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That's where STELLO can help.



2009 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)

New Standards and Options for Street Name Signs – The newest version of the MUTCD has adopted a new rule regarding letter style, height and color for street name signs.

HOW WILL THIS IMPACT YOUR CITY?



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NEW MUTCD TABLE 2D-2

Table 2D-2. Recommended Minimum Letter Heights on Street Name Signs

Type of Mounting	Type of Street or Highway	Speed Limit	Recommended Minimum Letter Height	
			Initial Upper-Case	Lower-Case
Overhead	All types	All speed limits	12 inches	9 inches
Post-mounted	Multi-lane	More than 40 mph	8 inches	6 inches
Post-mounted	Multi-lane	40 mph or less	6 inches	4.5 inches
Post-mounted	2-lane	All speed limits	6 inches*	4.5 inches*

^{*} On local two-lane streets with speed limits of 25 mph or less, 4-inch initial upper-case letters with 3-inch lower-case letters may be used.

- RATTLESNAKE RD. vs. Rattlesnake Rd.
- SMACK YOU RD Vs. Smack You Rd.



Why The Ruling?

- Night Safety
- Older Drivers
- Visual Cues

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OTHER INFORMATION

- The change to upper and lower case letters should be part of a "systematic upgrading program".
- Non compliant devices that are replaced should be replaced with compliant devices.
- New color requirements: Only green, blue, brown, or white backgrounds with white legends are allowed. Black letters on white legends are only allowed.
- Option for Route shields on signs to assist unfamiliar road users and for sign borders to be eliminated if one wishes.

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Feedback on the Rule

- Very negative due to impact on budget \$\$\$
- Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood: This plan "makes no sense," and called for new period of public comment period from 11/30/10 – 1/15/11. (CBS NEWS 12/1/10)
- Nothing new has come of it as of now.
- Question: If our devices meet reflectivity guidelines (by 2018) do they need to be replaced for the new font requirements?





Grant Information

HELP! HOW DO I PAY FOR ALL OF THESE UPGRADES???

Indiana LTAP – federal HSIP grants (we've worked with Franklin & Decatur counties in Indiana)

3M Grant Program - There was one available in 2009, more to come?

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Summary

New Street Sign Font Size Goal:

Improve Visibility of Signs on the Road

MUTCD Changes:

- 1. Add 'Letter Size and height' table
- 2. Standard Color Requirement
 - White/Green
 - White/Blue White/Brown

 - Black/White
- 3. Add allowance of Route Symbol
- 4. Add allowance of border removal

Thank You!



Additional Information

- Stello Products: <u>www.stelloproducts.com</u>
- Education: http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/
- INLTAP: http://rebar.ecn.purdue.edu/LTAP/home/

Questions?

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