

The Final Rules for Revisions 1 and 2 of the 2009 MUTCD
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Here is a summary of the revisions provided by FHWA Arizona Division:

Engineering Judgment (Revision 1)

Restores certain language from the 2003 MUTCD regarding the use of engineering judgment and modifies the definition of "Standard." [Official Ruling No. 1\(09\)-1 \(I\)](#) issued October 1, 2010 clarifying the modification of MUTCD Standards to address site-specific conditions remains in effect, in conjunction with the revised MUTCD language.

Compliance Dates (Revision 2)

46 of the 58 compliance dates listed in Table I-2 of the 2009 MUTCD have been eliminated. Any date that has expired, but is no longer shown in the table, is no longer applicable. Thus, conformance is achieved through systematic upgrading for those particular provisions. Dates that have already expired, but are still listed in the table, are still in effect. Additionally, Section 2D.45 has a new provision allowing the option for existing historic Street Name signs in locally identified historic districts to be exempt from other provisions.

These revised provisions are on pages I-4, 4, 10, and 163 of the MUTCD. (Pages I-5 and I-6 have been deleted from the revised Manual.) The complete 2009 MUTCD including Revs. 1 and 2 is now available at the MUTCD Web site. <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/> Direct links to the Federal Register notices for both rules are also posted at the top of the main page of the MUTCD Web site.

The Arizona Supplement to the 2009 MUTCD has already incorporated the 2003 MUTCD language regarding the use of engineering judgment, and did not modify Compliance Dates, so the above changes apply as published with no impact to the Arizona Supplement.

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