the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) 2014 Revision 8 to provide uniform standards and specifications for all official traffic control devices in California. This action was taken pursuant to the provisions of California Vehicle Code Section 21400 and the recommendations of the California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC).

Caltrans has received a letter dated April 1, 2025, from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) confirming substantial conformance of the CA MUTCD 2014 Revision 9 edition with the 2009 Edition of the National Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for Streets and Highways, Revisions 1, 2 and 3, as required by title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, section 655.603(b)(1).

Caltrans is aware of FHWA's final rule adopting 11th Edition (2023) of the National MUTCD, which was published in the Federal Register on December 19, 2023 with an effective date of January 18, 2024. This proposed CA MUTCD 2014 Revision 9 does not include changes incorporated in FHWA's 11th Edition (2023) of the National MUTCD. Caltrans is currently reviewing the 11th Edition (2023) of the National MUTCD and plans to revise CA MUTCD in a separate effort, on or before January 18, 2026 (within 2 years of the effective date of final rule), as allowed by title 23 CFR section 655.603(b)(3).

CA MUTCD 2014 Revision 9 includes policy revisions addressing nine specific California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC) recommendations to Caltrans since January 11, 2024. A list of these nine CTCDC recommendations, constituting policy revisions in Revision 9, is attached. CA MUTCD Revision 9 will be available on the Internet at <<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/safety-programs/camutcd>>.

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The Division of Safety Programs is grateful to the CTCDC members for providing invaluable time, support, guidance, and direction in the development of this version of CA MUTCD.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Gurinderpal (Johnny) Bhullar, CA MUTCD Editor, at (916) 662-2397, or by email at <johnny.bhullar@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,



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