Dear Senators BRACKETT, Nonini, Buckner-Webb, and Representatives PALMER, Shepherd, King:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the Idaho Transportation Department:

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 07/26/2018. If a meeting is called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 08/23/2018.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement, and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4834, or send a written request to the address on the memorandum attached below.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Transportation Committee and the House Transportation & Defense Committee
FROM: Legislative Research Analyst - Matt Drake
DATE: July 09, 2018
SUBJECT: Idaho Transportation Department

IDAPA 39.03.41 - Rules Governing Traffic Control Devices - Temporary and Proposed Rule (Docket No. 39-0341-1801)

Summary and Stated Reasons for the Rule

The Idaho Transportation Department submits notice of temporary and proposed rulemaking relating to Traffic Control Devices. The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), on behalf of the State of Idaho, previously received permission from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to experiment with a traffic control device, called IdaShield, at passive highway-railroad grade crossings. That experiment has ended and, in accordance with the conditions of the experiment, no new or replacement IdaShields are permitted to be installed after December 31, 2017. The device has been included in IDAPA 39.03.41, "Rules Governing Traffic Control Devices" and the proposed rule would remove all references to it.

Negotiated Rulemaking / Fiscal Impact

Negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because the rule is simple in nature. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the state general fund.

Statutory Authority

The proposed rule changes appear to be within the statutory authority of the Department pursuant to Sections 40-312 and 49-201, Idaho Code. The Governor has found that temporary adoption of the rule is appropriate because, pursuant to direction given by the FHWA, no new or replacement IdaShields are permitted to be installed.

cc: Idaho Transportation Department
   Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez
IDAPA 39 – IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
39.03.41 – RULES GOVERNING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
DOCKET NO. 39-0341-1801
NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – TEMPORARY AND PROPOSED RULE

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the temporary rule is June 21, 2018.

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5221(1) and 67-5226, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has adopted a temporary rule, and proposed rulemaking procedures have been initiated. The action is authorized pursuant to Sections 40-312 and 49-201, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than July 18, 2018.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is the required finding and concise statement of its supporting reasons for adopting a temporary rule and a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), on behalf of the State of Idaho, had received permission from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to experiment with a traffic control device, called IdaShield, at passive highway-railroad grade crossings. The experiment has ended and in accordance with the conditions of the permission to experiment, no new or replacement IdaShields are permitted to be installed after December 31, 2017. When Idaho received permission to experiment with the IdaShield, the device was included in IDAPA 39.03.41, “Rules Governing Traffic Control Devices.” The rule now needs to be revised to remove references to the IdaShield.

TEMPORARY RULE JUSTIFICATION: Pursuant to Section 67-5226(1)(b), Idaho Code, the Governor has found that temporary adoption of the rule is appropriate for the following reasons:

Pursuant to FHWA direction, no new or replacement IdaShield signs are permitted to be installed after December 31, 2017. Existing IdaShield signs that are already installed in the field as of December 31, 2017, may remain in place for the remainder of their useful service life.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: There are no fees being imposed or increased with this rulemaking.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars ($10,000) during the fiscal year: There is no impact to the state general fund.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because the rule change is simple in nature. Based on direction given by FHWA, ITD shall no longer replace or install IdaShield signs.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning this temporary and proposed rule, please contact Ryan Lancaster, Traffic engineer, at (208) 334-8528.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding the proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before July 25, 2018.
004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

The “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways” is published by the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The 2009 edition including revisions 1 and 2 of the Manual with an effective date of June 13, 2012, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of the Rules of the Idaho Transportation Department. The following conforming additions to the Manual are adopted by the Idaho Transportation Board:

01. Section 1A.11, Relation to Other Documents. On page 7 - in the first paragraph under Standard, change the paragraph to read as follows: To the extent that they are incorporated by specific reference, the latest editions of the following publications, or those editions specifically noted, shall be a part of this Manual: “Standard Highway Signs and Markings” book, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Sign Chart Supplement to the Standard Highway Signs and Markings book; and “Color Specifications for Retroreflective Sign and Pavement Marking Materials” (appendix to subpart F of Part 655 of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations). Add the following as the first sentence of the “Support” statement: Idaho Transportation Department Sign Chart includes all sign approved for use on a highway under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Transportation Department, their sign number designations and a cross-reference index for comparison of all MUTCD approved signs and those included on the Idaho Transportation Department sign chart. (4-4-13)

02. Section 2C.48, Traffic Signal Signs (W25-1, W25-2). On page 128 - delete the section in its entirety, and Figure 2C-9. Intersection Warning Signs and Plaques, on page 127, remove the W25-1 and W25-2 signs from the figure. (3-29-12)

