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### **ITE Submits Comments to FHWA on Updated MUTCD**

**WASHINGTON, DC** — The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) today submitted extensive comments to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding the Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) issued on December 14, 2020.

After broad outreach to its members, the ITE Board of Direction identified more than twenty high-level issues of greatest importance and organized them under three main themes: 1) meeting the needs of all users; 2) supporting flexibility and innovation in practice; and 3) taking a forward-looking approach to the document. ITE commended FHWA for advancing the new Manual and highlighted many positive proposed changes. A copy of ITE's submittal can be found at: <http://bit.ly/ITECommentsNPAMUTCD>

“While our members found a lot to like in the NPA, we have identified many opportunities to improve upon this proposal and better meet the needs of practicing transportation professionals and the traveling public,” said ITE executive director and CEO, Jeff Paniati. “Saving lives and meeting the needs of all users are our highest priorities.”

ITE encouraged the FHWA to continue moving forward on this rule making and issue a new MUTCD as soon as possible so life-saving changes can be moved into practice. In parallel, ITE called on FHWA to begin a full re-evaluation of the MUTCD's content and structure, remove unnecessary material, increase flexibility, and identify a more streamlined and timely process for updating the MUTCD.

**About ITE** — Founded in 1930, ITE is a community of transportation professionals including transportation engineers, transportation planners, consultants, educators, technologists, and researchers. Through meetings, seminars, publications, and a network of more than 16,000 members working in 78 countries, ITE connects members to a world of ideas, people, and resources. For more information, visit [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org).

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