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<u>ROADWAY DESIGN BULLETIN 20-01</u> (FHWA Approval: 01/27/2020)

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SUBJECT: Project Information Signs

This bulletin implements new policy for discontinuing the use of Project Information Signs. This policy affects the *FDOT Design Manual* (*FDM*) and the *FY 2020-21 Standard Plans*. Additionally, the *July 2020 Standard Specifications* will include updates to remove requirements and payment information for Project information Signs.

REQUIREMENTS

- <u>Standard Plans</u>, Index 102-000 has been updated and is released as a Standard Plans Interim Revision (IR102-000) to the FY 2020-21 Standard Plans. The Interim Revision will replace the original version of the Index published on October 30, 2019; therefore, a reference to the Interim Revision is not required on the Key Sheet under the Governing Standard Plans.
- 2. Replace *FDM 240.2.2.1* with the following:

240.2.2.1 Signs

The following types of signs are encountered in temporary traffic control:

Work Zone Signs

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• Existing Signs

Work Zone Signs

Work zone signs are typically post mounted in accordance with <u>Standard Plans</u>, *Index 102-000*.

Signing for the control of traffic entering and leaving work zones by way of intersecting roadways must be adequate to inform drivers, cyclists and pedestrians of work zone conditions. At a minimum, provide a "Road Work Ahead" sign.

If the work zone interrupts the continuity of an existing bicycle or pedestrian way, then provide signs directing non-motorists alongside or around the work zone and back to the bicycle or pedestrian way.

See the Standard Plans, 102 Series for required work zone signs and placement.

Existing Signs

Specify covering, removing, or relocating existing regulatory or warning signs that conflict with the TTCP, or to complement the work zone conditions (e.g., if a stop sign on an existing side road is needed, use the existing sign and show the location that it is to be relocated to).

Modify existing guide signs to show changes made necessary by the construction operations. If existing guide signs are to be removed during construction, make provisions for temporary guide signing. The temporary sign should be black on orange with the legend designed in accordance with <u>MUTCD</u> requirements for permanent guide signing.

3. Update the Contract Plans to remove the Project Information Sign details from the Temporary Traffic Control Plans (TTCP).

COMMENTARY

The Department is always looking for ways to minimize distractions to contribute to the Department's Vision of providing a fatality-free transportation network. One such way was submitted as an innovative idea to eliminate our Project Information Signs. After review and consideration, the Department has determined that the use of these signs is ineffective and often provides misinformation. Therefore, it was determined that these signs would be eliminated.

IMPLEMENTATION

These requirements are effective on all projects with a letting on or after July 1, 2020.

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