03. Section 2C.63, Object Marker Design and Placement Height. (4-4-13)

a. On page 134 - make the following changes to allow alternate methods of marker construction and additional types of markers:

Support:

Type 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 object markers are used to mark obstructions within or adjacent to the roadway, Type 4 object markers are used to mark the end of a roadway, Type 5 for Rail-grade Crossings and Type 6 for Truck Escape Ramps.
When used, object markers (see Figure 2C-13) shall not have a border and shall consist of an arrangement of one (1) or more of the following types:

Type 1 - either a diamond-shaped sign, at least eighteen (18) inches on a side, consisting of either a yellow (OM1-1) or black (OM1-2) sign with nine (9) yellow retroreflective devices, each with a minimum diameter of three (3) inches, mounted symmetrically on the sign, or an all-yellow retroreflective sign (OM1-3) or a marker consisting of a rigid substrate sheeted with yellow retroreflective sheeting screen printed to display nine (9) yellow retroreflective circles, each with a minimum diameter of three (3) inches, arranged symmetrically on a black (OM1-2) diamond shaped panel eighteen (18) inches or more on a side; or an all-yellow retroreflective diamond shaped panel (OM1-3) of the same size.

Type 2 - either a marker (OM2-1V or OM2-1H) consisting of three (3) yellow retroreflective devices, each with a minimum diameter of three (3) inches, arranged either horizontally or vertically on a white sign measuring at least six (6) inches by twelve (12) inches; or an all-yellow horizontal or vertical retroreflective sign (OM2-2V or OM2-2H), measuring at least six (6) inches by twelve (12) inches; or a marker (OM2-1V or OM2-1H) consisting of a rigid substrate sheeted with white retroreflective sheeting and displaying three (3) yellow circles of retroreflective sheeting, each with a minimum diameter of three (3) inches, arranged either horizontally or vertically on a white panel measuring at least six (6) inches by twelve (12) inches; or on an all-yellow horizontal or vertical retroreflective panel (OM2-2V or OM2-2H), sheeted with retroreflective sheeting measuring at least six (6) inches by twelve (12) inches.

Type 3 - a striped marker, twelve (12) inches by thirty-six (36) inches, consisting of a rigid substrate sheeted with yellow retroreflective sheeting screen printed to display a vertical rectangle with alternating black stripes and retroreflective yellow stripes sloping downward at an angle of forty-five (45) degrees toward the side of the obstruction on which traffic is to pass. The minimum width of the yellow and black stripes shall be three (3) inches.

Type 4 - a diamond-shaped sign, at least eighteen (18) inches on a side, consisting of either a red (OM4-1) or black (OM4-2) sign with nine (9) red retroreflective devices, each with a minimum diameter of three (3) inches, mounted symmetrically on the sign, or an all-red retroreflective sign (OM4-3).

Type 5 - add a category for Type 5 object markers to read as follows: a striped marker to be used for marking of Highway-Rail Grade or Highway-Light Rail Transit Grade crossings ONLY. The marker is to be thirty-three (33) inches by thirty-eight (38) inches, consisting of a vertical rectangle with two (2), eleven point five (11.5) inch side wings and an eight point five (8.5) inch center section which are formed by bending the panel from top to bottom at a forty-five (45) degree angle away from approaching traffic. The rigid substrate panel is sheeted on both sides with white diamond grade prismatic retroreflective sheeting and has reflective chrome stripes and red transparent ink stripes applied to the side wings sloping downward from the top outer corners at an angle of forty-five (45) degrees toward the center of the marker where they meet corresponding stripes which have been placed at a ninety (90) degree angle across the center section of the marker, except on the back of the marker which shall have the center section unsheeted and on the areas of the bends which shall have a point seventy-five (.75) inch wide strip from top to bottom left unsheeted. The stripes shall meet the following dimensions: chrome stripes shall be one point five (1.5) inches and red stripes shall be five point five (5.5) inches.

Type 6 - add a category for Type 6 object markers to read as follows: a striped marker, twelve (12) inches by thirty-six (36) inches, consisting of a rectangular sign with alternating white and retroreflective red stripes sloping downward at an angle of forty-five (45) degrees toward the side of the obstruction on which traffic is to pass, to be used for entrance to Truck Escape Ramps ONLY. The minimum width of the white and red stripes shall be three (3) inches. Red retroreflective stripes shall meet the minimum requirements of sheeting.
b. On page 134 under “Support:” add the following revised paragraph 2:

Type 3 and Type 6 object markers with stripes that begin at the upper right side and slope downward to the lower left side are designated as right object markers (OM3-R) or (OM6-R). Object markers with stripes that begin at the upper left side and slope downward to the lower right side are designated as left object markers (OM3-L) or (OM6-L).

