

National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Council Meeting—Friday, January 08, 2010—Arlington, Virginia **Minutes of Meeting**

Chairman Billingsley called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

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

AAA	Jeff Bagdade	HFR	Phil Garvey
AAR	Mel McNichols	IACP	No Delegate
AASHTO	Del McOmie	IBTTA	Kerry Ferrier
	Dave Woodin	IMSA	Don Fullerton
	Bill Lambert	ITE	Gene Hawkins
	Tim Taylor		Tom Aber
	Ken Kobetsky		Ronnie Bell
	Tom Hicks		John Fisher
	Bruce Ibarguen		John LaPlante
	Ed Fischer		Gene Putman
AHAS	Jerry Donaldson		Andy Ramisch
AHUA	Jim Keaton		Paul Carlson
APBP	No Delegate	LAB	Richard Moeur
APTA	Paul O'Brien	NACE	Lee Billingsley
APWA	Steve Oliver		Tim Haagsma
	Bob Garbacz		John Logan
	Jim Sparks	NSC	Dan Magri
AREMA	Richard Campbell		
ARTBA	Tim Cox		
ASCE	Bob Bryson		
ATSSA	Dave McKee		
GHSA	Ron Lipps		

Honorary, Non-Voting Members: Jim Pline, Dick Luetlich, Dave Kuemmel, George Butzer

Secretary Garrett declared a quorum with 37 of 39 voting members present. Also present were approximately 140 other members and visitors.

Election of Officers

Jim Sparks, chair of the nominating committee, reported that the following persons are nominated, that these nominations have been sent to all members in advance of this meeting and no additional nominations have been received:

NCUTCD Chair—Lee Billingsley
Vice Chair of Programs—Tom Hicks
Vice Chair of Research—Paul Carlson
Treasurer—John Logan

Chair, Billingsley asked if there were any other nominations from the floor and there were none.

The vote was unanimous for the nominated persons.

Edit Committee

Edit Committee chair, Tom Hicks, gave a report of the committee meeting yesterday (see minutes of Council meeting 1/7/10. He reported that the Edit committee has one action item to present to the Council at this time.

There was discussion of Section 1A.18 in the Final Rule in which FHWA added the sentence “Standard statements shall not be modified or compromised based on engineering judgment or engineering study” to the definition of Standard. This change was not in the NPR, so NCUTCD did not have the opportunity to comment on it. There was considerable discussion and general agreement that this change is very significant and that NCUTCD and others should have had the opportunity to comment.

Moved by Hicks, seconded by Sparks that NCUTCD send a petition to the docket requesting that this sentence be deleted. Motion passed with 3 opposed.

Note: The NCUTCD petition, including the GMI recommendation as well as the Edit Committee recommendation was sent to the docket January 14, 2010 (Attachment No. 5).

Markings Committee Report

Markings Committee chair, Gene Hawkins, reported that the committee had met yesterday with 17 members and 7 visitors present. They discussed the item that was tabled by the Council yesterday. They will be evaluating it further and may bring it back to the Council in June. They have no other items to submit to the Council at this meeting.

Bicycle Committee Report

Bicycle committee chair, Richard Moeur, reported that the committee had met Wednesday with 14 members and one visitor and Thursday with 15 members and 13 visitors present. They have three items to bring to the Council, all of which were sent to Sponsors.

Bicycle No. 1 – New “Except Bicycles” Plaque (Sections 9B.10 and 9B.11) of the 2009 MUTCD

Moeur described changes that were made by the committee as a result of Sponsor comments.

Moved by Moeur, seconded by LaPlante to approve the recommended language regarding Sections 9B.10 and 9B.11.

After discussion it was **Moved by Kobetsky, seconded by McKee to table the motion. Tabling motion approved with four opposed.**

Bicycle No. 2 – New signs for bicycles on freeways (Section 9B.11 of the 2009 MUTCD)

Moved by Moeur, seconded by LaPlante to approve the Bicycle Committee recommended new language and figures for Section 9B.11 of the MUTCD. (Attachment No. 1). Motion passed 32-1-2.

