



National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Chair's Message

CHAIR'S MESSAGE #6
December 4, 2018

GENE HAWKINS, NCUTCD CHAIR

Happy Holidays to all in NCUTCD family. The Hawkins household is looking forward to re-experiencing Christmas through the eyes of a 2-year old and I hope that this season brings the joy of a child to your family. With the holidays upon us, I wanted to send out one last message before our January meeting kicks off the New Year.

MUTCD Updates and Actions

- **MUTCD Revision Schedule:** I have not heard any additional information about the pending MUTCD NPA or the schedule for when it will be published.
- **NPRM on Proprietary/Patented Products:** The FHWA published a notice of proposed rulemaking to remove limitations on the ability to use proprietary and/or patented products. We are working to determine the best course of action regarding whether the NCUTCD will submit a docket comment and, if we do, what that comment will be. If we develop a comment, it will be presented to Council during the January meeting.

January 2019 NCUTCD Meeting Information

- **Date:** Our next meeting is January 9-11, 2019 at our usual place in Arlington, VA. Details are on the website.
- **Recommendations:** There were 15 recommendations sent to sponsors for review and comment. I expect that we will be considering all of them in the General Sessions on Thursday and Friday.
- **Thursday General Session:** Due to the large number of proposed recommendations, I have invited only two external presentations during the Thursday General Session. One will be the traditional presentation from FHWA. The other will be a presentation from the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO). There will also be some NCUTCD reports, but I hope we can devote significant time in the Thursday General Session to some of the proposed recommendations.
- **Friday General Session:** Depending upon the progress made on proposed recommendations in the Thursday General Session, Friday's General Session could be longer than it has been at recent January meetings. Please plan accordingly. Council members who cannot be available for the entire day should have a contingency plan for representation should they have to leave before the session ends.
- **Scheduled Meetings:** Page 2 has the current schedule for all meetings associated with the NCUTCD meeting. Locations will be provided in the program. I hope this information helps you to plan your trip. Send updates to Bob and me by December 10.

June 2019 NCUTCD Meeting Information

- **Columbus, OH Meeting:** The June meeting will be June 19-21, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Columbus, OH. If the NPA comes out before our June meeting, this will be a very busy meeting. We are holding open the potential to meet on Saturday pending FHWA announcing their schedule for rulemaking. A decision on Saturday meeting will be made in the spring. Please keep this in mind with respect to travel arrangements.

NCUTCD Activities and Actions

- As it has been only about a month since the last message, there are no new activities to report on.

NCUTCD Member Activities

- None that have been shared with me.

Administrivia

- A link to the Chair's Message is posted on NCUTCD's Facebook and Twitter accounts after they are sent to members (<https://www.facebook.com/ncutcd> and <https://twitter.com/ncutcd>).

JANUARY 2019 NCUTCD SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 9

- 8:00-12:00 Edit Committee: Bill Lambert, Chair
- 9:00-11:00 TC Features TF: Larry Overn, Chair
- 9:00-10:00 ITE Delegation: Steve Jewell, Chair
- 10:00-11:30 CAV Task Force: Paul Carlson, Chair
- 9:00-12:00 Pedestrian Control Features TF: Bob Garbacz, Chair
- 9:30-12:00 ARTBA TSID Meeting
- 10:00-12:00 Roundabout TF: Brian Walsh, Chair
- 10:00-12:00 Bicycle/Signals TF: Rock Miller and Monica Suter, Co-Chairs
- 10:30-12:00 Toll & Mgn Lane TF: Maurice Palumbo & Shannon Pike, Co-Chairs
- 10:30-12:00 Electronic Display TF: Randy McCourt, Chair
- 11:00-12:00 First Time Attendee Orientation: Jon Upchurch
- 1:00-10:00 Technical Committee Meetings

Thursday, January 10

- 8:00-12:00 NCUTCD Council General Meeting
- 1:00-10:00 Technical Committee Meetings
- 5:00-7:00 Research Committee: Bryan Katz, Chair

Friday, January 11

- 8:00-5:00 NCUTCD Council General Meeting