

AMENDMENT
OFFERED BY MR. GARCÍA OF ILLINOIS

At the end of subtitle A of title I of division B add the following:

1 **SEC. 112 . UPDATES TO MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC**
2 **CONTROL DEVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
4 shall revise the proposed rule set forth beginning on page
5 80898 of volume 85 of the Federal Register related to the
6 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (referred to
7 in this section as “MUTCD”) after consulting the stake-
8 holders listed in subsection (b) and addressing the prior-
9 ities in subsection (c). Such proposed rule shall not take
10 effect until the Secretary carries out this subsection.

11 (b) CONSULTING STAKEHOLDERS.—In carrying out
12 the update required under subsection (a), the Secretary
13 shall consult a wide range of stakeholders including the
14 following:

- 15 (1) City or local departments of transportation.
16 (2) Entities or advocates representing vulner-
17 able road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and mo-
18 torecyclists.
19 (3) Road safety entities or advocates.

1 (4) Transportation equity entities or advocates.

2 (5) Public transportation entities or advocates.

3 (6) Entities or advocates representing socio-economic
4 marginalized communities, including communities
5 of color.

6 (7) Public health experts or advocates.

7 (8) Accessibility experts or advocates.

8 (9) Transportation engineers, planners and designers
9 in current practice.

10 (10) State departments of transportation.

11 (c) PRIORITIES.—In carrying out the update required
12 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall address the following
13 priorities:

14 (1) Protection of vulnerable road users (as defined
15 in section 148(a) of title 23, United States
16 Code).

17 (2) Prioritization of the safety of road users
18 over traffic speed or the free flow of traffic.

19 (3) Promotion of cycling, walking, and use of
20 public transportation.

21 (4) Incorporation of safety and sustainability
22 elements, including—

23 (A) protected, buffered, and counterflow
24 bike lanes, including green bike lanes;

1 (B) devices or markings used to protect
2 bike lanes, including delineator posts, bumps,
3 bollards, planters and curbs;

4 (C) bus lanes, including red bus lanes;

5 (D) marked crosswalks, regardless of traf-
6 fic volumes;

7 (E) walk signals, regardless of the number
8 of injuries or deaths at a given intersection;

9 (F) pedestrian Hybrid Beacons; and

10 (G) protected or “Dutch” intersections.

11 (5) Replacing the 85th percentile speed on all
12 streets or roads that are not part of the National
13 Highway System with the complete and context sen-
14 sitive street design required under section 1107 of
15 this Act.

16 (6) Providing approved alternatives to level of
17 service for motor vehicles only to facilitate the better
18 measurement of the performance of a facility cov-
19 ered by the MUTCD.

20 (d) APPLICABILITY OF MUTCD.—Pursuant to the
21 authority granted in section 109(c)(2) of title 23, United
22 States Code, and section 1107 of this Act, the Secretary
23 shall review the appropriateness of State design standards
24 being applied to city or municipal owned streets on the

1 National Highway System. As part of this review, the Sec-
2 retary shall consider—

3 (1) relieving States of their duty to separately
4 conduct design review of projects funded through the
5 Federal Highway Administration on city or munic-
6 ipal owned roads that have already received local ap-
7 proval;

8 (2) requiring that States defer to locally-adopt-
9 ed design standards in reviewing projects on all city-
10 owned streets;

11 (3) expediting interim approval for devices that
12 have succeeded in at least one experiment;

13 (4) allowing new uses of existing devices unless
14 explicitly prohibited elsewhere; and

15 (5) providing a vulnerable-user signal warrant
16 to cover all scenarios in which the Federal Highway
17 Administration has proposed to prohibit uncontrolled
18 crosswalks.

19 (e) TIMING OF REGULAR UPDATES.—Pursuant to
20 section 109 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary
21 shall review its existing guidance for when updates to the
22 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices occur and
23 make any adjustments to that guidance needed to ensure
24 the Secretary is timely updating the MUTCD to take into
25 account advances in design standards, road markings, and

- 1 traffic devices. The Secretary shall consider requiring that
- 2 the MUTCD be reviewed at least once every 4 years for
- 3 any necessary updates.

