



## National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

# Chair's Message

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# We Did It!

On Thursday, May 6, the NCUTCD adjourned its months-long spring 2021 Council meeting, having completed action on all of the NPA items. The fact that NCUTCD members, task forces, technical committees, and Council were able to review over 950 sections and 85 chapters in the NPA, compare NPA content to prior NCUTCD recommendations, develop draft docket comments, and approve the docket comments in less than five months is a feat that was previously unimaginable. I want to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for your commitment and contributions to our effort. When I look back at our effort, I see:

- Over 2,100 person-hours of Council member time voting on docket comments.
- Over 1,700 person-hours of attendee time in Council meetings.
- Over 8,000 estimated person-hours in 200+ hours of technical committee meetings.
- An unknown number of task force meetings.
- Immeasurable individual contributions of time, including nights and weekends.

In the space of essentially four months (early January to early May), we held what is roughly equivalent to three plus years of NCUTCD face-to-face meetings. I know that this pace took a lot from all of you. It was a one-time event that is certainly not sustainable in the long-run. Enjoy your summer and be ready to roll up your sleeves when we get back to work.

### Docket Comments

- We have already submitted over half of the approved chapters to the docket and will be able to submit the remaining chapters by the May 14 deadline.
- NCUTCD docket comments are posted on the Approved Changes tab of our website. This page has a direct link to the chapter and is updated every few days.
- The News tab of our website has the current list of submissions and a link to the actual docket comment (updated daily).
- Before May 14, I encourage each of you to submit your personal comment to the docket. In it, I hope that you will indicate your support for the NCUTCD comments.

### Future Activities

- **June 2021:** We have canceled our June meeting. You deserve a break.
- **Summer/Fall:** Technical committees will be focusing upon planning for the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the MUTCD. You will be hearing more about this effort in the near future.
- **January 2022:** We hope to hold our first face-to-face meeting in two years. During this meeting, our focus will be on developing plans for the 12<sup>th</sup> edition.
- **June 2022:** We hope to be reviewing the 11<sup>th</sup> edition final rule in Virginia Beach and get back to doing what we do best - developing detailed recommendations for changes to the MUTCD.