

National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

General Session—Friday, June 25, 2004—Juneau, Alaska

Minutes of Meeting

Chairman Billingsley called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

Executive Secretary Bob Garrett called the roll and the following council members were present:

AAA	Jeffrey Bagdade		
AAMVA	(No Delegate)		
AAR	Tom Zeinz	IACP	(No Delegate)
AASHTO	Tom Hicks	IBTTA	Kerry Ferrier
	Kurt Smith	IMSA	Greg Bothwell
	Barry Warhoftig	ITE	Tom Aber
	Dave Church		Gene Putman
	Robert Hull		John Fisher
	Lee Roadifer		Ronnie Bell
	Scott Thorson		Gene Hawkins
	Rick Werts		Jon Upchurch
AHAS	(No Delegate)		Kevin Woodard
AHUA	Jim Keaton		Robert Canfield
APWA	Steve Oliver	NACE	Lee Billingsley
	(No Delegate)		Jim Ellison
	(No Delegate)		John Logan
AREMA	Richard Bowden	HFR	Fred Hanscom
ARTBA	Fred Peil	GHSA	Ron Lipps
ATSSA	Dave McKee	NCUTL&O	Ray Pusey
LAB	Richard Moeur	NSC	(No Delegate)
APTA	Paul O'Brien		

Honorary, Non-Voting Members: Jim Pline

Secretary Garrett declared a quorum with 33 of 39 voting members present. Also present were approximately 70 other members and visitors.

Bicycle Committee Report

Bicycle Committee Chair, Richard Moeur, reported that at their meetings Wednesday and Thursday there were eight members in attendance as well as several visitors. Since nine members were needed for a quorum, other committee members were contacted by phone or email to vote on motions and all recommendations of the Bicycle Committee were approved by a majority of committee members. The following recommendations were presented:

1. Shared Use Path Signs 9B.XX (Attachment No. 1)

Moved by Moeur, seconded by LaPlante to approve the Bicycle Committee recommendation on shared use guide signs, Section 9B.XX (Attachment No.1). Motion passed unanimously.

The committee is working on the following proposals for future Council action:

1. Add a M1-8a numbered bicycle route sign to Part 9 of the MUTCD. This will be sent to Sponsors in fall 2004 so that it can be voted on by the Council in January 2005.
2. Delete all instances of the term "bicycle trail" from Part 1 of the MUTCD and replace it with the term "bikeway". This will be sent to Sponsors in spring 2004 so that it can be voted on by the Council in June 2005.
3. Move the M4-11 sign from Part 9 to Part 2 of the MUTCD, delete the M4-12 and M4-13 signs, and harmonize the use of route marker auxiliaries between Part 2 and Part 9. This proposal will be sent to the Guide & Motorist Information Signs Technical Committee in fall 2004 for their concurrence, and will be sent to Sponsors in spring 2004 so that it can be voted on by the Council in June 2005.
4. Add a shared lane symbol to Part 9 of the MUTCD. This proposal is a revision to a proposal previously sent to sponsors in 2002. This will be sent to the Markings Technical Committee in fall 2004 for their concurrence, and will be sent to Sponsors in spring 2004 so that it can be voted on by the Council in June 2005.

R/W Signs Committee Report

Lee Roadifer, Vice Chair of the RW committee reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday afternoons with 16 and 15 members present and two visitors. The following items were presented:

- Committee recommendations on Part 7, School Zone definitions will be sent to sponsors prior to the January 05 meeting. There was discussion on Daycare signs with or without "K" for kindergarten and it was decided to send the entire Part 7 recommendations to the sponsors, including what had been sent two years ago.

Moved by Hicks, seconded by Logan to table this item until the January 2005 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A recommendation on Section 2B, ROW at intersections was presented.

Moved by Roadifer, seconded by Lipps to approve the recommendation of the RW committee for ROW at intersections.

