AMENDMENT
OFFERED BY MR. GARCÍA OF ILLINOIS

At the end of subtitle A of title I of division B add the following:

SEC. 112. UPDATES TO MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC
CONTROL DEVICES.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Transportation shall revise the proposed rule set forth beginning on page 80898 of volume 85 of the Federal Register related to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (referred to in this section as “MUTCD”) after consulting the stakeholders listed in subsection (b) and addressing the priorities in subsection (c). Such proposed rule shall not take effect until the Secretary carries out this subsection.

(b) Consulting Stakeholders.—In carrying out the update required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult a wide range of stakeholders including the following:

(1) City or local departments of transportation.

(2) Entities or advocates representing vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.

(3) Road safety entities or advocates.
(4) Transportation equity entities or advocates.

(5) Public transportation entities or advocates.

(6) Entities or advocates representing socio-economic marginalized communities, including communities of color.

(7) Public health experts or advocates.

(8) Accessibility experts or advocates.

(9) Transportation engineers, planners and designers in current practice.

(10) State departments of transportation.

c) PRIORITIES.—In carrying out the update required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall address the following priorities:

(1) Protection of vulnerable road users (as defined in section 148(a) of title 23, United States Code).

(2) Prioritization of the safety of road users over traffic speed or the free flow of traffic.

(3) Promotion of cycling, walking, and use of public transportation.

(4) Incorporation of safety and sustainability elements, including—

(A) protected, buffered, and counterflow bike lanes, including green bike lanes;
(B) devices or markings used to protect bike lanes, including delineator posts, bumps, bollards, planters and curbs;

(C) bus lanes, including red bus lanes;

(D) marked crosswalks, regardless of traffic volumes;

(E) walk signals, regardless of the number of injuries or deaths at a given intersection;

(F) pedestrian Hybrid Beacons; and

(G) protected or “Dutch” intersections.

(5) Replacing the 85th percentile speed on all streets or roads that are not part of the National Highway System with the complete and context sensitive street design required under section 1107 of this Act.

(6) Providing approved alternatives to level of service for motor vehicles only to facilitate the better measurement of the performance of a facility covered by the MUTCD.

(d) APPLICABILITY OF MUTCD.—Pursuant to the authority granted in section 109(e)(2) of title 23, United States Code, and section 1107 of this Act, the Secretary shall review the appropriateness of State design standards being applied to city or municipal owned streets on the
National Highway System. As part of this review, the Secretary shall consider—

(1) relieving States of their duty to separately conduct design review of projects funded through the Federal Highway Administration on city or municipal owned roads that have already received local approval;

(2) requiring that States defer to locally-adopted design standards in reviewing projects on all city-owned streets;

(3) expediting interim approval for devices that have succeeded in at least one experiment;

(4) allowing new uses of existing devices unless explicitly prohibited elsewhere; and

(5) providing a vulnerable-user signal warrant to cover all scenarios in which the Federal Highway Administration has proposed to prohibit uncontrolled crosswalks.

(e) TIMING OF REGULAR UPDATES.—Pursuant to section 109 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary shall review its existing guidance for when updates to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices occur and make any adjustments to that guidance needed to ensure the Secretary is timely updating the MUTCD to take into account advances in design standards, road markings, and
traffic devices. The Secretary shall consider requiring that
the MUTCD be reviewed at least once every 4 years for
any necessary updates.