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### POLICY TO ADOPT MUTCD AND SUPPLEMENT

**TO:** Office of Project Delivery  
Office of Operation

**FROM:** André Fillastre, P.E. PTOE  
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**DATE:** January 6, 2026

**SUBJECT:** 11'th Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and Traffic Engineering Manual

Louisiana Revised Statutes 32:235 state that "The Department shall adopt a manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices consistent with the provisions of this Chapter (RS32:1 to RS 32:299) for use upon highways within this state. Such uniform system shall correlate with and so far as possible conform to the system then current as provided by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, ..."

In December 2023 the Federal Highway Administration published the 11'th Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) in the Federal Register with an effective date of January 18, 2024. The rule required that States adopt changes to the MUTCD within 2 years of the effective date. In accordance with this rule, the effective adoption date for the 11'th Edition of the MUTCD by the Department will be January 18, 2026.

The 11'th Edition of the MUTCD and the Traffic Engineering Manual are to be used as the minimum requirements for the study and the preliminary design of all traffic control devices, which are scheduled to begin on or after January 18, 2026.

Procurement of copies of the MUTCD is the responsibility of each Section and District. The complete manual can be viewed or downloaded from the MUTCD website, [mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov).

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Each District Traffic Operations Engineer  
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