

# Interim Approvals Issued by FHWA

Section 1A.10 of the 2009 edition of the MUTCD contains a new provision authorizing the Federal Highway Administration to issue Interim Approvals. Such approvals allow the interim use, pending official rulemaking, of a new traffic control device, a revision to the application or manner of use of an existing traffic control device, or a provision not specifically described in the MUTCD. Interim Approvals are considered by the Office of Transportation Operations based on the results of successful experimentation, studies, or research, and an intention to place the new or revised device into a future rulemaking process for MUTCD revisions.

Any jurisdiction that wishes to use a device or application that has received Interim Approval must submit a written request to the FHWA, Director of the Office of Transportation Operations. The request must state the location(s) where the device will be used and must include the jurisdiction's agreement to comply with items B, C, and D in paragraph 18 of Section 1A.10 of the 2009 MUTCD. A State may request Interim Approval for all jurisdictions in that State.

The letter of request (on agency letterhead) should be addressed to the Director of the Office of Transportation Operations, Federal Highway Administration, and should be sent electronically as an attachment (PDF or Word Document) to an e-mail to: [MUTCDofficialrequest@dot.gov](mailto:MUTCDofficialrequest@dot.gov). [Note: if e-mail is not possible, the letter may be sent via postal mail or delivery service to FHWA at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., HOTO-1, Washington, DC 20590.

Interim Approvals that have been issued by FHWA are listed below, with links to the actual approval document and background information for each.

## **1. April 15, 2011 — Interim Approval for Optional Use of Green Colored Pavement for Bike Lanes IA-14:**

### **• Interim Approval Memorandum IA-14**

HTML format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim\\_approval/ia14/index.htm](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/ia14/index.htm)

PDF format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim\\_approval/ia14/ia14grnpmbiketlanes.pdf](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/ia14/ia14grnpmbiketlanes.pdf)

## **2. April 1, 2011 – Interim Approval for Optional Use of an Alternative Electric Vehicle Charging General Service Symbol Sign IA-13:**

### **• Interim Approval Memorandum IA-13**

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PDF format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim\\_approval/ia13/ia13evcalt.pdf](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/ia13/ia13evcalt.pdf)

PDF Attachment: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim\\_approval/ia13/ia13evcalt911bimg.pdf](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/ia13/ia13evcalt911bimg.pdf)

## **3. November 12, 2010 – Interim Approval for Optional Use of Traffic Signal Photo Enforced Signs IA-12:**

### **• Interim Approval Memorandum IA-12**

HTML format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim\\_approval/ia12/index.htm](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/ia12/index.htm)

PDF format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim\\_approval/pdf/ia12tsphotoenforstgn.pdf](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/pdf/ia12tsphotoenforstgn.pdf)

#### 4. July 16, 2008 – Interim Approval for Optional Use of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons IA-11:

- **Interim Approval Memorandum IA-11**

HTML format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim\\_approval/ia11/fhwamemo.htm](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/ia11/fhwamemo.htm)

PDF format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim\\_approval/ia11/ia11\\_rrfb\\_iapmemo.pdf](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/ia11/ia11_rrfb_iapmemo.pdf)

- **St. Petersburg Experimentation Final Report**

HTML format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim\\_approval/ia11/stpetersburgprpt/index.htm](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/ia11/stpetersburgprpt/index.htm)

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- **Florida DOT & St. Petersburg Request for Issuance of Interim Approval (excerpt)**

HTML format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim\\_approval/ia11/requestletter/index.htm](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/ia11/requestletter/index.htm)

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[http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim\\_approval/ia11/requestletter/request\\_ia11\\_rrfb.pdf](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/ia11/requestletter/request_ia11_rrfb.pdf)

- **December 9, 2009, Official Interpretation #4-376(I) on Overhead Mounting of RRFB**

HTML format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interpretations/4\\_376.htm](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interpretations/4_376.htm)

PDF format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interpretations/pdf/4\\_376.pdf](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interpretations/pdf/4_376.pdf)

- **August 3, 2010, Official Interpretation #4(09)-4(I) on RRFB Flash Pattern**

HTML format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interpretations/4\\_09\\_4.htm](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interpretations/4_09_4.htm)

PDF format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interpretations/pdf/4\\_09\\_4.pdf](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interpretations/pdf/4_09_4.pdf)

- **August 12, 2010, Official Interpretation #4(09)-5(I) on RRFB Use with W11-15 Sign**

HTML format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interpretations/4\\_09\\_5.htm](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interpretations/4_09_5.htm)

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#### 5. September 2, 2004 — Interim Approval for Use of Clearview Font for Positive Contrast Legends on Guide Signs:

- **Interim Approval Memorandum IA-5**

HTML format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/res-ia\\_clearview\\_font.htm](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/res-ia_clearview_font.htm)

PDF format: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/pdfs/ia\\_clearview\\_font.pdf](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/pdfs/ia_clearview_font.pdf)

- **Spacing Tables and Letter forms for Clearview Alphabet**

PDF format: <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/pdfs/clearviewspacingia5.pdf>

- **Design and Use Policy for Clearview Alphabet**

HTML format: <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/clearviewdesignfaq/index.htm>