



National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Chair's Message

MESSAGE 2019-#2
May 20, 2019

We are a month away from the June NCUTCD meeting. I'm passing along a few tidbits as we finalize preparations for the meeting.

Expected MUTCD NPA

- **NPA Preparations:** FHWA has not made an announcement regarding a publication date for the MUTCD NPA. Plans for the June meeting are based on the assumption that the NPA will not be published before our meeting.

June 2019 NCUTCD Meeting Information

- **Date:** The next NCUTCD meeting is June 19-21 in Columbus, OH. Details are on the website. The deadline for early registration is June 1.
- **Recommendations:** This spring, we distributed the following recommendations to sponsoring organizations for review and comment.
 - ♦ 19A-EDOT-01: NCUTCD Draft Strategic Plan
 - ♦ 19A-RW-01: Reducing Wrong Way Movements - NCHRP 881
 - ♦ 19A-RW-02: Hill Blocks View Sign
 - ♦ 19A-RW-03: Bicycle/Pedestrian Version R1-6 and R1-9 In-Street Signs
 - ♦ 19A-TTC-01: Background Color for W11-1 and W11-2 Signs in Work Zones
 - ♦ 19A-TTC-02: Typical Applications for Roundabouts
 - ♦ 19A-RR-01: Mounting Height of Crossbuck and Tracks signs on Flashing Light Signals
 - ♦ 19A-RR-02: Clearance from Flashing Light Signal with or without Automatic Gate to Track
 - ♦ 19A-RR-03: Definition and Application of Right-of-Way Transfer Time for Traffic Control Signals at Grade Crossings
- **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
19A-Edit-01	65	61	16	0	8
19A-RW-01	161	43	30	8	4
19A-RW-02	56	50	15	17	4
19A-RW-03	31	71	9	3	3
19A-TTC-01	71	51	25	6	3
19A-TTC-02	123	44	33	2	6
19A-RR-01	24	68	8	2	7
19A-RR-02	11	68	6	4	7
19A-RR-03	18	68	10	0	7

- **Expected NPA:** With an MUTCD NPA on the horizon, the technical committees should spend time at the June meeting planning for the conduct of the review

and analysis of the NPA and the preparation of draft docket comments to present to Council.

- **NCUTCD Strategic Plan:** During the June meeting, Council will consider adoption of the NCUTCD strategic plan that was distributed to sponsors this spring for review and comment. If time permits, technical committees should discuss elements of the strategic plan so that the Council members from technical committees can share those thoughts with Council.
- **Registration:** As of May 17, we have 183 people registered.
- **Hotel:** The block of hotel rooms at the Hyatt has been filled. Bob Garrett has arranged for overflow at the Crowne Plaza across the street at the same room rates. Information is on the website.
- **ARTBA Social:** The ARTBA Traffic Safety Industry Division social on Tuesday evening will be at the Columbus Clippers baseball game. See the flyer on page 4. You need to register for this social activity at the link below the flyer. The registration deadline is June 9.
- **Scheduled Meetings:** Page 3 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 June 5. After the program is printed, changes will be posted to the Facebook page.
- **Spouse Suite:** Bob has set up a spouse suite for those spouses that register. You can add your spouse if you have already registered.

January 2020 NCUTCD Meeting Information

- **Date:** The January 2020 NCUTCD meeting will be January 8-10, 2020 at our traditional location. Depending upon the NPA content and the date when the docket closes, we may elect to extend the meeting by one day, as we did in at the Mobile, AL meeting in 2008. If so, Saturday would be spent in General Session with docket comments being presented to Council for approval.

NCUTCD Activities and Actions

- **January 2021 and 2025 NCUTCD Meeting Survey:** In March, TRB announced that they were moving their 2021 Annual Meeting up by a week. I had shared in a previous chair's message that the 2025 TRB meeting would be the first full week of January. To gather input from members, Bob Garrett distributed a survey on April 22 regarding potential schedule changes for the 2021 and 2025 January meetings. We had 133 responses. The Board will consider the result results at our June meeting and make a decision regarding dates for the January 2021 meeting. That decision will be announced when I give the Board report in the Thursday General Session.
- **NCUTCD Website Updates:** The long-awaited improvements to the NCUTCD website are continuing. Look for specific email announcements about improvements and features. Hats off to Marc Jacobson for leading this effort. Among the most significant features:
 - **Linking the member database to the website.** This enables the log in feature and other features. This is an essential background feature. Marc and Bob have been working on this critical issue throughout the spring.

- ♦ **Listserves.** We will be creating listserves for use by technical committees and other long-term groups within the NCUTCD. Individuals will be assigned to listserves based on the technical committee they are a member of and other groups (such as Council, Board, and selected task forces). For those that are not familiar with a listserv, it is an email address that distributes email messages to everyone associated with that listserv. This should make it easier for technical committee communications. The listserves should be going live in the near future.
- ♦ **Member accounts.** Each member will be able to log into the website to edit their contact information and other protected information. Individuals' contact information will no longer be accessible on the website without logging in to a valid NCUTCD account. Information about logging into your account should be sent shortly before the June meeting.
- ♦ **Portals.** Technical committees and selected other groups will have portals where they can save files for viewing by individuals linked to the committee/group in the database. This feature may not be implemented until after the June meeting.

Administrivia

- Check out the NCUTCD's website (ncutcd.org) and our Facebook and Twitter accounts (www.facebook.com/ncutcd and twitter.com/ncutcd).

JUNE 2019 NCUTCD SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 19

7:30-9:00	Edit Committee
8:00-11:00	Traffic Control Features Task Force
9:00-10:00	ITE Delegation
9:00-11:00	Connected and Autonomous Vehicles Task Force
9:00-12:00	Pedestrian Control Features Task Force
9:00-10:00	Roundabout Task Force
10:00-12:00	Bicycle/Signals Task Force
10:00-11:00	Interconnection Circuits Task Force
10:30-12:00	Toll & Managed Lane Task Force
11:00-12:00	Electronic Display Task Force
1:00-10:00	Technical Committee Meetings
4:00-7:00	Executive Board
5:00-7:00	Pedestrian Task Force

Thursday, June 20

8:00-12:00	NCUTCD Council Meeting
12:00-1:00	Technical Committee Chairs Luncheon (invitation only)
1:00-10:00	Technical committee meetings
5:00-7:00	Research Committee meeting

Friday, June 22

8:00-5:00	NCUTCD Council Meeting
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Please join ARTBA's Traffic Safety Industry Division for the
Annual Summer Social

for members of the National Committee on
Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the AASHTO
Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 • 5:30 p.m.

Columbus Clippers Ball Game



R.S.V.P. Required

The event is free for committee members, but registration is required at

Registration Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-tsid-summer-social-tickets-61098932552>

June 9 is the deadline to register!