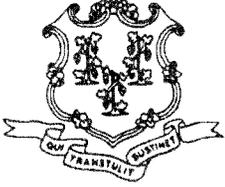


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Subject: Federal Docket No. FHWA-2003-15149-20
National Standards for Traffic Control
Devices; the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for Streets
and Highways; Maintaining Traffic Sign Retro-reflectivity

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has issued the subject docket which has the date of October 28, 2004 as the deadline for comments.

The proposed amendments to the MUTCD contained in the docket have the potential to significantly affect current sign management practices for Connecticut's large and diverse group of agencies and jurisdictions. Given the complexity and volume of changes, it is imperative that ample time be afforded for review and comment.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation, therefore, wishes to communicate its support of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Standing Committee on Highways resolution (PR-21-04) which requests the FHWA to consider extending the comment period on Docket No. FHWA-2003-15149 to March 1, 2005.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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