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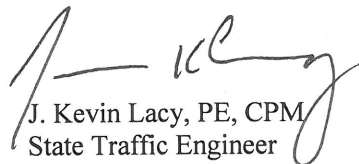
Reference: Interim Approval for Optional Use of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) herein requests permission to utilize rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) at select pedestrian crossings statewide (all jurisdictions) where an engineering study has recommended their use to supplement traditional signs and markings. Consistent with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) March 20, 2018, Interim Approval 21 – Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons at Crosswalks, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is in agreement with the conditions set forth in Paragraph 18 of Section 1A.10 of the MUTCD.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation agrees to comply with the technical details in memorandum IA-21, and will maintain an inventory list of RRFB installed locations to be provided to the FHWA if requested. NCDOT acknowledges that the FHWA has the right to rescind the interim approval at any time and that the issuance of the interim approval does not guarantee that the provisions, either in whole or part, will be adopted into the MUTCD. North Carolina municipalities will comply with the agreement conditions and will be responsible for providing NCDOT with inventories of RRFB installed locations.

We appreciate your consideration of this interim approval request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (919)-814-5100 or Brian Mayhew at (919)-814-5010.

Sincerely,



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