



National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Chair's Message

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Gene Hawkins
NCUTCD Chair

Winter has arrived, with Thanksgiving only a few days away. With less than 2 months to go before our January meeting, I want to share the following information.

January 2020 NCUTCD Meeting Information

- **Date:** The next NCUTCD meeting is January 8-10, 2020 at the Crystal City Hilton in Arlington, VA. Details are on the website. The deadline for early registration is December 10.
- **Registration:** As of November 18, we have 156 people registered. The early registration deadline is December 10. After that date, the registration fee increases \$50.
- **40th Anniversary:** The January meeting will be the 40th anniversary of the NCUTCD. We will have some special activities to recognize the significance of this event. Most of the special recognition will take place during the General Session on Thursday.
- **Proposed Recommendations:** This fall, we distributed the following proposed recommendations to sponsoring organizations for review and comment.
 - ♦ 19B-RW-01: Street Name plaque with W1-10 and W10 Series Signs
 - ♦ 19B-MKG-01: Pavement Marking Standards for Automated Driving Systems and Improved Driving Safety
 - ♦ 19B-MKG-02: Vertical Panels, Lane Separators, and Raised Islands for used for Emphasis of Pavement Marking Patterns
 - ♦ 19B-SIG-01: Use of Straight-Through GREEN ARROW
 - ♦ 19B-SIG-02: Alternatives to Traffic Control Signals
 - ♦ 19B-SIG-03: Pedestrian Pushbutton Locations
 - ♦ 19B-TTC-01: Circulating Lane Closure in a Multi-Lane Roundabout
 - ♦ 19B-TTC-02: Use of Positive Protection in Work Zones
- **Sponsor Comments on Proposals:** The comments received from sponsors are on the website. Below is a summary of the comments on each item.

Proposal	Total number of comments received*	Fully Concur	Concur in Part	Do Not Concur	No Vote
19B-NCUTCD-01	12	66	5	0	17
19B-RW-01	33	63	9	1	15
19B-MKG-01	73	40	26	8	14
19B-MKG-02	140	31	32	11	14
19B-SIG-01	24	60	11	2	15
19B-SIG-02	25	60	14	0	14
19B-SIG-03	70	49	25	1	13
19B-TTC-01	63	42	28	4	14
19B-TTC-02	117	45	26	7	10

- **Proposed Bylaws Change:** This fall, we distributed a proposed Bylaws change. This change proposes to add two new sponsoring organizations to the NCUTCD with seats on the Council. The organizations are ITS America and NACTO. Because of the significance of the proposed change, it was distributed to sponsoring organizations in the same manner as proposed MUTCD recommendations rather than to just the Council as required in the Bylaws.
- **Officer Elections:** Since this is the January meeting of an even-numbered year, we will be conducting officer elections during the Thursday General Session. The Nominating Committee has offered the following slate of candidates for the election: Chair, Gene Hawkins; Vice-Chair of Programs, Bill Lambert; Vice-Chair of Research, Bryan Katz; and Treasurer, Kathy Faulk. Roger Wentz decided not to run for reelection as he will be retiring from ATSSA in the spring.
- **Impact of NPA on the Meeting:** As of the time this message goes out, we do not know when the FHWA will publish an NPA for a new MUTCD. In mid-September, I decided that we would not extend our January meeting. Until the NPA is published, we don't know the content and consistency with previous NCUTCD recommendations, which make it difficult to develop plans on how we will respond. If the NPA is published before the January meeting, we will do our best to review it within the available time. We will not unduly rush our deliberative process. Depending upon when the NPA is published and its content, we may be dealing with our docket responses at the June 2020 meeting.
- **Scheduled Meetings:** The last page of this message has the current schedule for all meetings associated with the NCUTCD meeting. Locations will be provided in the program that you get when you pick up your nametag. I hope this information helps you to plan your trip. Send updates to Bob by December 1. After the program is printed, changes will be posted to the Facebook page.

Future NCUTCD Meeting Information

- **June 2020:** The June 2020 meeting will be June 17-19, 2020 in Virginia Beach, VA at the Founders Inn.
- **January 2021:** TRB announced last spring that it was moving its Annual Meeting for 2021 to be a week earlier than the original date. As the NCUTCD is already under contract with the hotel for this meeting, the Executive Board voted to keep the dates for this meeting as January 27-29, 2021. This is Wednesday-Friday of the same week as the TRB Annual Meeting. Moving the meeting to the week before TRB would have been prohibitively expensive due to the inauguration and changes to the contract.
- **June 2021:** The June 2021 meeting is tentatively scheduled to be in Seattle, WA. The date and hotel will be determined by the AASHTO CTE at their June 2020 meeting.
- **January 2022:** The Executive Board voted to hold the January 2022 meeting on Wednesday-Friday the same week as the TRB Annual Meeting. The dates will be January 12-14, 2022. Moving the meeting to the week before TRB would have resulting in the NCUTCD meeting starting on January 5.

