



# National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

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## National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Council Meeting—Friday, June 22, 2018, Denver, CO Minutes of Meeting

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

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

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| AAA    | Mark Wilson       | ATSSA | Roger Wentz            |
| AAR    | Tony Bellamy      | HFR   | Bryan Katz             |
| AASHTO | Meg Pirkle, Chair | IACP  | Rick Campbell          |
|        | Neal Boudreau     | IBTTA | Maurice Palumbo        |
|        | Tom Honich        | IMSA  | Paul Ciupa             |
|        | Bill Lambert      | ITE   | Steve Jewell, Chair    |
|        | John Leonard      |       | Dongho Chang           |
|        | Mark Luczcz       |       | Kathy Falk             |
|        | Kerry NeSmith     |       | John Fisher            |
|        | Lee Roadifer      |       | John Hansen            |
| AHUA   | Jon Upchurch      |       | Gene Hawkins           |
| APBP   | Tom Bertilus      |       | Brent Ogden            |
| APTA   | Jeff LaMora       |       | Zoubir Ouadah          |
| APWA   | Jim Sparks, Chair | LAB   | Rock Miller            |
|        | Monica Suter      | NACE  | Lee Billingsley, Chair |
|        | Steve Oliver      |       | Jeff Blue              |
| AREMA  | French Thompson   |       | Tim Haagsma            |
| ARTBA  | Tim Cox           | NSC   | Dan Magri              |
| ASCE   | Robert Bryson     |       |                        |

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

Secretary Garrett declared a quorum with 37 of 37 voting members present. Also present were approximately 160 other members and visitors.

Gene Hawkins announced that yesterday, a suggestion box was added to the website, and several suggestions have already been received.

### **MARKINGS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Markings Committee chair, Dave Woodin reported that the committee had met Wednesday with 25 members and 8 visitors present and Thursday with 25 members and 9 visitors. Markings did not send any recommendations to sponsors for this meeting. They will have two recommendations to send to sponsors after this meeting.

### **SIGNALS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Signals Technical Committee chair, John Fisher, reported that the committee met Wednesday with 39 members and 7 visitors present and Thursday with 41 members and 5 visitors. They have three new members approved at this meeting. The Signals Technical Committee sent one recommendation to sponsors after the January meeting and it was approved by Council on Thursday. They will have two recommendations to send to sponsors after this meeting.

### **TTC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

TTC Technical Committee chair, John Leonard, reported that the committee met Wednesday with 43 members and 12 visitors present and Thursday with 43 members and 10 visitors. They reviewed sponsor comments on the recommendation that sent out after the January meeting and determined that they will be making further revisions and sending to sponsors after the June meeting for another review.

### **BICYCLE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bicycle Technical Committee chair, Bill DeSantis, reported that the committee met Wednesday with 16 members and 5 visitors present and Thursday with 19 members and 5 visitors. They will have eight bicycle recommendations to send to sponsors. One of those will be a joint proposal of Bicycles and Signals Technical Committees.

### **RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Research Committee chair, Bryan Katz, reported that the Research Committee met on June 21, 2018 at 5:00 pm with 31 people in attendance. Bryan Katz led the meeting by discussing the NCHRP research timeline and led a conversation on the future goals of the committee. The group then discussed 12 different ideas that were generated from technical committees. The Research Committee plans to have draft problem statements developed by September 15 to be submitted to AASHTO CTE.

### **RW SIGNS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Regulatory/Warning Signs Technical Committee chair, Tom Heydel, reported that the committee met Wednesday with 24 members and 9 visitors present and Thursday with 27 members and 3 visitors. The committee sent three recommendations to sponsors after the January meeting and two of them were approved by Council on Thursday. RW Signs Committee chair, Tom Heydel, then presented the third recommendation, 17B-RW-01, to the Council for action. Tom reviewed the first half of the proposal with the changes made and it was:

**Moved and seconded to approve the first half of 17B-RW-01 as presented by the RW Signs committee. After one amendment was approved, the amended motion was approved unanimously.**

Tom then presented the second half of 17B-RW-01 describing the changes made as a result of sponsor comments.

**Moved and seconded to approve the second half of 17B-RW-01. Motion approved unanimously. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to amend line 511 to change to support. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Approved 17B-RW-01 as amended (*Attachment No. 1*).**

### **RRLRT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

RRLRT Committee chair, Rick Campbell, reported that the committee had met Wednesday with 41 members and Thursday with 43 members. They have two new members. They had one item sent to sponsors and received 37 comments. RRLRT will not be sending any recommendations to sponsors for review this fall. Rick reviewed all the changes made and it was

**Moved and seconded to approve 18A-RR-01, Another Train Coming, as presented by the RRLRT committee. Motion approved unanimously (*Attachment No. 2*).**

### **GMI SIGNS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

GMI Signs Committee chair, Tom Honich, reported that the committee had met Wednesday with 26 members and 6 visitors present and Thursday with 29 members and 10 visitors. They have two new members approved at this meeting. GMI will have one recommendation, exit numbering, to send to sponsors for review. This ballot was well vetted with AASHTO CTE committee in preparation to send to sponsors given the nature of the subject. Maurice Palumbo made a presentation on a newly identified issue involving all electronic tolling signing. Maurice is going to lead a task force to being looking at possible recommendations.

GMI had two items sent to sponsors and one was presented and approved by the Council Thursday. The GMI chair then presented the second one, 18A-GMI-01, explaining changes made and responding to questions.

**Moved and seconded to approve 18A-GMI-01 as presented by the GMI committee. Motion approved unanimously (*Attachment No. 3*).**

### **RW COMMITTEE REPORT ON SETTING SPEED LIMITS**

Tom Heydel reported on the NTSB report on setting speed limits which was published in 2017. He explained the recommendations in this report and indicated that his task force has been reviewing current MUTCD language related to this and also a NCHRP research study is being done 17-76 which will be producing information that will help defining criteria further. This past spring, the RW task force did a survey of traffic engineers. AASHTO, ITE and traffic engineers from local units of government and received 740 responses on various speed limit questions which will be useful to the task force moving forward. One finding was that only about 15% of those responding use USLimitS2 for setting speed limits. He asked for input from the Council and presented two questions.

- 1) The MUTCD should set criteria for traffic control devices (like speed limits signs) and provide criteria for traffic engineering practice (such as process, applications, procedures) or

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2) The MUTCD should set criteria for traffic control devices (like speed limit signs). There was much discussion and recommendations and general agreement that the MUTCD should contain general guidelines relating to setting speed limits. The RWSTC task force will be looking further at this and provide a recommendation at the January meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert M. Garrett, Executive Secretary