

The FHWA proposes to adopt this request for change as an optional application for use in situations where an engineering study determines that motorist confusion would not result. This proposal would impose no additional requirements or costs on highway agencies; therefore, an implementation period would not be necessary.

(18) Request II-224(C)—Cellular Phone Signing for Emergency Situations.

The Massachusetts Highway Department has submitted a request to include a State Police Cellular Phone Sign into the MUTCD. The proposed sign (as shown below) contains the standard telephone symbol (D9-1) and the standard police sign (D9-14). One of the prerequisites for adopting any proposed sign is that the sign message must be uniformly understood by

motorists and not create traffic safety or operational problems. Consideration is given to the sign's target value, conspicuity, and legibility. The FHWA is concerned that the antenna shown in the proposed sign drawing may not be legible to the motorist at certain distances and speeds. The FHWA is also concerned that some motorists may not comprehend the sign's intended message.

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