



National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Chair's Message

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The 2024 Midyear Meeting is behind us. Before we get too far beyond that meeting, I wanted to review a few items and look into the near future.

2024 Midyear Meeting

We had 311 attendees at the meeting with a few no shows. By all accounts, the meeting was a success. Richard did a great job with the refreshments for the breaks. We are finally back to developing and reviewing proposed content and having Council vote on that content. During the meeting, Council approved the following items that were distributed to sponsoring organizations in the spring for review and comment: PED-01/-02, RW-02/-04, and TTC-02/-03/-04/-05/-06/-07. TCs/JTFs have until July 15 to send us the final version of the approved items. They will be sent to FHWA after we do a quick formatting review of the submissions. We also had several presentations on Thu, including the FHWA presentation. We are in the process of developing the draft meeting summary, which will include presentation slides and recommended changes approved by Council. We will post the summary, presentations, and recommended changes on our website as soon as we can, likely in late-July or early-August. We do not distribute individual items/presentations prior to posting the draft meeting summary.

Between Midyear and Annual Meetings

There will be a lot of activity for NCUTCD members during the remainder of 2024. The list below identifies critical activities and the associated dates. Dates are subject to change as events unfold, but should be reasonably close to what is listed below. As we are expecting to distribute 25-30 proposed changes for review and comment, we need to provide at least 60 days for review as specified in OP VI-B.

- July 15: Final version of recommended changes approved at Midyear Meeting due.
- July 31: Final version of proposed changes for sponsoring organization review and comment due to NCUTCD administration.
- Mid-August: Proposed changes distributed to sponsoring organizations for review and comment.
- Late-October: Deadline for sponsoring organizations to submit comments to Richard.
- Mid-November: Review comments posted on website.
- Mid-November through December: TCs/JTFs review comments and revise proposed changes.
- January 8-10: NCUTCD Annual Meeting.

2025 Annual Meeting

The 2025 Annual Meeting will be January 8-10, 2025 at the DoubleTree in Crystal City. This is the same hotel that we have been in for the two previous Annual Meetings. With the potential for 25-30 proposed changes going out for review this fall, there is a high probability that Council will be meeting on Friday afternoon in order to consider all of the proposed changes. I can't give any details at this point in time, but Members and Associate Members of Council should anticipate the need to meeting into Friday afternoon when making travel plans. The upcoming meeting has the potential to continue further into Friday than we have in the past.

The number one question I get from our members is “how long will the Friday General Session last?” The only valid answer I can give is that Council is scheduled from 8:00 to 5:00 on Friday. If we finish our business early, then we will adjourn early. I won't have a sense of how many items are being presented to Council on Friday until the night before. I don't know how much discussion an item will generate until it is presented to Council. So if you ask me how long we will go on Friday, my answer will be “be prepared to go until 5:00.”

Leadership Transitions

We had several leadership changes that went into effect at the end of the meeting with the outgoing chairs and vice-chairs recognized during the Thursday general session. The current NCUTCD leadership is listed in the table below. There will be some additional leadership changes after the 2025 Annual Meeting.

Type	Unit	Chair	Vice-Chair	Secretary
Technical Committee	RW Signs	Tom Heydel	James Sullivan	Bob Seyfried
	GMI Signs	Jason Hyatt	Ryan Hoyt	Heather Schmidt
	Markings	Paul Carlson	Jody Colvin	Tom Grant James Kratz
	Signals	John Hibbard	Matt Duncan	Dee Taylor
	TTC	Neil Boudreau	Ryan Lancaster	Tim Cox
	Railroad	John Dinning	JoNette Kuhnau	Nicole Jackson
	Bicycles	Bill DeSantis	Rock Miller	Stewart Robinson
Joint Committee	Research	Bryan Katz	Scott Kuznicki	open
	Edit	Bill Lambert	Scott Wainwright	Jonathan Upchurch
Joint Task Force	CAV	Roxane Mukai	TBD	Melodie Matout
	Pedestrians	Randy McCourt	Eagan Foster	TBD
	Roundabouts	Brian Walsh	Scott Zehngraft	TBD
	Rules of the Road	Ronnie Bell	Robert Saylor	TBD
Admin	NCUTCD	Gene Hawkins	Bill Lambert	Richard Moeur

Parliamentary Procedure

If you attended the General Sessions in Portland, you experienced a variety of parliamentary actions, including motions for adoption, amending motions, a friendly amendment, lay on the table motions, take from the table motions, a previous question motion, and a quorum check. These actions and others are described in Operating Procedure VI-F. During the Portland meeting, I tried to provide some educational moments on parliamentary procedures as we went along as it has been a while since we have had significant voting activities. I will not be providing those educational moments in future meetings so I encourage all our members to become familiar with the OP VI-F. It provides the basic rules for conducting our business and, while sometimes messy, provides a sense of order that is crucial to building consensus.

2025 Midyear Meeting

During our meeting in Portland, we learned that we were not able to find a hotel in Detroit that could accommodate both the CTE and NCUTCD meeting needs. Meeting planners are working diligently to identify a meeting site for next summer. We will let everyone know the city and dates once we have signed a contract with the hotel. The 2025 meeting will be in AASHTO Region 3 (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin) and the 2026 Midyear Meeting will be in AASHTO Region 2 (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia).