MUTCD and Rural ITS Deployment
“the times they are a changing”
PLAN FOR THE CHANGES BEFORE DEPLOYMENT

The SOUTH FLORIDA cardio exercise program...
PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Background for the revised 2009 MUTCD
- General overview of chapter changes
- Specific changes that may effect ITS
- Where are we with the process
- New chapters and their purpose
- Where to go for more information
- Questions
BACKGROUND FOR THE REVISIONS:
WHY THE CHANGES NOW?

- Enough feed-back from industry, government and sponsors to take the time and do this.............NOW!
- FHWA Focus:
- Consistency throughout the manual
- Requirements for new chapters/applications
- Influence by industry (like ITS) demanded
- feed-back from industry, government and sponsors to take the time and do this.............NOW!
GENERAL OVERVIEW:
WHAT EFFECTS THE RURAL ITS USER?

- New design criteria for deployment of information going to the traveling public
- Signs (Static)
- Color Graphics
- DMS
- Expanded levels of service to Traveling Public
- Work Zone emphasis/safety emphasis
- Device location in right of way
WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?
TIMEFRAMES:

- January 2008 “changes to sponsors for review and comment
- Updated at Mobile summer meeting July 2008
- Final comments deadline has passed
- FHWA to deploy new manual January 2009
- States will review and accept/reject/modify?
- Expected that the new manual will be deployed and accepted by all states 2010-2011
NEW CHAPTERS:
EXPANDED VMS/DMS (COLOR) AND DEFINED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WORK ZONES
EXAMPLES OF CHANGES

MUTCD Changes August 2008
WHERE TO GO TO REVIEW THE CHANGES

❖ http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/
QUESTIONS: