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Illinois Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (IMUTCD)

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The 2000 edition of the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (IMUTCD) was adopted by the department in January 2002. The IMUTCD consists of the December 2000 edition (Millennium Edition) of the national Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), including subsequent official revisions thereto, as amended by the Illinois Supplement to the MUTCD. The Illinois Supplement and the link to the Federal Highway Administration's website to the MUTCD are available on the IDOT web site at <http://www.dot.state.il.us/mutcd/utcdmanual.html>.

Any newly installed traffic control devices should be in conformance with the standards contained in the IMUTCD. Devices that are in compliance with the previous manual, but which do not meet the standards of the new manual, shall be made to conform except as noted below. Beyond these dates, all traffic control devices shall be in compliance with this manual. Future revisions to the manual which require alteration of existing devices shall have a compliance date of 2 years from the date of issuance, unless otherwise specified at the time of such issuance.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Effected Device or Practice</u>	<u>Compliance Date</u>
2B.04	4-WAY plaque at all applicable intersections	January 17, 2004
2B.16	Supplement plaque color with Speed Signs	January 17, 2008
2B.32	One Way signs leaving alleys	January 17, 2008
2B.49, 2B.50	Delete former R3-18 and R3-19 signs	January 17, 2007
2C.02	Minimum sizes - W4-11, W5-2, W6-3, W12-1	January 17, 2008
2C.23	Delete Pavement Ends symbol sign (W8-3a)	January 17, 2011
2C.24	Delete symbols - W8-4, W8-9, W8-9a, W8-11	January 17, 2011
2C.37	Delete "crosswalk" on advance crossing signs	January 17, 2011
2D.38	Letter size on street name signs ("should" condition)	January 9, 2012
2E.28	Increase height of exit number panel	January 17, 2008
2E.30	Advance guide sign spacing ("should" condition)	January 17, 2008
2F.05	LOGO sign letter size	January 17, 2011
3B.01, 3B.03	Center line/edge line various	January 3, 2003
3B.04, 3B.06	Center line/edge line various	January 3, 2003
3B.07	Center line/edge line various	January 3, 2003
4E.06, 4E.08	Accessible Pedestrian Signals	January 17, 2005
7B.08	Delete "crosswalk" on advance crossing signs	January 17, 2011

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8B.02	Reflective material on back of railroad crossbuck	January 17, 2011
9B.04	Delete "diamond" lane marking for bicycles	January 17, 2006
9B.15	Delete "crosswalk" on advance crossing signs	January 17, 2011
9C	Delete "diamond" symbol for pref. Lane markings	January 17, 2006
10	Automatic gates, flashing signals, blankouts signs	January 17, 2006

It is anticipated that revisions will be periodically made to the MUTCD. The department will review these and revisions will be made to the Illinois Supplement when appropriate. ERRATA No. 1, which includes grammatical changes, was issued in June 2001. Revision No. 2, which will include technical correction and revisions to the manual, is expected this year. Once Revision No. 2 is issued there will be a reprinting of the MUTCD. This should be taken into consideration before purchasing the manual.

In the past, the Bureau of Local Roads and Streets (BLRS) has published the booklet, "Signing of Road District and Township Highways". Once Revision No. 2 of the MUTCD has been issued, BLRS will determine if the booklet will be republished. In the interim we encourage the use of Part 5, "Traffic Control Devices for Low-Volume Roads" of the manual.

The MUTCD makes reference to the Uniform Vehicle Code (UVC). However, the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-100 et seq.) (IVC) shall govern over the UVC. Section 5/11-301 of the Illinois Vehicle Code contains the authority for the IMUTCD. Sections 5/11-301 and 303 establish the responsibility for the erection and maintenance of traffic control devices on state highways and on local roads. Various other sections of the Illinois Vehicle Code, particularly in Chapter 11, deal with specific traffic regulations and control devices.

In the interest of statewide uniformity, requests for interpretations, experimentation, and changes to the MUTCD should be forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration through the Engineer of Operations, Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62764.

The BLRS encourages local agencies to print the supplement off the website mentioned at the beginning of the circular letter. However, local agencies may order hard copies, at no charge, of the Illinois Supplement from the Manual Sales Office. The request form can be obtained at the following website: <http://www.dot.state.il.us/manuals/dohman03.pdf>. If you have any questions, please contact your district office or Teresa Price at (217) 785-1664.

Sincerely,



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