

Meeting Date: August 6, 2026 Item Number: 24-15	From: Timothy Kong, Caltrans
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Description: LA28 Supplement July 2026 Revision.	

Recommendation:

None.

Background:

The 2028 Los Angeles Olympics and Paralympics (LA28), which includes the Summer Olympics (July 14-30, 2028) and Summer Paralympics (August 15-27, 2028), will establish a Games Route Network (GRN) with dedicated lanes for Olympic Games vehicles to travel between venues and ensure athletes and accredited persons arrive at their events and venues in a timely manner. The GRN will utilize existing freeways, expressways, highways, and local roads to provide a safe, fast, and reliable transportation system. LA28 traffic control devices will be installed from Fall 2027 through July 1, 2028. The facilities will be restored beginning September 1, 2028.

In order to facilitate the movement of athletes and Games personnel during the LA28 Games, some of the existing traffic control devices on GRN roadways will need to be changed temporarily and new traffic control devices will need to be temporarily installed to allow identification of the GRN priority lanes that have been dedicated for the travel of athletes and Games personnel. This will be accomplished by using "LA28" white or black legend on light blue background as a sign plaque or sign panel, and "LA28" pavement markings.

The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) has not assigned the meaning of light blue color (currently reserved for future designation). Any use of light blue color on a traffic control device will not be in compliance with the MUTCD (and the CA MUTCD). Thus, Caltrans developed the LA28 Experiment Request to use light blue as a background color for "LA28" word message, to serve as a unique identifier for GRN sign plaques and panels, aiding recognition and quicker comprehension of the dedicated lanes on GRN roadways to facilitate travel during the LA28 games. Caltrans developed the LA28 Supplement to the CA MUTCD to support the experiment. The LA28 Experiment Request (CTCDC Item 25-15) and plans for LA28 Supplement (CTCDC Item 24-15) to CA MUTCD were received and approved by the CTCDC in the August 7, 2025, CTCDC meeting.

On August 13, 2025, Caltrans received FHWA approval for the LA28 Experiment Request, with the condition that any future revisions to the experiment plan, including changes to locations, devices, and evaluation methods, should be coordinated with the FHWA and submitted for review and approval. As the experiment has progressed,



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several changes have occurred, including but not limited to traffic control device strategy changes and testing, changes from ongoing coordination with FHWA to ensure conformance with the National MUTCD, and the CA MUTCD 2026 release. The LA28 Supplement has been revised to support those changes. Caltrans requested and received FHWA acceptance of the latest version of the LA28 Supplement to CA MUTCD 2026 on July 15, 2026.

The LA28 Supplement to CA MUTCD 2026 has been posted on the CA MUTCD website: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/safety-programs/camutcd>. Effective date of the Supplement is July 15, 2026.

As the experiment proceeds, there may be further developments that require additional revisions to the LA28 Supplement.

Attachments:

None.