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Dear Mr. Kempton:

On September 26, 2006, the California Department of Transportation (Department) adopted the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) (2003 National MUTCD Revision 1, as amended for use in California) to prescribe uniform standards and specifications for all official traffic control devices in California.

Our office has reviewed the 2006 California MUTCD 2006 and finds it to be in substantial conformance with the 2003 National MUTCD, per title 23, Code of Federal Regulations (23 CFR 655.603(b)(1)). In its original form, the 2006 California MUTCD included several items which prevented us from finding substantial conformance. We commend the Department and the California Traffic Control Devices Committee for making the necessary changes and we look forward to continuing our partnership.

Reflecting on our reviews and subsequent findings of substantial conformance, for both the 2004 California Supplement to the 2003 National MUTCD and the 2006 California MUTCD, a lesson-learned is that our office should perform its review prior to the adoption of future California MUTCDs. Further, we request that any proposed modifications to the California MUTCD gain our approval prior to incorporation.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Pyburn, Operations & Design Team Leader, at (916) 498-5057 or steve.pyburn@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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For
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