

TO: Florida Greenbook, Chapter 11 Update Subcommittee members
FROM: Allen Schrupf, Chairman
SUBJECT: Assessment by AWS on Proposed Revisions by Amy Datz

I have reviewed the revisions suggested by Amy Datz had suggested in the Chapter 11 Update to assess any potential issues of language that they present with the current MUTCD. From the first meeting, it was clear that the integrity of MUTCD is vital, and flexibility of application by cities & counties is key. Basically, we must keep the MUTCD as unchanged as we can (not overwriting it by adding text in this document). The other principle is being careful not to lift transit to a higher degree of importance than other issues. The intent in this memo is to provide the Subcommittee members with technical issues related to these proposed revisions.

1. Section B Objectives – I do not think it is appropriate to identify “transit passengers” or “facilities” because they are not addressed in the MUTCD. Also, by specifically mentioning those elements, it implies exclusion of others – school bus riders, bus drivers, passengers in cars, carpoolers are only a few. To me “Transit” is all the passengers, the vehicles, drivers, and the agency as a whole. I prefer to use that term. However, I do not think mentioning Transit in the Objectives section is appropriate.
2. Section B Objectives 1st bullet – I do not understand what is gained by “in the traffic stream”. All work zones are in the traffic stream as I understand it.
3. Section B Objectives 7th bullet – Reading though the MUTCD, the issue of ADA is extensively covered. I do not think we should add this as it may overwrite the MUTCD in some way, implying that in some passages ADA applies, but others do not.
4. Section B Objectives 8th bullet – We will modify bullets in D.3 & D.4, so I do not think it is appropriate here. Mandating a 3-month advance notification everywhere is very significant, perhaps causing projects to be delayed.
5. Section D.1.a.3 Special Operations – I do not think “transit passengers” is appropriate, since it is too specific (as per 1 above). Keep “Bicyclists”, since they are not motorists or pedestrians in the MUTCD.
6. Section D.1.b Nature of Work 8th bullet - I do not think “transit passengers” is appropriate, since it is too specific (as per 1 above). Keep “pedestrians and bicyclists”, since they are not drivers in the MUTCD.
7. Section D.1.c. Nature of the Work Zone – I would suggest the broader term of traffic mix (types of users) to include not only transit and their customers. I changed the last sentence to read *“The distribution of traffic with respect to time (hour, day, etc.), types of traffic, and direction is also important in establishing traffic control procedures.”*
8. Section D.2 Work Scheduling – Adding the sentence D.2 about transit at the end of the paragraph tends to place transit above all of the other issues listed in section D.4. I do not think we should be doing that.
9. Section D.3 Traffic Control and Protection - I do not think “transit passengers” is appropriate, since it is too specific (per 1 above). Keep “bicyclists”, since they are not motorists or pedestrians in the MUTCD.
10. Section D.3 Traffic Control and Protection 8th bullet – I clarified this issue differently in the next bullet.
11. Section D.3 Traffic Control and Protection last original bullet – I clarified this issue differently to link it thus: *“Transit Stops including passenger access”*. I also prefer to delete egress, since “access” is both ways, where “egress” is only one direction (what about ingress?).
12. Section D.4 Coordination with Others – I agree with the both of the changes you propose.
13. Section E.1 Public Information – I suggest softening the text to *“Transit agencies need to be given advance warning of operations planned so they can notify their passengers.”* As you showed it, a project could be shelved until notification was done.
14. Section E.2 Contracts and Permits – Both of the changes you propose are specifically covered in the MUTCD. We do not want to overlay it.
15. Section F. Evaluation of Program – This change is good since it mirrors the MUTCD.

END OF MEMORANDUM