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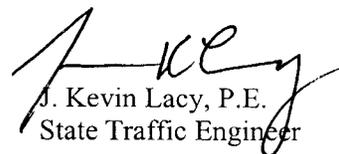
Reference: Interim Approval for Optional Use of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

The North Carolina Department of Transportation herein requests permission to utilize rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) at select pedestrian crossings Statewide (All Jurisdictions) where engineering study has recommended their use to supplement traditional signs and markings. Consistent with the Federal Highway Administration's July 16, 2008 Interim Approval for Optional Use of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is in agreement with the conditions set forth in Section 1A.10 of the 2009 MUTCD.

The Department of Transportation's Transportation Mobility and Safety Division will review and approve treatment locations, compile and maintain an inventory of sites treated with RRFB's, and will conduct observational effectiveness studies at select treated locations. North Carolina municipalities would comply with the agreement conditions and would be responsible for providing NCDOT with inventories and operational and in-service performance data from sites treated with RRFB's.

We appreciate your consideration of this interim approval request. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me (919-773-2800) or Tony Wyatt (919-773-2887).

Sincerely,


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