



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

JAMES B. HUNT JR.
GOVERNOR


P.O. BOX 25201, RALEIGH, N.C. 27611-5201

E. NORRIS TOLSON
SECRETARY

September 29, 1998

Memorandum

To: R. C. McCann, PE
Division Operations Engineer, Div. 11

From: J. M. Lynch, PE
for State Traffic Engineer 

Subject: Methods of Determining Passing and No Passing Zones

Thank you for your letter of August 27, 1998 concerning the subject above. Our Traffic Control, Pavement Marking and Delineation Section has discussed this issue and how they could best address it. We do endorse both methods of determining passing and no passing zones, however we do not have any immediate plans to rewrite the Part III of the North Carolina Supplement to the MUTCD. Part III of the Supplement currently requires the two vehicle method only.

By copy of this memo we are formally accepting the one car method of determining passing and no passing zones as an alternative to the two car method.

If you have any further questions, please contact Roberto Canales, Stuart Bourne, or Jim Kellenberger directly. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

JML/JWK

cc : Len Sanderson, PE
Don Goins, PE
(Attn. C. A. Gardner, PE)
Don Morton, PE

Division Engineers
(Division Traffic Engineers)
Roberto Canales, PE
(Attn. Stuart Bourne, PE)