The legal authority for regulating, warning, or guiding traffic on Arizona’s public roadways is established by state law and is vested with the Director of ADOT. The Director has adopted the current edition of the MUTCD as modified by the Arizona Supplement as the official Manual for Arizona.

Applicable Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) covering legal authority for traffic control devices are as follows:

ARS §28-362 Deputy director of the department
ARS §28-363 Duties of the director; administration
ARS §28-627 Powers of local authorities
ARS §28-641 Traffic control devices manual and specifications
ARS §28-642 Traffic control signs on state highways; rules
ARS §28-643 Local traffic control devices
ARS §28-646 Pedestrian control signals; loitering prohibited
ARS §28-647 Flashing signals
ARS §28-650 Warning devices at construction sites
ARS §28-652 State highway work zones; definition
ARS §28-702 State highway speed limits
ARS §28-703 Alteration of speed limits by local authority
ARS §28-710 State highway work zone safety, civil penalty; fund
ARS §28-727 No passing zones
ARS §28-737 High occupancy vehicle lanes; civil penalty; definition
ARS §28-791 Pedestrians subject to traffic rules
ARS §28-797 School crossings; civil penalty; assessment; definition
ARS §28-851 Rail road crossing; safety
ARS §28-855 Stop signs; yield signs
ARS §28-873 Stopping, standing or parking prohibitions; exceptions; definition
ARS §28-1203 Photo enforcement system placement, speed limit change
ARS §28-1204 Photo enforcement zones, signage; standards, citation dismissal
ARS §28-6921 State engineer; qualifications; compensation
ARS §28-6922 Director; powers and duties
ARS §28-7044 Signs
Under Departmental directives, the Director has delegated the authority to “design and approve official traffic control devices and enact rules and regulations pertaining to official traffic control devices where required by statute” to the State Engineer of the Intermodal Transportation Division; the State Engineer has delegated the same authority to the State Traffic Engineer via Delegation of Authority 97-04.

Applicable Arizona Administrative Code (AAC) covering rules for traffic control devices are as follows:

R 17-3-901 Signing for Colleges and Universities

R 17-3-902 Logo Sign Programs

R 17-3-904 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Requirements for LOGO Signs