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|  | FDOT Traffic Engineering Research Laboratory (TERL)  Truck Mounted Changeable Message Sign Compliance Matrix | By signing this form, the applicant declares that he/she has read and understands the provisions of Section 990 of the FDOT *Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction* and all implemented modifications. The requirements listed on this matrix are derived from Section 990 and are the basis for determining a product’s compliance and its acceptability for use on Florida’s roads. |  |  |

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| 1 | 990-3.1 | Device meets the requirements of the Federal Highway Administration’s Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for Streets and Highways. |  | *Provide documentation specified in MUTCD line items below.* | Document Review, Physical Inspection and Functional Inspection |
| The following compliance matrix criteria (referencing the MUTCD) are from the MUTCD and are for all Truck Mounted Changeable Message Signs (CMS). | | | | | |
| 2 | MUTCD Section 2L.01.07 | No items other than inventory or maintenance-related information are displayed on the front or back of a truck mounted changeable message signs (CMS). |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 3 |  | Names or logos of the manufacturer, brand, or model are not displayed on a truck mounted CMS, either in the message display itself or on the exterior housing. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection and Functional Inspection |
| 4 | MUTCD Section 2L.04.19 | The colors used for the legends and backgrounds are as provided in Table 2A-2 Common Uses of Sign Colors, i.e., yellow and orange for the legend, and black for the background. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Functional Inspection |
| *Indicate location of requested information in submittal.* |
| 5 | MUTCD Section 6L.05.23 | In order to maintain legibility, truck mounted CMS automatically adjusts its brightness under varying light conditions. |  | *Provide a statement of conformance in this field.* | Compliance Matrix Review |
| 6 | MUTCD Section 6L.05.24 | The control system includes a display screen upon which messages can be reviewed before being displayed on the message sign. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Functional Inspection |
| *Indicate location of requested information in submittal.* |
| 7 |  | The control system is capable of maintaining memory when power is unavailable. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Functional Inspection |
| The following compliance matrix criteria are for all Truck Mounted CMS. | | | | | |
| 8 | 990-3.1 | All assembly hardware less than 5/8 inch in diameter is type 304 or 316 passivated stainless steel. Stainless steel bolts, screws and studs meet ASTM F593 and nuts meet ASTM F594. |  | *Provide statement of conformance from hardware supplier that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review |
| *Indicate location of requested information in submittal.* |
| 9 |  | All assembly hardware greater than or equal to 5/8 inch in diameter is galvanized. Bolts, studs, and threaded rod meet ASTM A307 and structural bolts meet ASTM F3125, Grade A325. |  | *Provide statement of conformance from hardware supplier that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review |
| *Indicate location of requested information in submittal.* |
| 10 |  | All electronic assemblies meet the environmental requirements of NEMA TS- 4 |  | *Provide the following:*   * *A third party test report that demonstrates compliance with this requirement.* * *A completed Testing Laboratory and Report Checklist.* * *A completed NEMA TS4 2.2.3-2.2.6, 3.1.1 & 5.4 Checklist.* | Document Review |
| *Indicate location of requested information in submittal.* |
| 11 |  | The controller and associated on-board circuitry are not affected by mobile radio, or any other radio transmissions. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review |
| *Indicate location of requested information in submittal.* |
| 12 |  | An operator’s manual is furnished with each unit. |  | *Provide a statement of conformance in this field.* | Compliance Matrix Review |
| 13 |  | All portable devices are permanently marked with the manufacturer’s name or trademark, model/part number, and date of manufacture or serial number. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 14 | 990-3.6.1 | The sign can be secured on a vehicle for normal operation. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Physical Inspection |
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| 15 |  | A fault light is located on the rear of the sign and operates whenever the sign is displaying a message. The light flashes at the same rate as the message being displayed |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Functional Inspection |
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| 16 | 990-3.6.2 | The housing size does not exceed 96 inches wide. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Physical Inspection |
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| 17 |  | The housing is designed to withstand exposure to the elements and includes a locking device to secure the housing from unauthorized entry. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Physical Inspection |
| *Indicate location of requested information in submittal.* |
| 18 |  | Provisions (by convection or fan) are made for heat dissipation within the unit. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Physical Inspection |
