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MEMORANDUM

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To: District Traffic Operations Engineers

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Subject: Legislative Changes affecting Traffic Operations

Crosswalk Laws:

Chapter 316, Florida Statutes had two sections modified for pedestrians in crosswalks. Sections 316.075 & 316.130 F.S. received language changes relative to crossings at signalized and at unsignalized pedestrian crosswalks. After a meeting with our Office of the General Counsel, the following is the direction we intend to take.

1. Crosswalks at Signalized Intersections

In 316.075, F.S., the new language requires drivers “when facing a steady red signal” to stop and remain stopped for a pedestrian, with a permitted signal, to cross a roadway when a pedestrian is in the crosswalk or steps into the crosswalk and is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is travelling.

Although 316.130, F.S. does not state it, based on the legislative intent, the Department is taking the position that the changes to 316.130(7)(a), F.S., are also referring to “when facing a steady red signal”. The existing requirement to yield to pedestrians on green signal remains as set forth in Section 316.075(1)(a), F.S.

Thus, current signalized locations that may have R10-15 regulatory signs (in static or electrical blank out type) may remain as they are. No changes required.



R10-15

Side Notes:

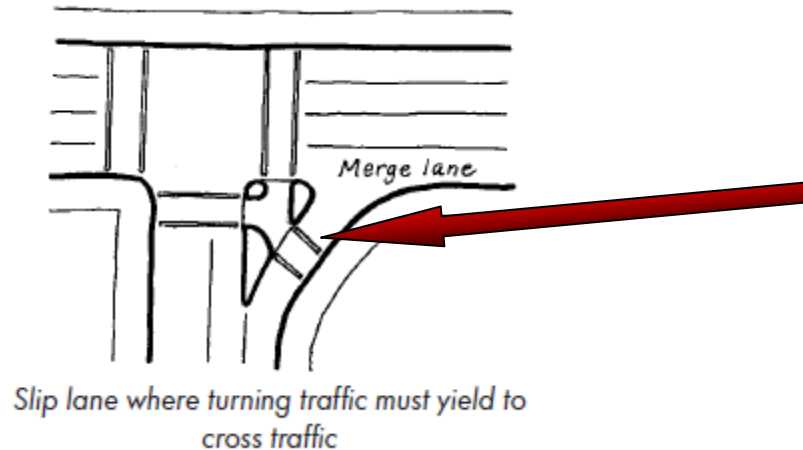
- The MUTCD, Section 2B.12 requires that the In-Street Pedestrian Crossing (R1-6 & R1-6a) signs shall not be used at signalized intersections.



R1-6

R1-6a

- The placement of the In-Street Pedestrian Crossing sign should be restricted to the roadway at the crosswalk location on the center line, on a lane line, or on a median island. An In-Street sign should not be placed in advance of a crosswalk to educate road users about the State law prior to reaching the crosswalk, nor should it be installed as an educational display along the highway that is not near any crosswalk.
- A right-turn slip lane that is controlled by a yield sign at a signalized intersection is subject to the existing requirements of a driver of a vehicle in obedience to such sign. We have asked that the Design Standards pavement markings (17346 – sheet 3/14, Right Turn Lane and Island Details) be modified to indicate the crosswalk location across a slip lane, since both pedestrians and motorists need guidance as to the correct location for the pedestrian crossing.



2. Crosswalks not at Traffic Signals

In 316.130(7)(b) & 316.130(7)(c) F.S., legislative changes discuss when a vehicle must stop and remain stopped or when it must yield the right-of-way by slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield when a pedestrian is in the crosswalk and is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is travelling.

Based on the language “where signage so indicates”, existing midblock crosswalks that currently operate under yield condition may continue to do so. Current design approaches are still valid. At midblock crosswalk locations that it is desired to have vehicles stop and remain stopped for pedestrians in their half of the roadway, such locations will have to have signage so indicating that.

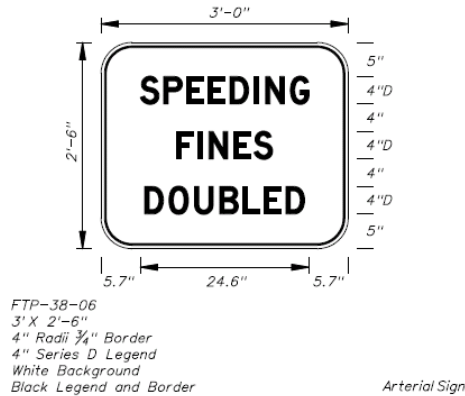
We intend to create a sign for this purpose, as illustrated below. This will be added to the Design Standards – Special Sign Details (17355). Additionally, we have requested modifications to the Design Standards - Special Marking Areas (17346) to show not only the existing yield control crossings, but also add a typical Stop for Pedestrians crossing detail including stop bar.



School Zone Laws:

Section 316.1895, Florida Statutes was modified to require at newly established school zones or any school zone in which the signing has been replaced, a sign stating "Speeding

Fines Doubled" be installed within the school zone. This sign already exists in the Design Standards in the Special Sign Details section (17355).



The Design Standards – School Signs and Markings details (17344) are being modified to show this sign being placed on a single post within the school zone in each direction.

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