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## Framework for Rewriting the MN MUTCD

FHWA is expected to publish a new National Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) soon; hopefully during the 2023 calendar year. The MUTCD is a technical manual that sets standards for the use of traffic control devices.

Once the new National MUTCD is published, MnDOT will have 2 years to update and publish a Minnesota MUTCD (MN MUTCD) that is in substantial conformance with the new National MUTCD. The MN MUTCD is required by Minnesota Statutes, Section [169.06](#), Subdivision 1 and applies to all roads (open to public travel) within the State of Minnesota.

### Goals:

#### **Publish an MN MUTCD that is in Substantial Conformance with the National MUTCD within 2 years of the effective date of the Final Rule**

- Substantial Conformance (from [CFR 655.603](#) (b) (1)) means that the MN MUTCD “shall conform as a minimum to the standards statements included in the National MUTCD... The guidance statements contained in the National MUTCD shall also be in the [MN MUTCD] unless the reason for not including it is satisfactorily explained based on engineering judgment, specific conflicting State law, or a documented engineering study.”
- The FHWA Minnesota Division Office is responsible for providing concurrence that the MN MUTCD is in substantial conformance with the National MUTCD.

#### **Create an ADA compliant electronic document**

#### **Include Minnesota Traffic Engineering Community and Expertise**

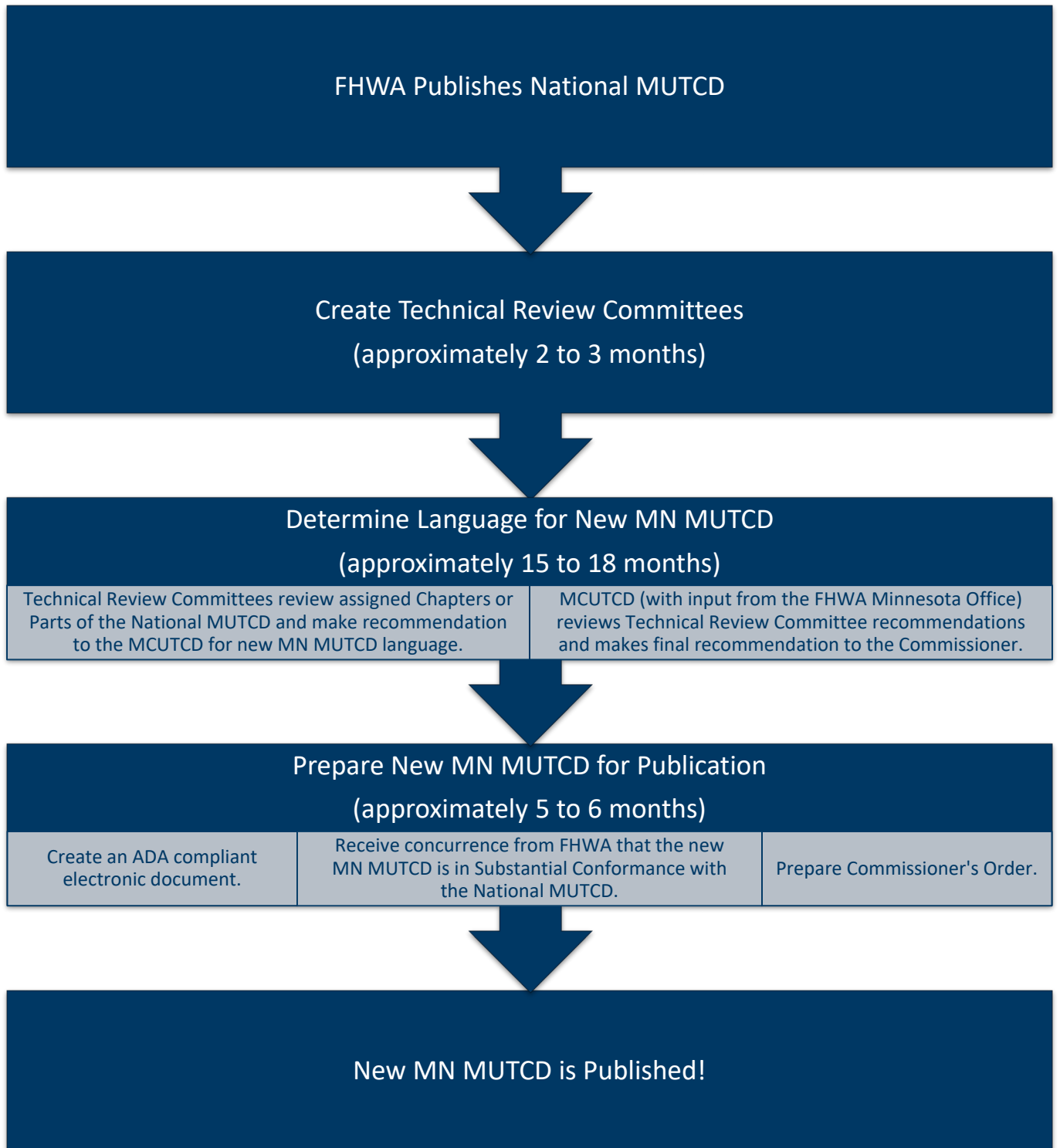
- The Minnesota Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MCUTCD) will provide expertise and make recommendation to MnDOT’s Commissioner regarding language for the new MN MUTCD. The Committee consists of FHWA, MnDOT, County, City and Consultant Traffic Engineers.
- Technical Review Committees will be formed and recommend language to the MCUTCD for the new MN MUTCD. They will complete an in-depth review of specific Parts or Chapters of the new National MUTCD. Membership will be limited and ideally will be balanced between MnDOT, Counties, Cities, and represent both rural and urban perspectives.
- MnDOT’s TEO Standing Committees (as discussed in TEM [Chapter 15](#)) may choose to review and make recommendations to the appropriate Technical Review Committee via the MnDOT representative(s) on that committee.

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## Timeline:



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