Executive Secretary (ExSec) Transition

- **ExSec RFP:** As Bob announced in June, he has decided to retire as ExSec at the end of February 2020 after 21 years of service as the NCUTCD ExSec. A request for proposals (RFP) for the ExSec position was posted on our website on July 11 and proposals were due September 1. We received five quality proposals. On October 28, the Board approved Richard Moeur as the next ExSec. To assist in the transition from Bob to Richard, the Board approved a contract for Richard to serve as Associate Executive Secretary from November 1 through March 31.

NCUTCD Activities and Actions

- **Website Improvements:** Additional website improvements have been rolling out since the June meeting. New features include:
 - ♦ **Member access to contact info.** Members can now log into the database and edit their own contact information. You can also see other information about you in the database, such as committee membership and meetings attended. We are shifting the responsibility for keeping contact information current from the Executive Secretary to individual members.
 - ♦ **Member access to NCUTCD database:** The NCUTCD roster was removed from the website earlier this year. Along with member access to their contact information, they can now search the NCUTCD database for information about specific individuals.
 - ♦ **Listserve addresses for committees:** We are now using NCUTCD listserve addresses as the primary means of sharing information with members of technical committees.
 - ♦ **TC forums:** Our webmaster is working to set up forums for each technical committee. This would provide a location for committee files that is accessible only to committee members.
- **Review of Bylaws and Operating Procedures:** In June, the Executive Board established a new committee to review the existing Bylaws and Operating Procedures. Members are Bill Lambert (chair), Neil Boudreau, Lee Billingsley, Jonathan Upchurch, Gene Hawkins, Tom Heydel. Given some of the recent changes we have implemented and those suggested in the strategic plan, this effort is needed. It has been almost 20 years since the last thorough review. Please send any suggestions for changes to the Bylaws and/or Operating Procedures to Bill Lambert.
- **Technical Committee Reappointment:** The technical committee chairs will be reappointing technical committee members after the January meeting. The reappointment process is an important part of our process, as it provides an opportunity to address technical committee members who are not contributing to the efforts of the committee or who have missed three consecutive meetings.

JANUARY 2020 NCUTCD MEETING SCHEDULE**Wednesday January 8, 2020**

- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration
- 8:00 am - 12:00 n Edit Committee: Bill Lambert, Chair
- 8:00 am - 10:00 am CAV/Sign Joint TF: Roxane Mukai, Chair
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am TC Features TF: Larry Overn, Chair
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am Interconnected Grade Crossing TF: Rick Campbell, Chair
- 9:00 am - 10:00 am ITE Delegation: Steve Jewell, Chair
- 9:00 am - 12:00 n Pedestrian Control Features TF: Bob Garbacz, Chair:
- 9:30 am - 11:00 am Toll & Managed Lane TF: Maurice Palumbo & Shannon Pike, Co-Chairs
- 9:30 am - 12:00 n ARTBA TSID Meeting
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am CAV Task Force: Paul Carlson, Chair
- 10:00 am - 12:00 n Roundabout TF: Brian Walsh, Chair
- 10:00 am - 12:00 n Bicycle/Signals TF: Rock Miller and Monica Suter, Co-Chairs
- 10:00 am - 12:00 n Tech. Committee Chairs Mtg (invitation only)
- 10:30 am - 12:00 n Electronic Display TF: Randy McCourt, Chair
- 11:00 am - 12:00 n First Time Attendee Orientation: Jon Upchurch
- 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm Technical Committee Meetings
- Bicycle: Bill DeSantis, Chair
 - R/W Signs: Tom Heydel, Chair
 - G/MI Signs: Tom Honich, Chair
 - Signals: John Fisher, Chair
 - Markings: Zoubir Ouadah, Chair
 - TTC: John Leonard, Chair
 - RR&LRT: Richard Campbell, Chair
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Executive Board: Gene Hawkins, Chair
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Pedestrian TF: Eagan Foster, Chair

Thursday January 09, 2020

- 8:00 am - 12:00 n Registration
- 8:00 am - 12:00 n NCUTCD Council General Meeting: Gene Hawkins, Chair
- 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm Technical Committee Meetings:
- Bicycle: Bill DeSantis, Chair
 - R/W Signs: Tom Heydel, Chair
 - G/MI Signs: Tom Honich, Chair
 - Signals: John Fisher, Chair
 - Markings: Zoubir Ouadah, Chair
 - TTC: John Leonard, Chair
 - RR&LRT: Richard Campbell, Chair
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Research Committee: Bryan Katz, Chair

Friday January 10, 2020

- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm NCUTCD Council General Meeting: Gene Hawkins, Chair