



National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

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2025 Midyear Meeting - NCUTCD Council General Session

January 8-10, 2025, Doubletree Crystal City, Arlington, VA

Meeting Summary

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General Session - Call to Order

NCUTCD Chair Gene Hawkins called the meeting to order on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 8:00 AM Eastern Standard Time. He also called for a moment of silent prayer.

Safety Briefing

Amber Stoffels presented a safety briefing to all attendees.

Financial Support Recognition

Executive Secretary Richard Moeur recognized Kittelson and Associates for providing financial support to help offset the cost of the Thursday General Session.

Attendance and Determination of Quorum

Sponsor Voting Members

AAA Michelle Schofner
AAR Tony Bellamy
AASHTO Meg Pirkle, Chair
Neil Boudreau
Jody Colvin
Jason Hyatt
Bill Lambert
Ryan Lancaster
Sara Peters
Lee Roadifer
AHUA Jonathan Upchurch
APBP Jeremy Chrzan
APTA Gary Howard
APWA Steve Oliver, Chair
Ralph Norwood
Monica Suter
AREMA Adam Gerhardstein
ARTBA Tim Lang
ASCE Robert Bryson
ATSSA Eric Perry
HFR Bryan Katz

Sponsor Voting Members

IACP Rick Campbell
IBTTA Shannon Bonilla
IMSA Paul Ciupa
ITE Kathy Falk, Chair
Ahmed Aburahmah
Michael Cynecki
Eagan Foster
Gene Hawkins
Marc Jacobson
Scott Kuznicki ¹
Roxane Mukai
ITS America Paul Carlson
LAB Rock Miller
NACE Lee Billingsley, Chair
Jeff Blue
Tim Haagsma
NACTO Lee Austin, Chair
Eli Ferrari
Jay Jackson
NSC Dan Magri

Honorary Members

George Butzer

Scott Wainwright

¹ Amitai Lipton replaced Scott Kuznicki at 9:20 AM EST

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18 Executive Secretary Moeur stated a full complement of 41 voting members was present, along
19 with two Honorary Members.

20 **Approval of 2025 Midyear Meeting Summary**

21 Lambert moved and Campbell seconded approval of the meeting summary for the June 2025
22 Midyear Meeting. This passed in a unanimous voice vote.

23 **Introduction of New Members**

24 Chair Hawkins called those who were approved for membership at the October and December
25 2025 Board meetings to the front, and welcomed them to NCUTCD. Each new member who
26 was in attendance was given a NCUTCD membership pin. The list of new members is attached.

27 **Chair's Report**

28 Chair Hawkins recognized and thanked all the companies which provided financial support for
29 the Annual Meeting. They are listed in the meeting program and on a poster by the registration
30 desk. Without this support, registration fees would increase substantially and amenities such as
31 breakfast and break items would be curtailed. A request for proposals for support for the 2026
32 Midyear Meeting will be issued soon.

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34 Chair Hawkins recognized the passing of Bill Shrewsberry, a long-time active member of the
35 Railroad and Light Rail Transit TC. There was a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Shrewsberry.
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37 Chair Hawkins recognized Dave Woodin and Mark Nahra, as this will be their final NCUTCD
38 meeting. Dave is a past chair of Markings TC and Mark is a long-time Associate Member for
39 NACE.

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41 Chair Hawkins recognized Zoubir Ouadah for his service as a past chair of Markings TC.

42 **2026 Midyear Meeting Announcement**

43 The Midyear Meeting will be in Mobile, Alabama June 24-26, 2026. The meeting sessions will
44 be at the Mobile Convention Center and the host hotel will be the Renaissance Riverview, site of
45 the 2008 Midyear Meeting. There was a brief presentation (attached) and a short video shown.
46 Registration and room booking should open in early March. Chair Hawkins reminded members
47 to register for the meeting on Cvent at the time they make their travel and hotel reservations, as
48 a number of attendees of this meeting discovered they had not yet registered upon arrival.

49 **TOMC / Canadian MUTCD Report**

50 Scott Wainwright and Nicole Jackson have been participating in Canadian MUTCD activities,
51 and Wainwright gave a brief presentation on recent TAC / TOMC actions. This presentation is
52 attached.

