MUTCD Phase-in Compliance Periods

**Part 2B.04 – STOP Sign** – require use of “4-WAY” (ALL-WAY) supplemental plaque where all approaches are controlled by a STOP sign.
   Compliance period of 3 years  
   January 17, 2004

**Part 2B.16 – Reduced Speed Ahead Sign** – Supplemental plaques to be black on white (except “Metric”)
   Compliance period of 7 years  
   January 17, 2008

**Part 2B.32 – ONE-WAY signs** – now required at all alley entrances to one-way streets.
   Compliance period of 7 years  
   January 17, 2008

**Part 2B.49 – High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes** – signs revised to include minimum allowable vehicle occupancy.
   Compliance period of 6 years  
   January 17, 2007

**Part 2B.50 – High Occupancy Vehicle Sign Applications and Placement** – requirements on placement of HOV signs
   Compliance period of 6 years  
   January 17, 2007

**Part 2C.04 – Table 2C-2 – Warning sign Sizes** – Merge sign (W4-D), Narrow Bridge Sign (W5-2), Two-Way Traffic Sign (W6-3) and Double Arrow Sign (W12-1) changed minimum size from 24” to 30”.
   Compliance period of 7 years  
   January 17, 2008

**Part 2C.24 – Shoulder signs** – Deleted symbol signs for Soft Shoulder, Low Shoulder, Shoulder Drop-off and Uneven Lane, now only allow text message.
   Compliance period of 10 years  
   January 17, 2011

**Part 2C.37 – Crossing Signs** – Eliminate crosswalk lines from sign at crossing and add plaque with diagonal downward pointing arrow.
   Compliance period of 10 years  
   January 17, 2011

**Part 2D.38 – Letter Size of Street Name Signs** - from 4” minimum to 6” minimum.
   Compliance period of 15 years from January 9, 1997  
   January 9, 2012
Part 2E.28 – Interchange Exit Numbering – Increased the vertical dimension of the Exit Number panel from 24” to 30”.
Compliance period of 7 years
January 17, 2008

Part 2E.30 – Advance Guide Signs – changed the placement of advanced guide sign for minor interchanges from “1/4 to ½ mi.” to “1/2 to 1 mi.”.
Compliance period of 7 years
January 17, 2008

Part 2F.05 – Size of Lettering – for specific services signs minimum 10” on freeways and expressways and minimum 6” on conventional roads and ramps.
Compliance period of 10 years
January 17, 2011

Part 3B.01 – Yellow Centerline and Left Edgeline Pavement Markings and Warrants.
Compliance period of 3 years from January 3, 2000
January 3, 2003

Part 3B.07 – Warrants for use of Edgelines.
Compliance period of 3 years from January 3, 2000
January 3, 2003

Part 4E.06 – Accessible Pedestrian Signals
Compliance period of 4 years
January 17, 2005

Part 4E.08 – Accessible Pedestrian Signal Detectors
Compliance period of 4 years
January 17, 2005

Part 7B.08 – School Advance Warning Signs – “Ahead” or “XX Feet” and downward pointing arrow plaques are now required.
Compliance period of 10 years
January 17, 2011

Part 8B.02 – Highway-Rail Grade Crossing (Crossbuck) Sign – Application of retroreflective material to back of the crossbuck and front and back of the support post.
Compliance period of 10 years
January 17, 2011

Part 9B.04 – Bicycle Lane Signs – Deletion of the diamond symbol for bicycle lanes.
Compliance period of 5 years
January 17, 2006
Part 9B.15 – Bicycle Crossing Warning Signs – Eliminate lines, add arrow plaque.
Compliance period of 10 years
January 17, 2011

Part 9C – Deletion of Preferential Lane Symbol (Diamond) for Bicycle Signs and Pavement Markings.
Compliance period of 5 years
January 17, 2006

Part 10 – Automatic Gates, Flashing Light Signals and Blank-out Signs – applies to existing as well as new locations.
Compliance period of 5 years
January 17, 2006

Compliance period of 5 years
January 17, 2006

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