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MUTCD videoconference: learn from national experts

THE MILLENNIUM MUTCD Videoconference will be held in Ames on March 20 from 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Room 179 of Iowa State University's Scheman Building. The live satellite broadcast, hosted by the American Traffic Safety Services Association, will focus on recent changes and updates to the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD).

The changes and updates will be presented in the nationwide broadcast by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representatives who drafted the new MUTCD. Panel members will also hold a live question-and-answer session via toll-free phone lines that will be in place at the videoconference sites.

The broadcast is being brought to the Ames videoconference site through the sponsorship of the Iowa Department of Transportation, the Center for Transportation Research and Education, and Iowa's Local Technical Assistance Program's Safety Circuit Rider.

Because the FHWA is underwriting the costs associated with the videoconference, attendance fees will not be charged. However, registration is required. For more information contact Sharon Prochnow, 515-294-8103, prochnow@iastate.edu.

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and some applications may have phase-in periods of three to 10 years.

For more information

A recent session at the annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) in Washington, D.C., addressed the status of the new MUTCD and offered some insight on what to expect in the future for this important document. Copies of the TRB presentations can be found on the web at <http://transops.tamu.edu/>. Or you can contact Tom McDonald, 515-294-6384, tmcdonal@iastate.edu.

Other MUTCD training opportunities

TRAINING workshops on the MUTCD changes will be offered through the Iowa Department of Transportation and Iowa's Local Technical Assistance Program. Workshops are expected to begin late this summer. Eight-hour and four-hour training workshops will be offered, in addition to 90-minute executive sessions. The varied formats will give transportation personnel the opportunity to attend the training best suited to their needs.

Locations of the training workshops have not yet been decided. Any local transportation agencies, schools, enforcement professionals, or others with an interest in traffic control devices and pavement markings can get more information on scheduling millennium MUTCD workshops by contacting Tom McDonald at the Center for Transportation Research and Education, 515-294-6384, tmcdonal@iastate.edu.

