

Call For Papers

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Call Title:

Streamlining the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)

Sponsoring Committee:

AHB50 - Traffic Control Devices

Call Description:

On January 11, 2013, the FHWA published a Request for Comments (Docket ID: FHWA-2012-0118) soliciting input on the option of splitting the material in the MUTCD into two separate documents in the interest of providing a simpler and streamlined MUTCD that would be easier to use. The option described is a major restructuring of the MUTCD that would include a streamlined MUTCD to be adopted through Federal rule-making, and an application supplement that will not be subject to rule-making.

Over 175 responses were submitted to the Request for Comments. To review these responses, follow the links provided on the MUTCD website at <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/>. Many of these responses include suggested changes to the MUTCD other than what FHWA described in the Request for Comments.

The objective of this call is to identify innovative and unique ideas, concepts, and examples of a restructured MUTCD that is simpler to use. Papers should include specific and well thought out examples of restructured MUTCD material as well as an outline for restructuring the MUTCD.

By design, restructured as used above is meant to be open and flexible. Some ways to describe restructuring the MUTCD include removing non-essential content, organizing existing content differently, using technology to make the Manual easier to use, identifying more effective ways to use existing content, or something else.

Please indicate "AHB50" on the Submission Review form to indicate that the paper is being submitted in response to this call for papers. In addition, authors who have submitted papers are requested to email the paper number and title to each of the session coordinators by August 4, 2012.

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Subject Area(s):

Operations and Traffic Management

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Authors interested in submitting papers are advised to visit www.TRB.org/AnnualMeeting and review the Information for Authors. Authors submitting papers in response to this Call for Papers should submit full papers for peer review to the Transportation Research Board online at www.TRB.org/AnnualMeeting. This paper submission is open from June 1 to August 1. Please show the sponsoring committee name or the Call for Papers title on the papers submission form. Please contact the Call for Papers organizer if you are submitting a paper or need additional information.

Paper Submission Requirements

TRB has a single paper submittal deadline for the Annual Meeting. Papers must be in PDF format and submitted by **August 1**. The paper submission website will close when it is no longer August 1 anywhere in the world. Also, authors are asked to add line numbering to their papers in their word-processing program (starting with number one on each page) prior to converting to PDF to facilitate the review process. TRB recommends that authors submit their papers well before the deadline to avoid last minute complications and delays.

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