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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO: EACH DISTRICT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS ENGINEER**

**FROM: MR. WILLIM H. TEMPLE  
DOTD CHIEF ENGINEER**

**SUBJECT: 2003 EDITION OF THE MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL  
DEVICES (REVISION NO. 1, DATED NOVEMBER 2004)**

**DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2005**

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, ..."

On November 20, 2003, the Federal Highway Administration published the 2003 Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) in the Federal Register with an effective date of December 22, 2003. The rule required that states adopt changes to the MUTCD within 2 years of issuance (or by December 22, 2005). In accordance with this rule, the effective adoption date for the Department for the 2003 Edition of the MUTCD will be December 22, 2005.

The 2003 Edition of the MUTCD is to be used for the study and the preliminary design of all traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings, which is scheduled to begin on or after December 22, 2005.

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 web site, [mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov).

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