

## **160 REVISIONS**

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### 160.1 AUTHORITY

- Arizona Revised Statutes §28-641, Traffic Control Device Manual and Specifications
- Arizona Revised Statutes §28-642, Traffic Control Signs On State Highways; Rules

### 160.2 REVISIONS TO THE MUTCD

Revisions to the MUTCD are developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the Federal rulemaking process. During rulemaking, ADOT Traffic Group serves as the primary point of contact within ADOT for review and comment on proposed MUTCD content, in conjunction with other interested and affected ADOT divisions, groups, and sections. Comments on proposed MUTCD content from ADOT should be coordinated through Traffic Group and officially submitted to the Federal docket by the Director or State Engineer (or designee).

**A new edition or revision of the MUTCD shall not be officially recognized in the State of Arizona until formally adopted (along with any accompanying supplement) by the Director in accordance with ARS §28-641. After a new edition or revision of the MUTCD is published by the FHWA, there is typically a period of time defined for states to review and adopt the new edition of the MUTCD. During this time period, ADOT Traffic Group shall review the new edition or revision of the MUTCD and modify the content as appropriate through a state-specific supplement to the MUTCD. This supplement shall be developed in cooperation with the Arizona Division office of FHWA in accordance with 23 CFR 655.603. The Arizona Supplement modifies the MUTCD to reflect state law and Arizona-specific engineering and traffic control practice. After formal adoption by the Director, the MUTCD as modified by the corresponding Arizona Supplement shall be the official traffic control device manual as defined in ARS §28-841 et seq. for all roads and shared-use paths open to public travel in the State of Arizona.**

### 160.3 REVISIONS TO ADOT TRAFFIC ENGINEERING TGPs

The State Traffic Engineer or Traffic Standards Engineer may initiate proposed changes to TGPs. These changes may be initiated by suggestions from ADOT staff or the public, changes to state law or administrative regulations, through periodic review, or for other appropriate reasons. The Traffic Standards Engineer should distribute draft TGPs for review by appropriate ADOT and external staff and areas. Note that due to the nature of TGP content and scope, different review groups may be used for TGPs as determined by the Traffic Standards Engineer. An example of areas that might assist in the review of a draft TGP may include:

- Traffic Standards
- Traffic Design
- Traffic Operations
- Regional Traffic Engineers
- Construction Group
- Transportation Technology Group
- Roadway Group
- Risk Management
- State Engineers' Office
- Multimodal Planning Division
- Consulting engineers and subject matter experts identified by ADOT
- Contractors
- FHWA Arizona Division Office

After receiving comments, the Traffic Standards Engineer reviews comments received by the deadline and modifies the draft using engineering judgment. The PGP may then proceed to the State Traffic Engineer for final approval, or be distributed for another round of comments.

**Proposed draft TGPs shall not be considered officially adopted until approved by the State Traffic Engineer and published on the ADOT website in the section reserved for TGPs. Publication on the ADOT website shall be considered evidence of approval by ADOT. Once published, a new edition of a TGP supersedes any and all previous editions of that TGP.**