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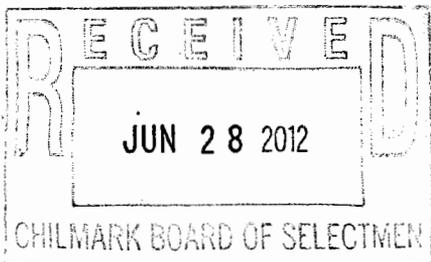
Dear Reader:

I am pleased to present the *2012 Massachusetts Amendments to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the Standard Municipal Traffic Code*. This Manual conforms, as closely as Massachusetts Laws will allow, to the standards adopted by Federal Highway Administration as the National Standard for the application of traffic control devices on all classes of highways, as presented in the 2009 National MUTCD. This edition replaces the 2006 Manual and can be located at: <http://www.mhd.state.ma.us/downloads/trafficMgmt/MASSMUTCD20120409.pdf>

The purpose of this manual is to incorporate necessary modifications to the national standards in order to cover local requirements with respect to the most recent traffic engineering recommendations of MassDOT. These recommendations have been made and are hereby presented as the Official Standards of MassDOT, as authorized by Chapter 85, Section 2 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The standards in this Manual apply to any and all streets and highways in Massachusetts, and can be an invaluable resource for municipalities for the purpose of finding solutions to various traffic situations. MassDOT will, upon the request of local authorities, advise municipalities on all aspects of these regulations.

In addition, MassDOT has released the 2012 Massachusetts Department of Transportation *Procedures for Speed Zoning on State and Municipal Roadways* which we have recently updated to comply with the 2009 National MUTCD. The updated document is available on the MassDOT website at: <http://www.mhd.state.ma.us/downloads/manuals/speedZoning.pdf>
The speed zoning manual outlines the process that MassDOT follows when setting a regulatory speed limit in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



Sincerely,

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