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The Committee decided to postpone any decision on adding the word "LIMIT" to speed zone signs until after the current legislative session. ODOT is sponsoring a bill to convert all prima facie speeds to speed limits.

Many years ago ODOT adopted an MUTCD exception which requires that intersection guide signs be placed in the far right corner of the intersection. The Committee recommended that this be modified to allow rather than require placement in the far right corner.

There is still some uncertainty regarding the implementation of school speed zones. ODOT will ask for written answers from the Attorney General for several questions. The Committee will reconsider school speed zone guidelines after the answers are received and after the conclusion of this legislative session.

The use of smaller (24" x 48") school speed zone sign assemblies was allowed for urban four-lane streets.

Several chapters of the proposed newMUTCD have been posted in the Federal Register by the FHWA (www.ohs.fhwa.dot.gov/devices/mutcd). The proposed chapter on highway-light rail grade crossings will be posted later in 1999. The newMUTCD is now scheduled to be published in 2001, but it is widely expected that it will be at least 2002 before it is actually published.

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