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March 8, 2005

Regina McElroy, Director  
Federal Highway Administration  
Office of Transportation Operations (HOTO)  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. McElroy:

Attached is the New York State Department of Transportation's (NYSDOT) request for experimentation with roundabout signs and pavement markings. Included in the request are the requirements set forth under Section 1 A.1 0 of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD).

NYSDOT research shows that the designs used for these signs and pavement markings are not protected by any patents or copyrights.

The NYSDOT agrees to restore the sites of the experiment to a condition that complies with the provisions in the MUTCD within three months following the issuance of a final rule on these traffic control devices. The NYSDOT also agrees to terminate the use of these devices installed under experimental approval if at any time the NYSDOT detects any significant safety concerns attributable to them. Furthermore, the NYSDOT acknowledges that the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Transportation Operations has the authority to terminate this experimentation at any time if there is an indication of safety concerns. The NYSDOT would appreciate a response to this request by April 8, 2005. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Barbara Abrahamer, of our Traffic Operations Bureau, at (518) 457-2095 or [babrahamer@dot.state.nv.us](mailto:babrahamer@dot.state.nv.us).

Sincerely,

BRUCE W. SMITH  
Director  
Traffic Engineering & Highway Safety Division

Attachments