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Mr. Gary Thompson
State Traffic Engineer
Minnesota Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of September 14 to the Office of Transportation Operations (HOTO-1). In your letter you transmitted a request from the city of Little Falls, Minnesota for approval to experiment with Mobil Supplemental Crosswalk Identification Devices.

As you are aware, Requests for Experimentation must be in accordance with Section 1A-6 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Your letter indicated that the city of Little Falls Request to Experiment is in accordance with Paragraph 1A-6 of the Minnesota MUTCD. We assume that it replicates the National MUTCD and have evaluated the request accordingly. We have reviewed the city of Little Falls Request to Experiment dated September 8. We will approve their request subject to the following comments. The information may be faxed to Mr. Harold Lunenfeld at 202-366-3225.

- A. Note that the Evaluation Procedure should provide for close monitoring of the experimentation, especially in the early stages of the field implementation. The length of Experimentation beginning in October 2000 and ending February/ March 2002 is acknowledged.
- B. Please provide for more precise locations of the experimental installations in the city of Little Falls and the control sites in the city of Alexandria.
- C. Please provide semiannual progress reports for the duration of the experimentation, and provide a copy of the final results to the Federal Highway Administration, Office of Transportation Operations (HOTO-1), within 3 months following completion of the experiment.
- D. Please inform us if the experimental dates change so we can adjust the schedule accordingly.

For reference purposes, we have assigned your request the following official experimentation

number and title: "II-429 (E) Mobil Supplemental Crosswalk Identification Device." Please refer to this number in future correspondence.

If you have any question while preparing your revised request to experiment, please call Mr. Harold Lunenfeld at 202-366-6598.

Sincerely yours,

Shelley J. Row, P.E.
Director, Office of Transportation
Operations