



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 8

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 6, 2026

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Coleman, **Seconded By:** Ms. Sellers

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Delegation of Authority to Correct Virginia Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Version 11.0

WHEREAS, pursuant to the resolution titled *Adoption of Virginia Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and Virginia Work Area Protection Manual, Adoption of Regulatory Amendments, and Completion of Periodic Regulatory Review* adopted on September 17, 2025, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) adopted the Virginia Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, which includes the Work Area Protection Manual (Virginia MUTCD), version 11.0, as the standard for all traffic control devices installed on any street, highway, or bicycle trail open to public travel in Virginia, and approved the regulatory action to incorporate that document into 24VAC30-315, Standards for Use of Traffic Control Devices to Classify, Designate, Regulate, and Mark State Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia MUTCD, version 11.0, is based on the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (national MUTCD), 11th edition, which was adopted in December 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 CFR 655.603, the national MUTCD is the national standard for traffic control devices, except that states may adopt a state MUTCD that is in substantial conformance with the national MUTCD, which Virginia has done through adoption of the Virginia MUTCD to account for Virginia law and Virginia-specific signs; and

WHEREAS, FHWA has identified numerous minor errors in the national MUTCD and is expected to take action to correct the errors in the national MUTCD, and as such, the Virginia MUTCD must be amended to reflect correction of the national MUTCD and to correct any other minor errors identified in the Virginia MUTCD by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board authorizes the Commissioner of Highways, or his designees, to amend the Virginia MUTCD to correct minor errors as identified by VDOT or to reflect correction of the national MUTCD by FHWA, with major revisions to the Virginia MUTCD to continue to be brought to the Board for approval and action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board authorizes the Commissioner of Highways, or his designees, to submit regulatory action(s) on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall to amend 24VAC30-315, Standards for Use of Traffic Control Devices to Classify, Designate, Regulate, and Mark State Highways, to reflect the correction of errors in the Virginia MUTCD.

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Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Decision Brief

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Issue: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) seeks approval from the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) to amend the Virginia Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, which includes the Work Area Protection Manual (Virginia MUTCD), version 11.0, and to promulgate associated amendments to 24VAC30-315, Standards for Use of Traffic Control Devices to Classify, Designate, Regulate, and Mark State Highways, to reflect correction by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the national Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (national MUTCD), 11th edition, and correction of other minor errors in the Virginia MUTCD as identified by VDOT.

Facts: Pursuant to the resolution titled *Adoption of Virginia Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and Virginia Work Area Protection Manual, Adoption of Regulatory Amendments, and Completion of Periodic Regulatory Review* adopted on September 17, 2025, the Board adopted the Virginia MUTCD, version 11.0, as the standard for all traffic control devices installed on any street, highway, or bicycle trail open to public travel in Virginia, and approved the regulatory action to incorporate that document into 24VAC30-315, Standards for Use of Traffic Control Devices to Classify, Designate, Regulate, and Mark State Highways. As authorized by the Board, VDOT posted the regulatory action to the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall (Town Hall), with the amendments becoming effective on December 17, 2025.

The Virginia MUTCD, version 11.0, is based on the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (national MUTCD), 11th edition, which was adopted by FHWA in December 2023. Pursuant to 23 CFR 655.603, the national MUTCD is the national standard for traffic control devices, except that states may adopt a state MUTCD that is in substantial conformance with the national MUTCD, which Virginia has done through adoption of the Virginia MUTCD to account for Virginia law and Virginia-specific signs.

FHWA has identified numerous minor errors in the national MUTCD and is expected to take action to correct those errors. In order to remain in substantial conformance with the national MUTCD, the Virginia MUTCD must be amended to reflect correction of the national MUTCD. The Virginia MUTCD must also be amended to correct other minor errors identified by VDOT. To reflect amendment of the Virginia MUTCD, regulatory action(s) must be submitted on Town Hall to amend 24VAC30-315, Standards for Use of Traffic Control Devices to Classify, Designate, Regulate, and Mark State Highways. The Exempt regulatory action(s) will undergo Executive Branch review and publication in the *Virginia Register of Regulations* prior to becoming effective.

Recommendations: VDOT recommends the Board authorize the Commissioner of Highways, or his designees, to amend the Virginia MUTCD to correct minor errors and to submit the associated regulatory action(s) on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall to amend 24VAC30-315, Standards for Use of Traffic Control Devices to Classify, Designate, Regulate, and Mark State Highways.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* §33.2-210 requires the majority vote of the Board to adopt regulations governing the use of highways under its jurisdiction. A resolution will be presented for the Board to (i) authorize the Commissioner of Highways, or his designees, to amend the Virginia MUTCD to correct minor errors as identified by VDOT or to reflect correction of the national MUTCD by FHWA, with major revisions to the Virginia MUTCD to continue to be brought to the Board for approval and action, and (ii) authorize the Commissioner of Highways, or his designees, to submit regulatory action(s) on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall to amend 24VAC30-315, Standards for Use of Traffic Control Devices to Classify, Designate, Regulate, and Mark State Highways, to reflect the correction of errors in the Virginia MUTCD.

Result, if Approved: VDOT will amend the Virginia MUTCD as necessary to correct minor errors and promulgate regulatory amendments to 24VAC30-315 to reflect the amendment of the Virginia MUTCD.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer

Public Comments/ Reaction: Public comment will be received for 30 days upon publication of the action(s) to amend 24VAC30-315 in the *Virginia Register of Regulations*.