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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Rhett Deselle  
Assistant Secretary of Operations

FROM: Richard Savoie *RS*  
Chief Engineer

DATE: December 13, 2011

SUBJECT: 2009 Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices dated December 2009

Louisiana Revised Statutes 32:235 states that "The department shall adopt a manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices consistent with the provisions of this Chapter (RS 32:1 to RS 32:399) 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 2009 the Federal Highway Administration published the 2009 Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) in the Federal Register. The rule required that states adopt changes to the MUTCD within 2 years of issuance. In accordance with this rule, the effective adoption date for the Department for the 2009 Edition of the MUTCD will be December 16, 2011.

The 2009 Edition of the MUTCD is to be used as the minimum requirements for the study and the preliminary design of all traffic signs, signals and pavement markings, which is scheduled to begin on or after December 16, 2011.

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 .

Cc: Mr. Charles Bolinger, FHWA  
Each District Administrator  
Each District Traffic Operations Engineer  
Each Division Administrator

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