(4-4-13)

c. On page 134 under “Guidance:” add the following as paragraph 3 to read as follows:

The Type 5 object marker, known in Idaho as OM-5 (IdaShield), should be placed below the Highway Rail Grade or Highway Light Rail Transit Grade crossing Crossbuck Sign Assembly on the right hand side of the roadway on each approach to a crossing where automatic signal warning devices do not exist. The bottom of the shield should be twenty-four (24) inches above the top of the rail and shall not be more than thirty-six (36) inches above the ground.

(4-4-13)

dc. On page 135, Figure 2C-13, Object Markers - add a Type 5 and Type 6 Object Marker category to the figure which shall include an example of an OM-5 object marker known in Idaho as IdaShield and the OM-6 object marker known as the Idaho Truck Escape Ramp marker:
04. Section 2D.43, Street Name Signs (D3-1 or D3-1a).
   a. On page 162, change the second sentence of the fourteenth paragraph under the Standard statement to read as follows: The color of the legend and border shall contrast with the background color of the sign.”(3-29-12)
   b. On page 162, change the fifteenth paragraph under the Option statement to read as follows: The border may not be omitted from a street name sign if used on the State Highway System or related roadways. (3-29-12)

05. Section 2E.31, Interchange Exit Numbering. On page 212, in the fourth sentence under “Standard” revise the sentence to read as follows: “The exit number plaque (E1-5P) (see Figure 2E-22) shall be thirty-six (36) inches in height and shall include the word “EXIT” along with the appropriate exit number.”(3-29-12)

06. Section 4D.04, Meaning of Vehicular Signal Indications. On page 451 in the second paragraph of Item C.1, substitute the following for the first sentence: “Except when a sign is in place prohibiting a turn on steady circular red signal or a RED ARROW signal indication is displayed, vehicular traffic facing a steady CIRCULAR RED signal indication may turn right or turn left from a one-way or two-way highway into a one-way street, after stopping in conformance with the provisions of the Idaho Vehicle Code.” (3-29-12)

07. Section 4L.03, Warning Beacon. On page 524 in the second paragraph under “Standard,” add the following as a second sentence to read as follows: “The beacon shall not be included within the border of the sign or marker.” (3-29-12)

08. Figure 5C.1, Horizontal Alignment and Intersection Warning Signs and Plaques and Object Markers on Low-Volume Roads. On page 536, add a Type 5 Object Marker OM-5 (IdaShield) and a Type 6 Object Marker OM-6 (Truck Escape Ramp). (6-21-18)

09. Section 5F.04, STOP and YIELD Signs (R1-1, R1-2). On page 543, delete “and YIELD” from the title and insert the following paragraph as the third paragraph under “Standard”: “Under Idaho law, wherever a highway crosses one (1) or more railroads at grade, the Department or local authorities within their respective jurisdictions, shall place and maintain stop signs, directing vehicular traffic approaching the crossing to come to a full stop prior to entering the crossing at all railroad crossings where electric or mechanical warning signals do not exist. Placement of these stop signs shall be mandatory except when, in the determination of the Department or local authorities, the existence of stop signs at a given crossing would constitute a greater hazard than their absence, based on a recognized engineering study.” (3-29-12)

10. Table 7B.1, School Area Sign and Plaque Sizes. On page 733, remove S4-2P, “When Children Are Present.” (3-29-12)
11. **Figure 7B.1, School Area Signs.** On page 735, remove figure S4-2P. (3-29-12)

12. **Section 7B.15, School Speed Limit Assembly (S4-1P, S4-2P, S4-3P, S4-4P, S4-6P, S5-1).**

   a. On page 742, remove S4-2P in the title; and

   b. On page 743, in the second paragraph under “Standard” remove the S4-2P and in the third paragraph under “Option” add the following as a fourth sentence to read as follows: “The lenses of the Speed Limit Sign Beacon shall not be positioned within the face of the School Speed Limit (S5-1) sign.” (3-29-12)

13. **Section 8A.03, Use of Standard Devices, Systems, and Practices at Highway-LRT Grade Crossings.** On page 748, under “Standard” add the following statement as a second sentence to read as follows: “Per Section 49-202(25), Idaho Code, “Wherever a highway crosses one (1) or more railroads at grade, the Department or local authorities within their respective jurisdictions, shall place and maintain stop signs, directing vehicular traffic approaching the crossing to come to a full stop prior to entering the crossing at all railroad crossings where electric or mechanical warning signals do not exist. Placement of these stop signs shall be mandatory except when, in the determination of the public highway agencies, the existence of stop signs at a given crossing would constitute a greater hazard than their absence, based on a recognized engineering study.” (3-29-12)

