

Therefore, the FHWA recommends using a word message sign similar to the standard D12-3 sign. The sign would read, "Police Monitor Cellular Phone" along with the appropriate number to dial (which may vary from region to region). This proposal would impose no requirements or additional costs on highway agencies.

(19) Request II-225(C)—Local Transit Logo and Carpool Symbol

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) submitted a request to the FHWA to allow the maximum vertical dimension of transit system logos on Park and Ride Signs to be increased to 36 inches for freeways and expressways. Currently, MUTCD section 2D-41 specifies a maximum logo size of 18 inches.

The FHWA concurs in this request. Larger signs provide greater legibility on high speed facilities such as freeways and expressways. Therefore, the FHWA proposes to change the last sentence in the second paragraph of MUTCD section 2D-41 to read, "The maximum vertical dimension of the local transit logo and/or carpool symbol is 36 inches." This amendment would impose no additional requirements or costs on highway agencies.

(20) Request II-226(C)—General Motorist Service Signing for Alternative Fuels

The FHWA has received a second request from the TXDOT asking us to expand the provisions for General Motorist Services Signs to include an additional category of "Alternative Fuels." This signing would include the following fuels: propane, compressed

natural gas, ethanol, and methanol. The TXDOT proposal recommended installing a separate, stand-alone service sign dedicated to alternative fuels. This service sign would be separate from the conventional general motorist services.

The FHWA agrees that the increasing number of vehicles using alternative fuels (in response to, among other things, the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990) warrants consideration of additional signs meant to provide availability information to motorists, particularly on freeways. The FHWA solicits public comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. The FHWA is also interested in receiving any typical application drawings to show how these signs may be installed, if adopted.

(21) Request II-228(C)—"Share the Road" Warning Signs

A citizen from Rudolph, Ohio, supported by a number of Farm Bureaus in the State of Ohio requested that the FHWA improve the standard highway farm machinery symbol sign (W11-5) to more accurately depict modern farm equipment. In addition, the sign should warn motorists to watch for slow moving farm machinery not only crossing the roadway but also traveling along the roadway.

The FHWA agrees that there is a need for a series of signs to warn motorists to "share the road" with various roadway transportation modes. "Share the road" signs have been requested for not only farm machinery but, also for golf carts and bicycles.

The FHWA is conducting a research study to develop an appropriate sign for these situations. Public comments and

suggestions are welcomed. Our goal is to find a method of communicating to the driver these two related but different warning messages: (1) crossing the roadway and (2) traveling along the roadway.

(22) II-229(C)—General Service Sign (Truck Parking Symbol)

This request from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is to include "TRUCK PARKING" as an eligible message which can be included on General Service Signs as discussed in MUTCD sections 2D-45, 2E-37, and 2F-33. This sign is only to be used where public or private parking facilities are provided near a freeway or expressway interchange.

The MDOT has experimentally used these signs since 1990 and has found the number of illegally parked trucks on shoulders and ramp acceleration/deceleration lanes has dropped, with a substantial reduction in accidents and fatalities. In addition, truck use of rest areas has decreased while use of privately managed truck stops has increased.

While symbol signing is used for other General Service Signs, this request is to use the word message "TRUCK PARKING" above these symbols as shown in the diagram below. The FHWA supports the overall concept of this proposal and invites comments on the concept of using the word message "TRUCK PARKING" with other general service symbol signs. We also welcome suggestions for a "TRUCK PARKING" symbol.

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