

July 24, 2003

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Mr. Randy Hoskins  
City Traffic Engineer  
City of Lincoln  
Public Works and Utilities Department  
531 Westgate Boulevard, Suite 100  
Lincoln, NE 68528

Dear Mr. Hoskins:

Thank you for your June 24 letter requesting approval to experiment with pedestrian countdown signal displays at three intersections in the city of Lincoln.

As you are aware, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published in the Federal Register a Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) for Revision No. 2 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). That NPA includes the proposed addition of pedestrian countdown displays for optional use, with uniform design and operation when used. A Final Rule for Revision No. 2 is anticipated by October of this year. Until such time as a Final Rule is issued, countdown pedestrian displays are still considered experimental. We approve your request to experiment with pedestrian countdown displays at the three intersections in the city of Lincoln as detailed in your letter.

Your request to experiment is approved for 1 year or until such time as a final ruling on the proposed MUTCD Revision No. 2 is made, whichever occurs first. Upon issuance of a final ruling on proposed MUTCD Revision No. 2, the city of Lincoln may be required to modify or remove the pedestrian countdown displays depending on the details of the Final Rule.

For future reference, we have numbered and titled this experimentation as "4-264(Ex)–Lincoln, NE Pedestrian Countdown." Please reference this number in any future correspondence. Again, we do appreciate your interest in improving conditions for pedestrians and if we can be of further assistance, please contact Mr. Scott Wainwright at 202-366-0857.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Vincent P. Pearce

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