



California Traffic Control Devices Committee Agenda Item Report



Meeting Date: October 14, 2025 Item Number: 25-11	From: Mike Malyy, Caltrans
Sponsored By: Amjad Obeid, Caltrans	Presented By: Mike Malyy, Caltrans
Description: Request for review and recommendation to finalize CA MUTCD 2026 Part 6 titled "Temporary Traffic Control" proposed documents that have been revised in response to 10/2/25 CTCDC Meeting comments and is being prepared to adopt Federal Highway Administration's National MUTCD 2023 (11th Edition) before the January 18, 2026, deadline.	

Recommendation:

Motion by committee, recommending Caltrans to finalize and prepare the CA MUTCD 2026 Part 6 titled "Temporary Traffic Control" draft documents and incorporate them into CA MUTCD 2026 version that is being prepared to adopt Federal Highway Administration's National MUTCD 2023 (11th Edition) before the January 18, 2026, deadline.

Agency Making Request/Sponsor:

Mike Malyy, Caltrans / Amjad Obeid, Caltrans

Background:

For detailed background on this item, including the previously proposed revisions upon which the CTCDC provided comments shared below were based, as well as the meeting minutes of the meeting discussions, please refer to agenda item 25-11 document and its attachments, that were included in the October 2, 2025 meeting and are available at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/safety-programs/ctcdc/meetings>.

This item was discussed previously in the October 2, 2025 meeting. During the meeting, several CTCDC members, the public, and the FHWA CA Division representative shared their comments and concerns on the proposed revisions. The meeting discussions resulted in the CTCDC providing multiple comments to Caltrans and requesting Caltrans to review and address these comments, as appropriate. Caltrans was asked to revise these draft documents based on review of the CTCDC comments and provide them to CTCDC for review and discussion in a future meeting. Summary of the CTCDC comments provided on October 2, 2025, meeting and Caltrans review, response and resolution to these comments, is as follows:

1. CTCDC Comment – Chapter 6C, Section 6C.101(CA), Paragraph 01, Subpoint E:

CA MUTCD 2026 Proposal includes text:

Standard:

E. Bicyclists shall not be led into direct conflicts with mainline traffic, work site vehicles, or equipment moving through or around the TTC zone. Except when flagging operation.

CTCDC member comment: The standard gets interpreted that you can't end the bike line and have the bikes move in the travel lane. Some alternate wording of the standard should be composed to be consistent with what the figure shows.

Caltrans acknowledged the comment the text has been revised as follows:

Standard:

E. Bicyclists shall not be led into direct conflicts with opposing mainline traffic, work site vehicles, or equipment moving through or around the TTC zone, except during flagging operations.

2. CTCDC Comment – Chapter 6G, Table 6G-1:

CA MUTCD 2026 Proposal includes:

Bike Lane Closed	R9-12	6P.01	24 x 12	—	—
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CTCDC member comment: The recommendation is to increase the size of the R9-12 sign from 24" x 12" to 36" x 18" sign.

Caltrans acknowledged the comment and explained that there is no justification to deviate from Federal standard. No changes made.

3. CTCDC Comment – Chapter 6I, Section 6I.101(CA), Paragraph 01:

CA MUTCD 2026 Proposal includes text:

Option:

01 For use on projects with estimated contract costs of \$1,000,000 or more and 60 working days or more, or 70 working days minimum when Saturdays or holidays are counted as working days, the Construction Funding Identification signs may be used to identify funding sources for a highway project. Formats of the sign series are flexible to include federal, state and/or local agency funding sources. See Figure 6I-101(CA).

CTCDC member comment: Suggest adding option for local agencies to do it whenever there is a funding agency requirement for federal funds, state funds, then they are required to put signs for much smaller dollar amount.

Caltrans acknowledged the comment but no change has been made at this time.

4. **CTCDC Comment – Chapter 6P, Notes for Figure 6P-47, Paragraph 07:**

CA MUTCD 2026 Proposal includes text:

Guidance:

07 The speeds used for the shoulder taper calculations should be of bicyclists in the project vicinity or if a special event such as a bike race, the expected speed of bicyclists approaching the TTC zone.

CTCDC member comment: What is the speed of bicycles? The HDM for separated bike pathway is 25mph. Are we supposed to go below using the equation or stay at 25 mph.

Caltrans agrees with the comment and the text has been revised as follows, to be consistent with Federal standard and notes in the figures:

07 The speeds used for the shoulder taper calculations should be motor vehicles speeds.

5. **CTCDC Comment – Chapter 6P, Notes for Figure 6P-50, Subpoints 6 and 7:**

CA MUTCD 2026 Proposal includes text:

Option:

06 If a bicycle lane on a roadway having a speed limit of 30 mph or less is closed, and the adjacent travel lane is less than 14 feet wide, then BICYCLES ALLOWED USE OF FULL LANE (R9-20) signs may be used.

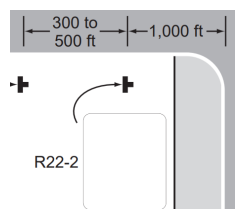
07 If a bicycle lane on a roadway having a speed limit of 30 mph or less is closed, and the adjacent travel lane is at least 14 feet wide throughout the TTC zone, then Bicycle Warning signs in association with IN STREET (W16-1aP) or IN ROADWAY (W16-1P) plaques may be used.

CTCDC member comment: Points 6 and 7 do not seem to apply. They refer to bicycle lane on roadway being closed. The figure is for a share-use path.

Caltrans acknowledges the comment but no change has been made.

6. **CTCDC Comment – Chapter 6P, Figure 6P-2:**

CA MUTCD 2026 Proposal includes:



CTCDC member comment: Sign R22-2 is not visible.

Caltrans acknowledges the comment and explains that this is due to incompatible font and formatting issues. All font issues will be resolved.

Caltrans has prepared the finalized proposal on CA MUTCD 2026 Part 6, incorporating CTCDC recommendation and Caltrans decisions, and it is attached to this agenda item. It is being provided for review to the CTCDC members and the public to share Caltrans decision on the CTCDC comments that were provided. Upon receiving formal CTCDC recommendation to finalize CA MUTCD 2026 Part 6 proposal, it will be revised as per the CTCDC passing motion details and then submitted to FHWA CA Division for review and determination of "substantial conformance" finding with the National MUTCD 2023 (11th Edition).

Attachments:

Due to the number of individual chapters in CA MUTCD 2026 Part 6, and each chapter further separated for text, figure and table contents, to facilitate review and allow for ease in referencing these attachments, instead of providing them in the listing format, they are being provided in the tabular format below.

Ch. #	Chapter Title Description	Attachment #s		
		Text	Figure	Table
6A	General	1	NA	NA
6B	Temporary Traffic Control Elements	2	3	4
6C	Pedestrian and Worker Safety	5	NA	NA
6D	Flagger Control	6	7	NA
6E	One-Lane, Two-Way Traffic Control	8	NA	NA
6F	Temporary Traffic Control Zone Signs - General	9	10	NA
6G	TTC Zone Regulatory Signs	11	12	13
6H	TTC Zone Warning Signs	14	15	16
6I	TTC Zone Guide Signs	17	18	19
6J	TTC Zone Pavement Markings	20	NA	NA
6K	TTC Zone Channelizing Devices	21	22	23
6L	Other TTC Zone Traffic Control Devices	24	25	NA
6M	Other TTC Zone Design Features and Safety Devices	26	NA	NA
6N	Types of Temporary Traffic Control Zone Activities	27	28	NA
6O	Control of Traffic Through Traffic Incident Management Areas	29	30	NA
6P	Typical Applications	31	32	33