14. **Figure 8B.3, Crossbuck Assembly with a YIELD or STOP Sign on a Separate Sign Support (Sheet 1 of 2).** Delete figure in its entirety. (3-29-12)

15. **Figure 8B.3, Crossbuck Assembly with a YIELD or STOP Sign on a Separate Sign Support (Sheet 2 of 2).** Delete “YIELD or” from the title of the figure. Change Note 1 to read as follows: “Per Section 49-202(25), Idaho Code, “Wherever a highway crosses one (1) or more railroads at grade, the Department or local authorities within their respective jurisdictions, shall place and maintain stop signs, directing vehicular traffic approaching the crossing to come to a full stop prior to entering the crossing at all railroad crossings where electric or mechanical warning signals do not exist. Placement of these stop signs shall be mandatory except when, in the determination of the public highway agencies, the existence of stop signs at a given crossing would constitute a greater hazard than their absence, based on a recognized engineering study.” (3-29-12)

16. **Section 8B.04, Crossbuck Assemblies with YIELD or STOP Signs at Passive Grade Crossings.** On pages 754,757 and 758, delete “YIELD or” from the title and modify the Section to read as follows:

   **Standard:**
   
   A grade crossing Crossbuck Assembly shall consist of a Crossbuck (R15-1) sign, and a Number of Tracks (R15-2P) plaque if two (2) or more tracks are present, that complies with the provisions of Section 8B.03, and shall have a STOP (R1-1) sign installed on the same support, as pursuant to the following requirement: “Per Section 49-202(25), Idaho Code, “Wherever a highway crosses one (1) or more railroads at grade, the Department or local authorities within their respective jurisdictions, shall place and maintain stop signs, directing vehicular traffic approaching the crossing to come to a full stop prior to entering the crossing at all railroad crossings where electric or mechanical warning signals do not exist. Placement of these stop signs shall be mandatory except when, in the determination of the public highway agencies, the existence of stop signs at a given crossing would constitute a greater hazard than their absence, based on a recognized engineering study.”

   At all public highway-rail grade crossings that are not equipped with the active traffic control systems that are described in Chapter 8C, except crossings where road users are directed by an authorized person on the ground to not enter the crossing at all times that an approaching train is about to occupy the crossing, a Crossbuck Assembly shall be installed on the right-hand side of the highway on each approach to the highway-rail grade crossing.
If a Crossbuck sign is used on a highway approach to a public highway-LRT grade crossing that is not equipped with the active traffic control systems that are described in Chapter 8C, a Crossbuck Assembly shall be installed on the right-hand side of the highway on each approach to the highway-LRT grade crossing.

Where restricted sight distance or unfavorable highway geometry exists on an approach to a grade crossing that has a Crossbuck Assembly, or where there is a one-way multi-lane approach, an additional Crossbuck Assembly shall be installed on the left-hand side of the highway.

Guidance:
The use of STOP signs at passive grade crossings should be placed in accordance with Idaho law.

Support:
Sections 8A.02 and 8A.03 contain information regarding the responsibilities of the highway agency and the railroad company or LRT agency regarding the selection, design, and operation of traffic control devices placed at grade crossings.

Option:
When a STOP sign is installed for a Crossbuck Assembly at a grade crossing, it may be installed on the same support as the Crossbuck sign or it may be installed on a separate support at a point where the highway vehicle is to stop, or as near to that point as practical, but in either case, the STOP sign is considered to be a part of the Crossbuck Assembly.

Standard:
When a STOP sign is installed on an existing Crossbuck sign support, the minimum height, measured vertically from the bottom of the STOP sign to the top of the curb, or in the absence of curb, measured vertically from the bottom of the STOP sign to the elevation of the near edge of the traveled way, shall be four (4) feet (see Figure 8B-2).

If a Crossbuck Assembly is installed on a new sign support (see Figure 8B-2) or if the STOP sign is installed on a separate support (see Figure 8B-3), the minimum height, measured vertically from the bottom of the STOP sign to the top of the curb, or in the absence of curb, measured vertically from the bottom of the STOP sign to the elevation of the near edge of the traveled way, shall be seven (7) feet if the Crossbuck Assembly is installed in an area where parking or pedestrian movements are likely to occur.

