

Edit Committee Report

(January 6, 2010)

- All Members were present, with three Guests

- TCD Definition
 - + we have developed proposed text
 - + defined TCD as having MUTCD provisions that address the use, design and placement of the device
 - + matrix of items that may or may not be TCD's, will be reviewed to eliminate the questionable ones
 - + TC's are being asked to review the list, and to also review their Part for other items
 - + added to the FHWA wording in 1A.08, on authority for placement of TCD's, that there are items included in the MUTCD because they are an integral feature of the traffic control, but their design, use and application characteristics are not specified in the Manual
 - + Table 1A.XX – Devices Not Considered TCD's is felt not to be needed, but we will leave it in until June; TC's are asked to review/add to the Table – before the June meeting
 - + 1A.13, Definitions, appropriate change to be made reflecting the design, use and application provisions

- Discussion on Engineering Study and Engineering Judgment
 - + PE, Graduate Engineer and Skilled Technicians
 - + this will become more of a legal issue in the future
 - + many MUTCD users are not engineers
 - + organizational oversight, training, certification, LTAP programs, Consultant use, and having good procedures, guidelines and standards – are ways to ensure engineering requirements are met
 - + TC's are being asked to review their part for any requirements for engineering studies/judgment
 - + we would like to propose some MUTCD wording that addresses this issue – perhaps, in June

- Traffic Control Devices for Sites Open to Public Travel
 - + Task Force Chaired by Paul Box and Randy McCourt
 - + roadways v. parking areas
 - + consider both road user needs and industry needs
 - + extent to which the various TCD's should meet MUTCD guidelines
 - + consider other traffic control elements related to parking areas/issues
 - + new Part, combine with current Parts, Handbook, or combination of these

- Research Needs – as the Edit Committee noted at earlier meetings, changes to the MUTCD should be based upon research data that supports the change – we repeat our support for the requests by the Research Committee for possible research statements

- On-going Activities – MUTCD size and content, the Future Manual, the Traffic Control Devices Handbook, wording issues

- NCUTLO/Uniform Vehicle Code (UVC) Task Force - the Edit Committee recommends that a small Task Force be convened to explore options for restoring some of the duties and responsibilities of the “*Rules of the Road*” portion of the UVC.

It is recommended that Ray Pusey chair the Task Force, with Ron Lipps, Jeff Blue and Dave Kuemmel as members. Others are welcome to assist.

It is expected that the Task Force would have a report for review at the June Meeting of the National Committee.