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**To**: Distribution 57, 382, 612, 618, and 650

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Traffic Operations, Safety and Technology

**Subject**: Pedestrian Countdown Signals (PCSs) Usage

**Expiration**
This is a new technical memorandum and will remain in effect until March 23, 2009, unless superseded before that date or incorporated into either the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MN MUTCD) or the Minnesota Traffic Engineering Manual.

**Implementation**
This policy shall be implemented immediately.

**Purpose**
The purpose of this technical memorandum is to allow the usage of Pedestrian Countdown Signals (PCSs) in accordance with the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) 2003 edition.

**Introduction**
The PCSs display the number of seconds remaining in the pedestrian change interval (flashing. "DON'T WALK" or flashing upraised hand) at traffic signalized intersections. The PCSs are for information to the pedestrian and do not change the meaning of the "WALK", pedestrian change interval, or "DON'T WALK" interval, or pedestrian timing at the intersection. When PCSs are used, they shall comply with the requirements identified in the federal MUTCD 2003 edition.

**Scope**
The policy contained in this technical memorandum applies to Mn/DOT roadways. However, local road authorities are encouraged to adopt a similar policy.

**Questions**
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