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| 19 |  | The message matrix panel background and frame for the changeable message assembly are painted flat black, federal specification TT-E-489. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Physical Inspection |
| *Indicate location of requested information in submittal.* |
| 20 |  | The face of the display is easily opened from the front and can be locked to stay open far enough to allow for servicing of all message panel components. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 21 |  | The face of the sign is covered by an impact resistant polycarbonate face that aids against glare and includes an ultraviolet inhibitor to protect from fading and yellowing. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 22 |  | The display panel support structure, when raised in the upright position, is designed to allow for a minimum height of seven feet from the bottom of the panel to the ground. |  | *Provide a statement of conformance in this field.* | Compliance Matrix Review |
| 23 |  | The unit has a manual and automatic control mechanism to raise and lower the display assembly. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 24 |  | A locking device is provided to ensure the display panel will remain in the raised or lowered position. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 25 | 990-3.6.3 | The message matrix utilizes amber (590 nm dominate wavelength).light emitting diodes (LED) and meet the visibility requirements of this specification. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Physical Inspection |
| *Indicate location of requested information in submittal.* |
| 26 |  | LEDs have a viewing angle of no less than 30 degrees, and LED intensity will not fall below 80 percent within three years. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Physical Inspection |
| *Indicate location of requested information in submittal.* |
| 27 |  | All display modules are identical and interchangeable. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 28 |  | The matrix is capable of displaying a minimum of two lines of eight characters each, using a 10 inch font that meets the height to width ratio and character spacing requirements in the MUTCD, Section 2L.04 (paragraphs 12 and 13) and Section 6F.60, paragraph 15. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Functional Inspection |
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| 29 |  | The matrix provides variable letter, graphic and symbol sizes from 10 to 36 inches that meet or exceed the numeral and letter sizes prescribed in the MUTCD and SHS companion document. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Functional Inspection |
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| 30 |  | Fonts and graphics must mimic the characteristics of fonts and graphics defined in NEMA TS4, the MUTCD, and SHS. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Functional Inspection |
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| 31 | 990-3.6.4 | The power supply is a 12 VDC system designed to operate the sign with a dedicated battery or batteries that are charged by the vehicle electrical system, but isolated so it does not drain the vehicle battery. |  | *Provide product literature, specifications, user manual, or similar information that shows the product meets this requirement.* | Document Review and Physical Inspection |
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| 32 |  | All internal sign components are treated with a protective, weather-resistant polyurethane conformal coating to protect against the adverse effects of humidity and moisture. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 33 | 990-3.6.5 | The controller is housed inside the sign and equipped with a security lockout feature to prevent unauthorized use. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 34 |  | An external weather-resistant, hand-held control keypad is used to display the message on the sign. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 35 |  | The controller has the capability to provide a predetermined or blank default message upon loss of controller function. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Functional Inspection |
| 36 | 990-3.6.6 | The message is displayed in upper case. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Functional Inspection |
| 37 |  | The message matrix panel is visible from one-half mile. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 38 |  | With a 10-inch character displayed, the sign is legible from a distance of 400 feet in both day and night conditions. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 39 |  | Under variable light level conditions, the sign automatically adjusts its light source to meet the 400-foot visibility requirement. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Physical Inspection |
| 40 |  | The sign has the capability to store a minimum of 40 common messages / graphics of which a minimum of 30 are user-programmable messages. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Functional Inspection |
| 41 |  | All messages are capable of being flashed or sequenced. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Functional Inspection |
| 42 |  | In the sequence mode, the message consists of no more than two phases. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Functional Inspection |
| 43 |  | Each phase of a displayed message does not exceed three lines. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Functional Inspection |
| 44 |  | Both message dwell time and message flash rate are individually programmable. |  | *Applicant may provide comments in this field.* | Functional Inspection |

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