After some discussion it was **moved by Logan, seconded by Zeinz to amend the proposal by deleting 37A, 38B and 123A. Motion failed 8-23-1**

This had been sent to Members and Associate Members 6/12/04 and there was discussion and some editorial changes made. The amended proposal is as follows: (Attachment No. 2)

Amended proposal (Attachment No.2) was approved 30-0-2.

RW Committee chair reported that the committee had no other specific action items. There will be several items for the January 05 meeting

Signals Committee Report

Ronnie Bell, Vice Chair of Signals Committee, reported that Doug Hansen has been appointed new committee secretary and the committee had heard two presentations. Four items had been sent to sponsors. Sponsor comments were considered by the committee and the following items were presented:

1. 4D.08 (Attachment No. 3)

Moved by Bell, seconded by Pusey to approve the Signals committee recommendation on Section 4D.08. (Attachment No.3) Motion passed unanimously.

2. 4D.10 (Attachment No. 4)

Moved by Bell, seconded by Pusey to approve the Signals committee recommendation on Section 4D.10 (Attachment No.4). Motion passed unanimously.

3. 4E.08 (Attachment No. 5)

Moved by Bell, seconded by Pusey to approve the Signals committee recommendation on Section 4E.08 (Attachment No.5). Motion passed unanimously.

4. 4E.09 (Attachment No. 6)

Moved by Bell, seconded by Warhoftig to approve the Signals committee recommendation on Section 4E.09 (Attachment No.6). Motion passed unanimously.

Figure 4E-2 showing typical pushbutton locations approved by the Council in association with the recommendation for Section 4E.08 is included as (Attachment No. 7)

Discussion on redefining area where vehicles are considered to be in the intersection and this will be sent to sponsors.

Markings Committee Report

Markings Committee Chair, Gene Hawkins, reported that the committee has several items to be sent to sponsors prior to the January 2005 meeting. The committee presented the following five older driver recommendations on changes to Sections 3B.19, 3B.08, 3B.21, 3B.05 and 3B.13 (Attachment No. 8):

Moved by Hawkins, seconded by McKee to approve the recommendation of the Markings Technical Committee on Sections 3B.19, 3B.08, 3B.21, 3B.05 and 3B.13 (Attachment No.8). Motion passed unanimously.

RRLRT Committee Report

RRLRT Technical Committee Chair, Richard Bowden, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday afternoon's with 18 members attending and 9 visitors. The committee heard reports from task forces. The committee will have two items that will be sent to sponsors prior to the January 2005 meeting. The committee presented the following items to the Council.

Section 8D.07 Preemption of Traffic Signals (Attachment No. 9)

Moved by Fowler, seconded by Woodard to approve the RRLRT committee recommendation on Section 8D.07 (Attachment No. 9). Motion passed unanimously.

Sections 8B.01, 8B.03, 8B.04, 8B.05, Figures 8B-1, 8B-2 and 8B-6 (Attachment No. 10)

Moved by fowler, seconded by Woodard to approve the RRLRT committee recommendation on Sections 8B.01, 8B.03, 8B.04, 8B.05, Figures 8B-1, 8B-2, and 8B-6 (Attachment No.10).

After some discussion it was moved by Hawkins, seconded by Zeinz to not include a white strip on the post if a stop or yield sign is used on the same post. It was pointed out that the white stripe is now required in Part 8, but the signs section requires the post stripe to be the same color as the background of the sign. It was agreed to make this change part of the original motion. Motion passed 26-4-2.

Section 8B.06, 8B.15, 8B.16 and Figure 8B-3 (Attachment No. 11)

Moved by Fowler, seconded by Woodard to approve the RRLRT committee recommendation on Sections 8B.06, 8B.15, 8B.16 and Figure 8B-3 (Attachment No. 11). Motion passed unanimously.

