

**TRANSPORTATION CABINET**  
**Department of Highways**  
**Division of Traffic Operations**  
**(Amendment)**

**603 KAR 5:050. Uniform traffic control devices.**

RELATES TO: KRS 189.337, 23 C.F.R. 655.601-655.603

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 189.337(2), 23 C.F.R. 655.601-655.603

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 189.337(2) requires the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, to promulgate and adopt a manual of standards and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices. The Federal Highway Administration in 23 C.F.R. 655.603 recognizes the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) as the national standard for all traffic control devices installed on any street, highway, bicycle trail, or private road open to public travel. This administrative regulation establishes that the MUTCD shall be the uniform system of traffic control devices in Kentucky.

Section 1. Definition. "Private road open to public travel" means a private toll road or road, including any adjacent sidewalk that generally runs parallel to the road, within a shopping center, airport, sports arena, or other similar business or recreation facility that:

- (1) Is privately owned, but on which the public is allowed to travel without access restrictions; and
- (2) Does not include a road within private gated property, except for a gated toll road, in which access is restricted at all times, a parking area, driving aisle within a parking area, or a private grade crossing.

Section 2. Traffic Control Devices. The MUTCD published by the Federal Highway Administration shall be the standard for all traffic control devices installed on any street, highway, bicycle trail, or private road open to public travel in Kentucky.

Section 3. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways 11th edition", Federal Highway Administration, December 2023, is incorporated by reference.

(2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, Division of Traffic Operations, 200 Mero Street, Third Floor, in Frankfort, Kentucky 40622, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This material may also be obtained at the cabinet's Web site at [www.transportation.ky.gov](http://www.transportation.ky.gov).

(HIWA-UTCD-1; 1 Ky.R. 815; eff. 5-14-1975; 5 Ky.R. 814; 6 Ky.R. 53; eff. 7-17-1979; 11 Ky.R. 1159; eff. 3-12-1985; 1660; eff. 6-4-1985; 13 Ky.R. 940; eff. 12-2-1986; 16 Ky.R. 862; 1355; eff. 1-12-1990; 19 Ky.R. 2490; eff. 7-6-1993; 20 Ky.R. 3310; eff. 7-13-1994; 24 Ky.R. 403; eff. 10-7-1997; 28 Ky.R. 927; 1386; eff. 12-19-2001; 32 Ky.R. 736; 1243; eff. 1-18-2006; 38 Ky.R. 1055; 1318; eff. 1-25-2012; 39 Ky.R. 1318; eff. 4-5-2013; Crt eff. 3-5-2019; 51 Ky.R. 785; eff. 2-18-2025.)

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PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on November 21, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. EST, at the

Transportation Cabinet, Transportation Cabinet Building, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing five (5) working days prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If you have a disability for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, please notify us of your requirement five working days prior to the hearing. This request does not have to be in writing. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through 11:59 p.m. EST on November 30, 2024. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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