

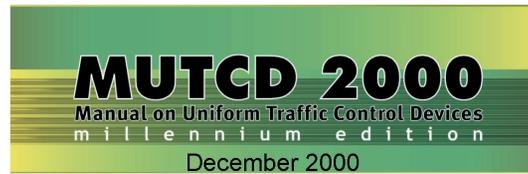
What's new in the Millennium Edition MUTCD?

Although the MUTCD is frequently updated, it has been more than 20 years since the last full-scale revision of the Manual in 1978.

The changes to the MUTCD are intended to promote uniformity, improve traffic operations and safety, and incorporate technical advances.

The Millennium Edition MUTCD is being reformatted to improve the overall organization and discussion of the content. This reformatting makes the manual easier to read and easier for the user to access information. Many sections of the Millennium Edition MUTCD have been revised, including:

- + New signs and pavement markings
- + Changes in both standards and guidance
- + A revised table of contents
- + New sections, such as Part 5 (Rural Roads) and Part 10 (Light Rail)
- + Major changes in Part 6 (Work Zones)
- + Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and pedestrian guidance

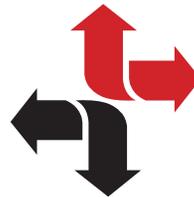


The MUTCD audience encompasses more than the highway community, including:

- + State and local highway officials
- + Academic institutions
- + Construction and manufacturing concerns
- + Engineering consultants
- + Law enforcement
- + Insurance industries
- + Private industries

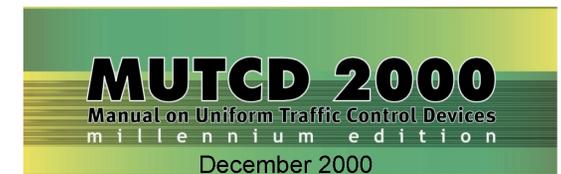
More information is available online at:

<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>

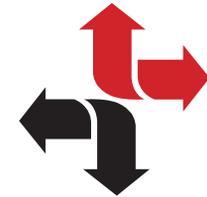


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What does the release of the Millennium Edition MUTCD mean to you?

The MUTCD contains national design, application, placement standards, and guidance for all traffic control devices such as signs, signals, and pavement markings. These traffic control devices regulate, warn, and guide road users along highways and streets all across the United States.

Traffic control devices are important because they optimize traffic performance, promote uniformity nationwide, and help improve safety by reducing the number and severity of traffic crashes.

All traffic control devices nationwide must conform to the MUTCD as provided under Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 655, Subpart F.

Transportation managers nationwide use the MUTCD to install and maintain traffic control devices on all streets and highways open to public travel.

The MUTCD describes how these traffic control devices are used in bicycle and pedestrian crossings, highway-rail grade crossings, school and work zones, and other roadway applications.

How do I get a copy of the Millennium Edition MUTCD?

One of FHWA's goals is to provide equitable access to the Manual to a wide and diverse audience of users. Electronic access is one way to reach this goal.

Bound copies of the Manual along with the CD ROM will be available for purchase in the spring of 2001 through a number of national associations, including the following:

- ✦ American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) – www.aashto.org
- ✦ Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) – www.ite.org
- ✦ American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) – www.atssa.com
- ✦ Government Printing Office (GPO) – www.gpo.gov

Other organizations may be added at a later date.



Where do I find more information on the Millennium Edition MUTCD?

As of December 2000, the Millennium Edition MUTCD was available on the Internet at: <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>

In addition to the web version of the Manual, the MUTCD website, <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>, contains a wealth of other MUTCD-related information.

The complete interactive website will be online in the spring of 2001. On the MUTCD website you will find:

- ✦ Information on the amendment process
- ✦ Tutorials and educational materials
- ✦ The latest news on revisions, interpretations, and experimentations
- ✦ Information on the major changes including a side-by-side PowerPoint presentation that compares the changes in the Millennium Edition MUTCD to the 1988 Edition
- ✦ Answers to frequently asked questions
- ✦ Discussion groups on a variety of MUTCD subjects
- ✦ Links to other MUTCD resources and FHWA staff
- ✦ Links for purchasing the MUTCD
- ✦ Additional ongoing enhancements

