BICYCLE FACILITY STANDARDS
2003 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Sponsor: Chad E. Bennion
This act modifies the Motor Vehicles Code by requiring the Department of
Transportation to adopt by rule, standards for the development of bicycle facilities by th
Department of Transportation and local authorities. This act clarifies that traffic contro
device standards adopted by the Department of Transportation are applicable on all
highways in the state. This act makes technical changes.
This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
AMENDS:
41-6-20, as last amended by Chapter 38, Laws of Utah 2002
41-6-22, as last amended by Chapter 138, Laws of Utah 1987
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 41-6-20 is amended to read:
41-6-20. Manual and specifications for uniform system of traffic-control devices,
school crossing guards, and bicycle facilities Applicable to all highways.
(1) As used in this section, "bicycle facility" means any improvement or provision on a
public right-of-way made to accommodate or encourage bicycling including:
(a) a bicycle lane;
(b) a bicycle path:
(c) a bicycle route system; or
(d) a bikeway.
[(1) (a)] (2) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemakin
Act, the Department of Transportation shall make rules:
(a) consistent with this chapter adopting a manual and establishing specifications for a
uniform system of traffic-control devices [for use upon highways within this state.] used on a

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28	highway;
29	(b) adopting a manual and establishing specifications for a uniform system of
30	traffic-control devices and school crossing guards for school crossing zones, which shall
31	supplement the manual adopted under Subsection (2)(a); and
32	(c) adopting the AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and
33	Transportation Officials) Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities which is a
34	supplement to the AASHTO Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets.
35	[(b)] (3) The manual adopted under Subsection (2)(a) shall correlate with, and where
36	possible conform to, the system set forth in the most recent edition of the "Manual on Uniform
37	Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways" and other standards issued or endorsed by
38	the federal highway administrator.
39	[(2) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
40	the Department of Transportation shall make rules adopting a manual and establishing
41	specifications for a uniform system of traffic-control devices and school crossing guards for
42	school crossing zones, which shall supplement the manual adopted under Subsection (1).]
43	(4) The standards adopted by rule under this section are applicable on all highways
44	including bicycle facilities throughout the state.
45	Section 2. Section 41-6-22 is amended to read:
46	41-6-22. Placing and maintenance upon local highways by a local authority.
47	(1) [Local authorities, in their respective jurisdictions,] A local authority shall place
48	and maintain official traffic-control devices upon highways under their jurisdiction as they find
49	necessary to indicate and to carry out the provisions of this chapter or local traffic ordinances,
50	or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic.
51	(2) All traffic-control devices erected under this section shall conform to and be
52	maintained in conformance with the [Department of Transportation manual and specifications
53	for a uniform system of traffic-control devices] standards adopted under Section 41-6-20.

Legislative Review Note as of 1-13-03 3:47 PM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

State Impact

It is estimated that provisions of this bill can be implemented with existing resources.

Individual and Business Impact

No significant fiscal impact.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst