

Introduction and General Provisions

This Indiana Supplement (Supplement) to the Millennium Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), incorporating Errata Number 1 (dated June 14, 2001) and Revision Number 1 (dated December 28, 2001), has been established and the contents contained herein and in the MUTCD shall be used by state and local officials in determining the necessity for any traffic control device in their respective jurisdictions. It may also serve as a guide for private roadways where the use of traffic control devices are needed.

The principal purpose of this Supplement and MUTCD is to give the size, shape, color, etc. of the signs, markings, and devices, which may be used under varying circumstances.

One of the primary purposes of this Supplement and the MUTCD is to promote uniformity in the type of devices used throughout the State. The devices suggested, in this Supplement and the MUTCD, and their application are to be used in conjunction with field investigation and engineering judgment; however, these devices are not a substitute for the exercise of reasonable care on the part of the highway user. This Supplement and MUTCD shall not be construed as an instrument to mandate the use of any of the control devices or procedures at a particular location.

Legal Authority

It is the intent, in the promulgation of this Supplement and the MUTCD, to meet the various requirements of the statutes of the State of Indiana. In particular, the following statutes are considered to be enabling legislation which allows for the promulgation of the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways: Indiana Code 4-22-2, 9-21-2, 9-21-3, and 9-21-4, and specifically in sections:

IC 9-21-2-1

Sec. 1. "The Indiana department of transportation shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to create the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways."

IC 9-21-2-2

Sec. 2. "The Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways must substantially conform with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, 1961 Edition, and the Manual for Signing and Pavement Marking for the National System for Interstate and Defense Highways, 1962 Edition, and all other manuals and revisions to the manuals that have the approval of the Federal Highway Administrator."

IC 9-21-2-3

Sec. 3. "All revisions to the manuals described in section 1 of this chapter may be considered to become a part of the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways if the following conditions exist:

- (1) The Indiana department of transportation concurs in the revisions.
- (2) The Indiana department of transportation adopts the rules under IC 4-22-2 to make revisions a part of the manual."

IC 9-21-2-4

Sec. 4. "The Indiana department of transportation may add control devices to the state manual in those areas where the federal standards are silent."

IC 9-21-4-1

Sec. 1. “A governmental agency in Indiana that is responsible for the signing, marking, and erection of traffic control devices on streets and highways within Indiana shall follow the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.”

Revisions

Revisions to the Supplement will be accomplished as specified in Indiana Code 4-22-2. Generally any change to the Indiana Supplement need not be implemented immediately unless specifically so stated in the newly promulgated regulation. The policies and practices of the governmental agencies involved will determine the reasonableness in time in making any changes or additions as required by regulations in the use of traffic control devices as set forth in the Supplement and MUTCD.

Not all of the traffic control devices that appear in later revisions to the MUTCD will appear in the Indiana Supplement; however, local jurisdictions, at their own discretion, may utilize portions of the revised MUTCD providing such use is in accordance with the intent of the MUTCD and does not conflict with Indiana State law.

Reasonable time periods for changing existing installations to conform to this Supplement and MUTCD should normally be updated at the end of normal service life or as published, by the Federal Highway Administration, for the “Phase-in Compliance Periods”.

Interpretation of the Supplement

The Indiana supplement is in the same format as the Millennium Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

- 1) Standards are denoted in Bold Large letters.
- 2) Guidance is denoted in Large letters (same size as standards, but not bold)
- 3) Options and Support are denoted in non-bold smaller letters.

The Indiana Supplement to the MUTCD refers to Page, Section and Line number as denoted in the MUTCD.

- 1) The page is the page number of the Millennium Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, with the December 28, 2001 revisions.
- 2) The section number is the section number that the change refers to, or, if the change is to a figure, the section number is on the bottom of the page.
- 3) The line number is the actual line that is being modified. **A line will be counted, and thereby assigned a line number, only if there is one or more letters or numerals in the horizontal display. Vertical spaces between lines (paragraphs, etc) are not counted as lines.** Line count does not include the top line which contains the page number and year, nor does the line count include the very bottom line which contains the section number.

Changes or modifications to a line, or lines, of the MUTCD will contain the exact language as found in the MUTCD. Words or phrases that are being deleted are the letter style with strike-out. Words or phrases being added are the letter style with underline. Other modifications consist of additional Figures, Sign depictions and Tables.