Guidance:
If a STOP sign is installed for a Crossbuck Assembly at a grade crossing on a separate support than the Crossbuck sign (see Figure 8B-3), the STOP sign should be placed at a point where the highway vehicle is to stop, or as near that point as practical, but no closer than fifteen (15) feet measured perpendicular from the nearest rail.

Support:
Certain commercial motor vehicles and school buses are required to stop at all grade crossings in accordance with 49 CFR 392.10.

The meaning of a Crossbuck Assembly that includes a STOP sign is that a road user approaching the grade crossing must come to a full and complete stop not less than fifteen (15) feet short of the nearest rail, and remain stopped while the road user determines if there is rail traffic either occupying the crossing or approaching and in such close proximity to the crossing that the road user must yield the right-of-way to rail traffic. The road user is permitted to proceed when it is safe to cross.
Standard:

A vertical strip of retroreflective white material, not less than two (2) inches in width, shall be used on each Crossbuck support at passive grade crossings for the full length of the back of the support from the Crossbuck sign or Number of Tracks plaque to within two (2) feet above the ground, except as provided in Paragraph 16.

(3-29-12)

17. Section 8B.05, STOP (R1-1) Or YIELD (R1-2) Signs without Crossbuck Signs at Highway-LRT Grade Crossings. On page 758, delete “Or YIELD (R1-2)” from the title and delete the Guidance Statement, retaining the Standard and insert the following paragraph as the first paragraph under Standard: “Per Section 49-202(25), Idaho Code, “Wherever a highway crosses one (1) or more railroads at grade, the Department or local authorities within their respective jurisdictions, shall place and maintain stop signs, directing vehicular traffic approaching the crossing to come to a full stop prior to entering the crossing at all railroad crossings where electric or mechanical warning signals do not exist. Placement of these stop signs shall be mandatory except when, in the determination of the public highway agencies, the existence of stop signs at a given crossing would constitute a greater hazard than their absence, based on a recognized engineering study.””

(3-29-12)

18. Section 8B.07, EXEMPT Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Plaques (R15-3P, W10-1aP).

a. On page 759 - add the following paragraph titled as: “Standard: All EXEMPT (R15-3) signs placed at a highway-rail grade crossing, shall require train crews to flag the crossing and stop all vehicular traffic prior to allowing any railroad equipment to enter the crossing. Placement of an EXEMPT (R15-3) sign shall require a written agreement between the railroad company and the agency having jurisdiction over the highway which requires both parties to comply with the proper procedures for placement of EXEMPT signs at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings. A copy of all agreements shall be forwarded to the Idaho Transportation Department Highway-Rail Safety Coordinator.”

b. Retain the “Option” statement and modify the “Support” statement on page 760 to read as follows: Support: These supplemental signs inform drivers of vehicles carrying passengers for hire, school buses carrying students, or vehicles carrying hazardous materials that a stop is not required at certain designated highway-rail grade crossings.

(5-1-10)

19. Section 8B.09, DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS Sign (R8-8). On page 760, change the second paragraph of the Guidance statement to read as follows:

When a STOP sign is installed at a location, including at a circular intersection, that is downstream from the grade crossing such that highway vehicle queues are likely to extend beyond the tracks, a DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS sign (R8-8) should be used.

(3-29-12)

20. Section 8B.16, Divided Highway with Light Rail Transit Crossing Signs (R15-7 Series). On page 762, change the second sentence of the first paragraph of the Option statement to read as follows: The sign shall be mounted separately.

(3-29-12)

21. Section 8B.18, Emergency Notification Sign (I-13). On page 763, change the second paragraph of the Guidance statement to read as follows: Emergency Notification signs should be oriented so as to face highway vehicles at the grade crossing or on the traveled way near the grade crossing.

(3-29-12)

22. Section 8C.09, Traffic Control Signals at or Near Highway-Rail Grade Crossings. On page 777, in the fourth paragraph titled “Standard,” replace “if applicable” with “if justified by an engineering study,” at the end of the final sentence in the paragraph.

(3-29-12)
005. **AVAILABILITY OF THE “MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.”**

01. **Review of Manual.** Persons wishing to review the Manual may do so at any of the locations listed in Section 006. The Manual and subsequent amendments are also available for review on the Federal Highway Administration website at http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov. (3-29-12)

02. **Purchase of Manual.** The Manual with an effective date of January 15, 2010 June 13, 2012, may be viewed and printed from the Federal Highway Administration website at http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov, or purchased from a number of organizations described on the website, such as the U.S. Government Printing Office, AASHTO, ATSSA, and ITE. (3-29-12)