Bicycle No. 3 – Sign M1-9

Moeur explained the process of evaluating different designs and the committee recommendation on this sign. He showed the final recommended sign.

Moved by Moeur, seconded by LaPlante to approve the recommended design for sign M1-9 (Attachment No. 2). Motion approved with 6 opposed.

Moeur also described a recommendation by the Bicycle Committee regarding Section 9C.07 on Shared Lane Markings recommending paragraphs 04 and 05 be changed from Guidance to Standard. The recommendation had previously been approved by NCUTCD and sent to FHWA. The NPR itself, and NCUTCD's comments to the docket showed and supported these two paragraphs as Standard. However, the Final Rule changed these two paragraphs to Guidance. The consensus of the Bicycle Committee is that these should be kept as standard. There was no further action taken on this item by the Council.

TTC Committee Report

TTC chair, Gene Putman, reported that the committee had met Wednesday with 34 members and 8 visitors and Thursday with 38 members and 8 visitors. He described some of the items discussed by the committee and reported that they had no action items to present to the Council at this time.

RW Signs Committee Report

RW Signs committee chair, Bruce Ibarguen, reported that the committee had met Wednesday with 25 members and 5 visitors and Thursday with 25 members and 4 visitors. They have one item to report to the Council which had previously been sent to Sponsors. He described changes that had been made as a result of Sponsor comments.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Lipps to approve the recommended language on School Speed Zones, Section 7B.14 (Attachment No. 3). Motion passed with one abstention.

GMI Signs Committee Report.

GMI Signs committee chair, Bill Lambert, reported that the committee had met Wednesday with 24 members and 9 visitors and Thursday with 23 members and 10 visitors. They discussed several items including research needs and identified 6 topics for research.

In reviewing the Final Rule, the committee found that there are a series of signs in Figures 2E-11 and 2E-12 that were not in the NPA so that there was not the opportunity for public comment on the merits of these signs. Also the FHWA did not include a discussion of its rationale for adopting these particular sign designs for these particular applications. Consequently, GMI recommends that NCUTCD petition the docket to reconsider this language and replace the text and figures with what was recommended in the NCUTCD response to the NPA.

Moved by Lambert, seconded by Ferrier that NCUTCD petition the docket for reconsideration of the language in Section 2E.23 and Figures 2E.11 and 2E.12 from the Final Rule and replace the text and figures with what had been recommended by NCUTCD to the NPA. (Attachment No. 4). Motion Passed with one opposed and one abstention.

Note: The NCUTCD petition, including the GMI recommendation as well as the Edit Committee recommendation was sent to the docket January 14, 2010 (Attachment No. 5).

Signals Committee Report

Signals Committee chair, Ronnie Bell, reported that the committee had met Wednesday with 34 members and 1 visitor and Thursday with 38 members and 1 visitor. The committee worked on several items and has no action items to present to the Council at this time.

RRLRT Committee Report

RRLRT Committee chair, Rick Campbell, reported that the committee had met Wednesday with 33 members and 4 visitors and Thursday with 37 members and 6 visitors. The committee has established 10 task forces to review various sections of the Final Rule and report at the June meeting. They have some significant issues which were approved by NCUTCD, but didn't get to FHWA in time for the NPA. The committee has no action items for the Council at this time.

Research Committee Report

Research Committee chair, Ken Kobetsky, reported that the committee had met last night with all members present and a total of 41 in attendance. They reviewed the problem statement that has been submitted for consideration of research. They have asked the technical committees to produce research statements which can be considered by the Research Committee at the June meeting for submission by the September 10 deadline. The committee also heard presentations by Rich Canard of TRB and Hari Kalla of FHWA. This is Ken Kobetsky's last meeting serving as NCUTCD Vice Chair of Research and Research Committee Chair and Paul Carlson, who was elected today, will assume that position at the end of this meeting. Ken thanked Paul for his work in organizing this Research Committee meeting and wished him well in his new position. .

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Garrett, Executive Secretary