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Subject: Federal Request for Comments on MUTCD Compliance Dates
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TO: County Engineers, City Representatives, and Consultants

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Office of Local Systems, and Iowa APWA Shoptalk

FROM: John Dostart, P.E., Office of Local Systems

SUBJECT: Federal Request for Comments on MUTCD Compliance Dates

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The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has issued a Request for Comments in the November 30, 2010, [Federal Register](#) on the compliance dates for agencies to upgrade existing non-compliant traffic control devices to comply with certain requirements established in the 2009 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The request asks for a discussion of General Compliance Date issues and responses to a series of questions about compliance dates, their benefits and economic impacts, and other related issues.

The Notice is available at:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-29587.pdf>

or at:

<http://www.regulations.gov>

by searching for "FHWA-2010-0159".

Comments are specifically sought on three compliance dates established in the December 2007, Final Rule on maintaining minimum sign retroreflectivity and four new compliance dates established in the Final Rule for the 2009 edition of the MUTCD that might potentially present the greatest challenge to overcome.

- Maintaining Minimum Sign Retroreflectivity (Section 2A.08)
- One-Way Signs (Section 2B.40)
- Horizontal Alignment Warning Signs (Sections 2C.06 to 2C.14)
- Yellow Change Intervals (Section 4D.26)
- Red Clearance Intervals (Section 4D.26)
- Pedestrian Intervals (Section 4E.06)
- Signal Phases (Section 4E.06)

At the end of the notice, FHWA has listed a series of seven specific questions regarding the MUTCD compliance dates. Comments can be submitted by mail or hand delivered to the address in the notice, or on line at:

<http://www.regulations.gov>

by searching for "FHWA-2010-0159".

Comments must be received on or before January 14, 2011, regardless of how they are submitted. All comments will be made public and be searchable electronically.

The MUTCD is adopted by law in Iowa. All traffic control devices (signs, traffic signals, pavement markings, etc) on public roads are required to be in compliance with the requirements in the MUTCD.

If you have specific questions about the MUTCD, **please do not reply to this note**. Instead, you may contact Tim Crouch in the Iowa DOT Office of Traffic and Safety at (515) 239-1513 or tim.crouch@dot.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Some of the documents referenced above are in Adobe Acrobat's Portable Document Format (PDF). If you do not have the Adobe Acrobat Reader

software, you can download it free of charge at:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>.

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http://www.iowadot.gov/local_systems/mailing/main_mailing.htm