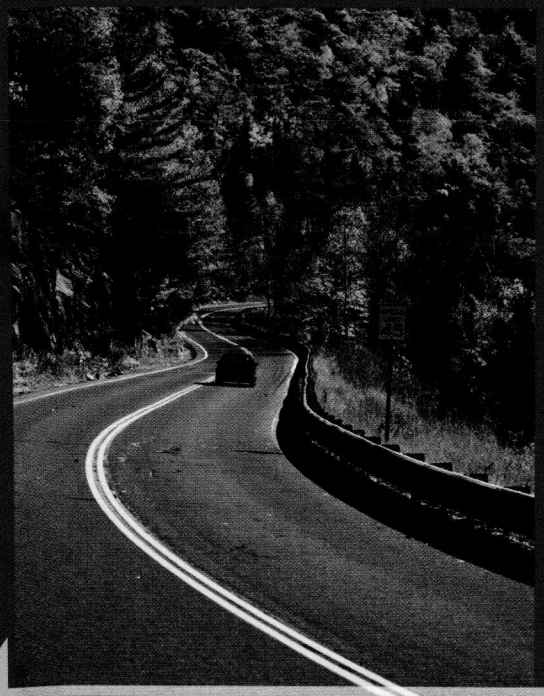
"The P2P TCD program is an excellent example of the national facilitation role that the FHWA can play. It allows us to broker relationships at the State and local level, putting those who have solved a problem together with those who are facing the same problem. Today's business environment requires that we all work smarter and working together through the P2P program allows us to leverage expertise from across the country."

Jeff Paniati, FHWA Associate Administrator for Operations



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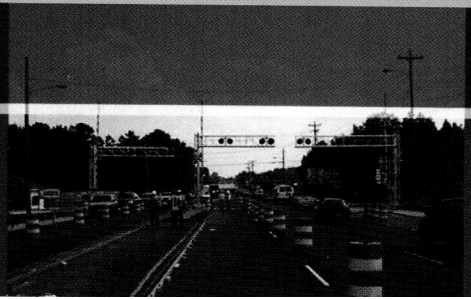
Introducing the Peer-to-Peer Program on Traffic Control Devices



What is the Peer-to-Peer Program on Traffic Control Devices (P2P TCD)?

With more than 1,000 pages of standards, guidelines, and options, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) can be overwhelming. Couple this complexity with the multitude of unique settings and circumstances found throughout the Nation's transportation network, and questions are sure to arise.

The need for assistance in using the MUTCD, as well as in answering other questions related to traffic control devices, has led the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to establish a Peer-to-Peer program on Traffic Control Devices (P2P TCD). Recognizing that jurisdictions may face budget and personnel constraints as they address issues regarding traffic control devices, FHWA is providing this service *at no charge* to State and local transportation agencies.

How can transportation agencies benefit from P2P TCD?

Changing demographics, new and conventional technologies, and the increasing complexity of the transportation system challenge agencies as they apply the proper standards within the context of their unique localities, needs, and resources. The P2P TCD program can help agencies meet those challenges.

By tapping the programmatic and technical expertise of transportation professionals across the country, the program will save transportation officials time and expense as they implement new requirements. Benefits to agencies and their staffs include—

- Free and convenient access to expert professional consultation when needed
- Easier, more cost-effective implementation of new, conventional, and experimental traffic control devices
- Greater knowledge of traffic control technologies
- Increased understanding of Federal requirements.

In brief, the Peer-to-Peer program can help agency staff obtain technical advice conveniently and quickly from their professional colleagues with pertinent expertise. This assistance will in turn help agencies and the traveling public realize the full benefits of improved safety and optimized traffic performance.

How does the program work?

It's easy as 1-2-3:

1. A local, county, regional, or State agency requests assistance by e-mail or by calling the toll-free number and describing their needs to the P2P coordinator.

2. The coordinator matches the agency with a transportation professional who is experienced and knowledgeable in the relevant technical area.

3. The peer, in turn, contacts the agency to work out the details of the assistance to be provided within the program framework.

The peer's assistance is short-term and will address specific technical issues.

Contact the MUTCD Peer-to-Peer Program by phone at 1-888-700-PEER (7337) or by e-mail at P2P@fhwa.dot.gov.