Temporary Traffic Control Committee Report

TTC Committee chair, Gene Putman, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday afternoons with 26 members and 11 guests in attendance. The committee heard reports from task forces and presentations from George Black and Don Gordon. They will have several

items to be sent to sponsors prior to the January 2005 meeting. The committee presented the following item for Council vote:

- Section 6F.6 Advance Warning Arrow Display Specifications (Attachment No. 12)

Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to approve the recommendation of the TTC Technical Committee on Section 6R.6 (Attachment No.12). Motion passed unanimously.

Research Committee Report

Research Committee chair, Dave McKee, reported that the committee had met yesterday with six members and seven guests attending. Joe Moyer, FHWA, is a new member of the committee. Ray Derr, NCHRP staff, gave the attendees an overview of the current research underway at FHWA, TRB and NCHRP.

The committee discussed the development of guidelines to evaluate studies for traffic control devices. David McKee will work with Ken Opiela and Joe Moyer to assemble a preliminary draft.

There was discussion of how the Research Committee can best meet the needs of NCUTCD and several suggestions were put forth including:

- Establish a Planning Subcommittee
- Conduct tours of Turner Fairbank, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and universities in the Washington, DC area that have a transportation research component.
- Conduct a tort lawsuit role-playing session or a fictitious courtroom setting with expert witnesses and lawyers.
- Increase the role of technical committee vice-chairs in recruiting research problem statement.
- Plan research presentations during National Committee's general session presentations.

David McKee will work with various members of the committee to ascertain which recommendations are feasible and bring the greatest value to the National Committee.

Pedestrian Task Force Report

Chair John LaPlante reported that the Pedestrian Task Force had met on Wednesday, June 23rd at 5 PM. 19 people were in attendance, including 12 Technical Committee members. The offices of Task Force Vice Chair and Secretary were voluntarily filled by Gary Alexander and Bill Anderson, respectively.

John Hibbard of the Signal Technical Committee representatives advised that the issue of pedestrian walking speed would be addressed by an ITE/AAA study. Data collection will take place this summer. If things go as scheduled we should have data to review at the January 2005 meeting. The study should be complete by June 2005. Scott Windley indicated that the Access Board hopes to have an NPR out in January 2005. It was agreed that it would be possible to publish the notice indicating the walking speed of 3.5 fps with an acknowledgement of the ongoing study and the possibility of adjustment to the speed.

The need to provide a tactile message to vision limited pedestrians at No Pedestrian Crossing sign locations was discussed. Proposed guidelines had been distributed to the Regulatory & Warning Signs and Markings Technical Committees by Janet Barlow and Beezy Bentzen. They were based on the proposed wording for pedestrian barriers are included in Temporary Traffic Controls and this is an effort to expand that treatment to other locations. There was some discussion by the Pedestrian Task Force on how to refer to passive design elements (lawn, plantings, curbing) where possible, instead of the more intrusive fencing and barricade options. It was agreed that the Markings Technical Committee should come up with more appropriate wording, probably through a smaller subcommittee. (This subcommittee was subsequently formed at the Thursday afternoon Markings meeting.)

There was a discussion of truncated domes as stop lines for blind pedestrians. Janet Barlow had suggested wording for a proposed addition to Part 3, Markings, on the design and placement of truncated dome detectable warning strips at the bottom of all sidewalk ramps or blended curbs just behind the curb line extended. Other issues were raised relative to truncated domes at crossings other than intersections, such as railroad crossings and trail crossings. It was agreed that the MUTCD should provide guidance for location of truncated domes relative to location with curb ramps at standard intersections and at railroad and light rail crossings. Guidance on locations away from intersections should probably be presented in ADAAG. (Another subcommittee to work out wording details on truncated domes was subsequently formed at the Markings Technical Committee Thursday afternoon meeting.)

A number of Pedestrian Task Force members asked if this Task Force could be made a full Standing Committee of the NCUTCD. This suggestion was passed along to the National Committee at the Friday morning NCUTCD meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectively submitted,

Robert M. Garrett
Executive Secretary