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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: MILLENNIUM EDITION OF THE MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

DATE: January 6, 2003

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 approved by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration,..."

On December 18, 2000, the Federal Highway Administration published the Millennium Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) in the Federal Register with an effective date of January 17, 2001. The rule required that all states shall adopt the MUTCD within 2 years (or by January 17, 2003). In accordance with this rule the effective adoption date for the Department of this latest edition of the MUTCD will be January 17, 2003.

You are instructed to begin utilizing the Millennium Edition of MUTCD for the design of all traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings, which are in the preliminary design phase. Additionally, the requirement to use this edition of the MUTCD is to be included in the scope of all new consultant contracts and supplements.

Each District Traffic Operations Engineer is also instructed to begin utilizing the Millennium Edition of the MUTCD for traffic control device studies completed on or after January 17, 2003.

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Millennium MUTCD

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