Meeting Date: November 5, 2026	**From:** Floyd Wilson III

Comments:

1. Why are the U.S. route shields and the interstate route shields matching the rest of the USA? That is not how California looked before. I, along with other people, am requesting that the upcoming California MUTCD revisions to use new the California U.S. Route Shields that look similar to the U.S. Federal Shield and to say U.S. California that makes it like a new California Highway Shield, and the classic state-specific interstate route signs for California.
2. Why are specific legacy signs—such as "Trailers and Campers Gusty Wind Area NEXT EXIT"—not included, and why have other unique, CA-made signs disappeared? We are formally requesting to have these California-specific warning and regulatory signs to be similar to the old ones but with newer wording into the manual through the next revision cycle.
3. At uncontrolled crosswalks, there are no additional signs allowed alongside the two standard plates: "PUSH BUTTON TO TURN ON WARNING LIGHTS" and "PUSH BUTTON FOR WARNING LIGHTS. WAIT FOR GAP IN TRAFFIC". This limited selection does not do enough to help pedestrians cross safely. We are requesting that Caltrans introduce more descriptive regulatory sign options in the upcoming manual revisions, including:
   - PUSH BUTTON FOR CROSSWALK WARNING DEVICE, CROSS WITH CAUTION
   - PUSH BUTTON FOR PEDESTRIAN WARNING LIGHTS, CROSS WITH CAUTION
   - PUSH BUTTON FOR WARNING DEVICE
   - PUSH BUTTON FOR OVERHEAD WARNING LIGHTS, CROSS WITH CAUTION
   - PUSH BUTTON FOR WARNING DEVICE (WITH IMAGE OF HAND PRESSING BUTTON)
   - PUSH BUTTON FOR CROSSWALK WARNING DEVICE
   - PUSH BUTTON TO TURN ON WARNING LIGHTS, CROSS WITH CAUTION
   - CROSS WITH CAUTION. TO ALERT DRIVERS, PUSH BUTTON TO ACTIVATE FLASHING LIGHTS.

   Expanding these options in the text updates would significantly improve visibility and remind pedestrians to remain cautious.
4. There are no alternative audio messages for Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) buttons at controlled crosswalks besides the standard "Warning Lights Are Flashing" message. There is a critical need to allow a wider variety of specialized audio messages for APS buttons at uncontrolled crosswalks utilizing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), TAPCO flashing LED PED XING

signs, In-Roadway Flashing Lights, and Circular Flashing Beacons. We request that the next revisions officially include the following localized voice messages:

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- "Cross street with caution, vehicles may not stop"
- "Yellow lights are flashing"
- "Crosswalk lights have been activated. Proceed with caution, vehicles may not stop"
- "Crosswalk system has been activated. Vehicles may not stop. Cross with Caution"
- "Cross with caution, vehicles may not stop"
- "Warning lights are flashing. Cross Street With Caution, Traffic May Not Stop"
- "Warning lights are on to cross (insert street name). Traffic May Not Stop"
- "Warning lights are flashing, cross with caution, traffic may not stop"
- "Yellow Lights Are Flashing. Wait for vehicles to stop before crossing"
- "Warning lights are flashing. Wait for Gap in Traffic"
- "Cross Street With Caution. Vehicles May Not Stop" (Available in both English and Spanish)
- "Yellow Lights Are Flashing" (Available in both English and Spanish)
- "Cross With Caution. Vehicles May Not Stop" (Available in both English and Spanish)
- "Warning Lights Are Flashing" (Available in both English and Spanish)

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- "Crosswalk lights have been activated to cross (insert street name). Proceed with Caution. Drivers may not stop."
- "Crossing Lights Activated. vehicles may not stop. Cross with caution."
- "Warning Light Activated. Vehicles May Not Stop. Cross With Caution"

Varying these messages based on the specific crosswalk technology at the location will ensure pedestrians hear contextual safety commands.

5. At complex uncontrolled crosswalk locations, it would be highly effective if the upcoming revisions establish a standard permitting circular flashing beacons paired with an overhead, activated flashing blank-out "PED XING" sign hanging directly from a mast arm. These configurations should be paired with NOVAX DS100 APS speakers programmed to announce "The crosswalk flasher has been activated" or "Crosswalk Flasher Has Been Activated" to ensure clear audible cues.
6. The CA County Line signs are not visible because they expect to see a COUNTY LINE sign and all they see is Sonoma County. There need to be some new

County line signs saying "Sonoma County" with the population of the county and the elevation of the county kind of like traveling North on the Golden Gate Bridge entering Marin County.

7. We are seeing issues with how hardware is configured during installation. When APS vibrotactile buttons are installed at intersections alongside overhead NOVAX DS100 or Wilcox Sales APS speakers, the push-buttons play their localized sounds, but the overhead speakers are being disconnected. This cuts off the classic CHIRP and CUCKOO audio sounds when the push-buttons trigger a rapid tick, a generic "WALK SIGN IS ON" message, or a custom verbal message like "(Insert Street name), Walk sign is on to cross (Insert Street Name)." This lacks the necessary reach to help visually impaired pedestrians navigate safely. We are requesting that Caltrans update its standard modifications to require NOVAX or Wilcox overhead speakers to remain fully connected alongside the push-buttons, allowing pedestrians to simultaneously hear directional CHIRPs and CUCKOOs from above, alongside the rapid ticks and custom voice messages from the ground button.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Diagram of Signs and Signals

ATTACHMENT A

Attachment A – Diagram of Signs and Signals

Here is a diagram of signs and signals that would be used in the meeting for the public.

Some of the CA signs have been changed to be brand new and not the old standard.



PED XING ACTIVATED BLANK-OUT SIGN



HIGHWAY SIGNS



PEDESTRIAN PUSH BUTTON SIGNS (FOR OVERHEAD FLASHERS, RRFB, IN ROADWAY FLASHING LIGHTS, CIRCULAR BEACONS)