

POLICY DIRECTIVE

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HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

Massachusetts Amendments to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices – November 2022

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy Directive is to formally issue and institute the use of a new edition of the Massachusetts Amendments to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), dated November 2022. The previous edition was dated January 2012.

The document is available on MassDOT's public website, mass.gov, at this address:

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/mutcd-massachusetts-amendments>.

This Policy Directive is effective immediately and applies to all MassDOT projects advertised for construction after November 19, 2022.

Authority

The MUTCD is approved as the national standard for traffic control devices through Title 23, United States Code, Section 109(d) and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 655.603, and is applicable to any street, highway or bicycle trail open to public travel. Furthermore, states are allowed to supplement the MUTCD as long as the responsible FHWA Division Office finds that it is in substantial conformance with the version. The Massachusetts Division Office of FHWA approved the October 2022 edition of the Massachusetts Amendments to the MUTCD on October 5, 2022.

MGL c. 85 § 2 requires that traffic control devices installed on State Highways be done so in accordance with the Department's current MUTCD. Projects designed and advertised for construction on or before November 19, 2022, may continue to advance in accordance with the January 2012 edition of the Massachusetts Amendments to the MUTCD.

In addition, cities and towns may make changes to any "signs, traffic control signals, traffic devices, school zones, parking meters or markings on any way within its control" without

MassDOT approval as long those changes are in conformance with the MUTCD and the Massachusetts Amendments.

Changes from Previous Edition

Changes to the document from the January 2012 edition may be found in a table in Appendix A of the November 2022 edition.

In addition, the Sample Traffic Control Agreement and the Sample Regulation for A Standard Municipal Traffic Code have been published as separate, stand-alone documents. These documents are available with the Massachusetts Amendments to the MUTCD on mass.gov at <https://www.mass.gov/lists/mutcd-massachusetts-amendments>.