

National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Council Meeting—Friday, June 02, 2010—Chicago, Illinois
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:

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| AAA | Jeff Bagdad | HFR | Fred Hanscom |
| AAR | David Peterson | IACP | No Delegate |
| AASHTO | Del McOmie | IBTTA | Kerry Ferrier |
| | Dave Woodin | IMSA | Don Fullerton |
| | Mark Wilson | ITE | Gene Hawkins |
| | Susan Groth | | Jim Ellison |
| | Ken Kobetsky | | Ronnie Bell |
| | Tom Hicks | | John Fisher |
| | Bruce Ibarguen | | John LaPlante |
| | Ed Fischer | | Gene Putman |
| AHAS | No Delegate | | Andy Ramisch |
| AHUA | Gerry Ullman | | Paul Carlson |
| APBP | Mike Moule | LAB | Richard Moeur |
| APTA | Paul O'Brien | NACE | Lee Billingsley |
| APWA | Steve Oliver | | Jeff Blue |
| | Eagan Foster | | John Logan |
| | Jim Sparks | NSC | No Delegate |
| AREMA | Richard Campbell | | |
| ARTBA | Tim Cox | | |
| ASCE | Bob Bryson | | |
| ATSSA | Mike Metzger | | |
| GHSA | Ron Lipps | | |

Honorary, Non-Voting Members: Jim Pline, George Butzer

Secretary Garrett declared a quorum with 36 of 39 voting members present. Also present were approximately 120 other members and visitors.

Markings Technical Committee Report

Markings committee chair, Gene Hawkins, reported that the committee had met with 17 members present Wednesday and 21 members present Thursday. The only action item from the committee was the NCUTCD response to the docket on retroreflectivity levels of pavement markings which was reported to and approved by the Council yesterday. Otherwise the committee has been reviewing the standards items in Part 4 of the MUTCD.

RW Signs Technical Committee Report

RW committee chair, Bruce Ibarguen, reported that the committee met with 23 members and 6 guests on Wednesday and 25 members and 4 guests on Thursday. They had one item that was sent to Sponsors for comment—a proposed new STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES sign, S5-XX,

which would be added to Section 7B.13 of the MUTCD. The committee reviewed all the comments from Sponsors and made some changes in the recommended language. The final recommendation was presented to the Council now.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Ramisch to approve the recommendation of the RW Signs Technical Committee to add a new STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES sign to section 7B.13 of the MUTCD (Attachment No. 1). Motion passed unanimously.

The committee also reported that they have nine items to be sent to sponsors.

RRLRT Technical Committee Report

RRLRT Committee chair, Rick Campbell, reported that they met with 34 members and 7 guests on Wednesday and 39 members and 2 guests on Thursday. They have been reviewing the standard items in Part 8 of the MUTCD. They have no action items for the Council today and will have four items to go to sponsors.

Bicycle Technical Committee Report

Bicycle committee chair, Richard Moeur, reported that they met with 14 members and 6 guests on Wednesday and 15 members and 5 guests on Thursday. They are also reviewing the standards in Part 9. John Allen has been appointed to represent the Bicycle committee on the new ROR committee.

They have one item to present to the council today—the addition of a new “Except Bicycles” plaque and text to Section 9B.11 of the 2009 MUTCD (Attachment No. 2).

Moved by Moeur, seconded by LaPlante to approve the proposed new EXCEPT BICYCLES plaque to Section 9B.11 of the 2009 MUTCD (Attachment No.2).

There was one amendment approved unanimously with one abstention.

Vote on amended motion passed 33-0-2.

TTC Technical Committee Report

TTC Committee chair, gene Putman, reported that they met with 35 members and 13 guests on Wednesday and 37 members and 9 guests on Thursday. They heard five presentations **and** reviewed a total of 296 standard statements in Part 6 of the MUTCD. They reviewed each standard and put each one into one of three groups: (1) agreed to being a standard, (2) needs to be changed to Guidance and (3) standard that needs some text revisions or modification due to the new definition of a standard.

Of the 296 standards reviewed by the committee: (1) 243 should remain standards, (2) two should be changed to guidance and (3) 51 need further review and modification.

The TTC committee, by a unanimous vote, approved the motion “That the last sentence in the definition of a “Standard” in the 2009 MUTCD should be removed.”

GMI Signs Technical Committee Report

GMI committee chair, Bill Lambert, reported that the committee had met with 24 members in attendance both Wednesday and Thursday. They also reviewed 124 standards relating to GMI signs and found 64 that should remain standards, 22 that need to be changed and 34 that need further review. The committee has a new Secretary, Jim Renner.

Signals Technical Committee Report

Signals committee chair, Ronnie Bell, reported that the committee met with 33 members and 4 guests on Wednesday and 33 members and 2 guests on Thursday. They heard several presentations and Task Force reports. The committee is reviewing the standards in the signals sections of the MUTCD and found that the revised definition of Standard does not appear to create a concern or problem for most of the Standard statements. However, upon close read of some standards, it appears that clarification or modification is appropriate to improve the MUTCD. Task forces began their review of their applicable sections to identify the standards that appear OK as they are, the ones that definitely need modification and the ones that may need modification. They have no action items for the Council at this time.

Pedestrian Task Force Report

Pedestrian Task Force chair, John LaPlante, reported that they had met Wednesday evening with 21 in attendance including 19 technical committee members. They heard a report on an FHWA funded Crosswalk Marking Field Visibility study conducted by TTI. There were also reports on various pedestrian related NCHRP projects as well as a report by Paul Box on the Sites Open to Public Travel task force and a report by Kit Keller on the pedestrian aspects of the European Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Scan. Finally, there was a brief discussion of the discouragement of HAWK beacons at intersections despite the research showing that they have been effective in reducing all crashes. The Signals committee will again be asked to address this situation and ask FHWA to reconsider and give interim approval to the use of HAWKs at intersections.

Research Committee Report

Research committee chair, Paul Carlson, reported that the committee had met yesterday afternoon with 24 in attendance. They reviewed the status of the 2009 problem statements, of which 1 of 7 were selected for NCHRP funding and elements of 2 of the remaining 6 were selected for research through the FHWA TCD PFS program. The committee also heard an update of the FHWA TCD PFS program as well as the NCHRP program, and the MUTCD Team’s effort to develop a database of approved TCD experimentation. A research committee task force reported on their efforts to develop guidelines for conducting TCD experiments. The research committee

spent the majority of their time discussing research problem statement ideas from six technical committees. The research committee will be working on prioritizing the problem statement ideas and developing final problem statements to be submitted to NCHRP. The research committee also discussed and decided that the committee will not hold their January 2011 meeting at Turner-Fairbanks. This visit was postponed until January 2012

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Garrett, Executive Secretary