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# Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** MUTCD – Official  
Ruling No. 2(09)-165 (I) – R10-15  
Modified with Stop Sign Symbol (Turning  
Vehicles Stop for Pedestrians)

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide clarification regarding the use of the symbol of the Stop sign in lieu of the Yield sign symbol on the Turning Vehicles Yield to Pedestrians (R10-15) sign. The R10-15 sign is for use at signalized intersections that might warrant additional emphasis to drivers turning at a signal where potential pedestrian conflicts might not be readily apparent. This interpretation is based on the provisions of the 2009 edition of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways* (MUTCD).

The MUTCD provides for the use of the Stop sign symbol in lieu of the Yield sign symbol with the R1-5, R1-6, and R1-9 series signs when the law specifically requires that a driver must stop for, rather than yield to, a pedestrian in a crosswalk. A similar modification to the ~~R10-5 sign~~ R10-15 sign was omitted from the 2009 edition of the MUTCD. Yet, many jurisdictions have enacted such laws requiring turning vehicles to stop for, rather than yield to, pedestrians within a crosswalk at a signalized intersection.

It is our official interpretation that the Stop sign symbol with the legend “FOR” may be used in place of the Yield sign symbol with legend “TO” on the R10-15 sign when used in a jurisdiction where statutes or ordinances specifically require that a driver turning at a signalized intersection must stop for a pedestrian that is legally within a crosswalk.

For recordkeeping purposes, this interpretation has been assigned the following Official Ruling number and title: “2(09)-165 (I) – R10-15 Modified with Stop Sign Symbol.” Please direct any inquiries regarding this information to Mr. Matt Zeller, [Matthew.Zeller@dot.gov](mailto:Matthew.Zeller@dot.gov), of the MUTCD Team.

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