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**TO:** WisDOT Region and Central Office Operations Personnel  
Wisconsin County Highway Commissioners  
Wisconsin Towns Association  
Wisconsin League of Municipalities  
ITE Wisconsin Public Agency Council  
Wisconsin Railroad Officials  
UW Transportation Information Center  
Nick Perna - Federal Highway Administration

**FROM:** William McNary, P.E. – State Traffic Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Wisconsin Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Proposed Review Timeline

In accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) plans to continue to adopt a manual that establishes a uniform system of traffic control devices for use upon the highways of this state. As a result, the WisDOT adopts the MUTCD by publishing a Wisconsin Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (WMUTCD), which contains the Federal MUTCD language and supplemental Wisconsin language. The Wisconsin Statutes also mandate that local authorities shall place and maintain traffic control devices under their jurisdiction in conformance with the adopted MUTCD and the Supplement.

This letter is to inform you of WisDOT's intent for agency review of the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of the MUTCD and the development of WMUTCD which will be performed by the various WisDOT Traffic Committees. In order to maintain strong partnerships between counties, local units of government and WisDOT, it is very important to obtain your input when the draft is released.

Below is the proposed timeline for development and refinement of the WMUTCD:

August 30	WisDOT internal Standing Committees complete first draft of WMUTCD WisDOT sends WMUTCD draft to locals for 60-day comment period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- County Highway Commissioners</li><li>- Wisconsin Towns Association</li><li>- League of Municipalities</li><li>- ITE Wisconsin Public Agency Council</li><li>- Wisconsin Railroad Officials</li><li>- UW Transportation Information Center</li><li>- Federal Highway Administration</li></ul>
October 30	End of 60-day comment period, WisDOT summarizes comments
November	Standing Committees review/update WMUTCD
January 2025	WisDOT makes final changes to WMUTCD gets approval within WisDOT
February 2025	Submit WMUTCD to FHWA Division Office for final review to ensure substantial compliance to the 11 <sup>th</sup> edition of the MUTCD.
March 2025	Adopt WMUTCD
March 2025	Publish & release WMUTCD on the Internet

At the appropriate time, we will send by email a copy of the draft WMUTCD for your review and comment. Please notify Emily Silverson ([emily.silverson@dot.wi.gov](mailto:emily.silverson@dot.wi.gov)), (608) 209-2266 if this is not the correct contact person for your agency.