53 **FHWA Report**

54 Kevin Sylvester of the FHWA MUTCD Team updated attendees on team activities. Marty
55 Calawa and Duane Thomas have left FHWA. Tasks have been reassigned among the
56 remaining members and these assignments may be seen on the FHWA MUTCD website. The
57 current Administration is expressing a high level of support for the MUTCD. The 11th Edition
58 adoption deadline is January 18, and the FHWA MUTCD Team is working with states on
59 adoption. All states seem to be making good progress. Twenty states are expected to adopt the

60 national MUTCD as-is, ten states are expected to develop state-specific MUTCDs, and the rest
61 are expected to adopt with a state supplement or similar document. The process has identified
62 many future topics for research and investigation. A rulemaking on technical corrections to the
63 MUTCD to address most known errors is on the Federal regulatory agenda, and is in final
64 review. Some items may be deferred until a subsequent rulemaking. The next release on the
65 Standard Highway Signs and Markings document is expected soon, with a final compiled
66 document later in 2026. FHWA is converting to a new platform for information technology, which
67 may affect the MUTCD website. The website may be unavailable for a brief period during the
68 conversion. There is no new information on PROWAG adoption - the US Department of Justice
69 must act to adopt prior to USDOT rulemaking. USDOT has a renewed focus on safety, with the
70 current focus on non-freeway arterials, with the MUTCD having a role in this. The MUTCD Team
71 was not able to attend the Annual Meeting due to administrative issues, but FHWA recognizes
72 and appreciates the importance of NCUTCD's efforts.

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74 A Council member asked if TCs should seek FHWA input or concurrence on proposals in
75 process. Both Sylvester and Hawkins emphasized that the NCUTCD process is independent of
76 FHWA. NCUTCD should bring forward to FHWA what the National Committee sees as
77 important. The relationship between NCUTCD and FHWA is important in that it helps NCUTCD
78 members understand the Federal process and regulatory issues, and allows the FHWA MUTCD
79 Team to understand the issues behind our proposals. The members of NCUTCD devote tens of
80 thousands of professional hours to our work at no charge to FHWA.

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82 Another Council member asked about changes to the handbook on MUTCD experimentation.
83 The change in Presidential Administrations suspended this work, but may be a future priority.

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85 A technical member noted that long-established state laws require some variances in traffic
86 control practices in those states. Sylvester replied that the national MUTCD contains
87 requirements for some devices and treatments, and at the national level does not incorporate
88 state-specific variances.

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90 A sponsor representative asked about state adoption and substantial compliance issues.
91 Sylvester noted that if there are issues with state adoption after January 18, FHWA will work
92 with the state(s) toward adoption, but financial penalties are unlikely.

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94 Sylvester closed the report by thanking Hawkins for his successful term as Chair and for
95 NCUTCD's work on the MUTCD. Hawkins replied that he has appreciated the level of
96 communication provided by the MUTCD Team, including clarity in where
97 rulemaking/administrative or technical/research issues might be impacting revisions.

98 **Executive Board Report**

99 Chair Hawkins noted that when he became Chair the Board met twice per year in person at
100 meetings. The Board now meets virtually a minimum of four times per year. The Board
101 membership has been rather stable during Chair Hawkins' term. Some past meetings were
102 lengthy to address substantial changes in NCUTCD strategy, initiatives, bylaws, and operating
103 procedures.

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105 At a special meeting on September 8, 2025, The Board approved a new Operating Procedure
106 on financial support for meetings, but separate from the fiscal support from NCUTCD's sponsor

107 organizations. Without this added support, the draft budgets showed significant deficits. The
108 Board also approved budgets for fiscal year 2026 and the 2026 Midyear Meeting, which had
109 been deferred pending the OP for meeting support. The Board also approved a renewal of the
110 Executive Secretary contract.

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112 On October 29, 2025, the Board held its fall meeting and received reports on activities and
113 approved new technical members.

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115 On December 29, 2025, the Board held its annual meeting, approved additional technical
116 members, approved joint task force leadership appointments, and reappointed technical
117 members for 2-year terms until January 2028. During the review of technical members, a
118 number of persons were identified who had not attended a NCUTCD meeting for more than two
119 or more years, and they were dropped from membership, resigned, or requested to attend this
120 meeting or be removed. Technical members must commit to attending in-person meetings or
121 face non-renewal. At the December meeting a CPA presented a review of NCUTCD's finances
122 and reported that all transactions were in order and documented, but recommended that
123 operating procedures be developed for improved fiscal oversight. OP(s) on fiscal oversight will
124 be drafted and voted on by the Board in spring 2026.

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126 Chair Hawkins asked Board members to stand and recognized each individually.
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128 **Election of Officers**

129 Chair Hawkins outlined the electoral process to attendees. Only the 41 current seated Council
130 members are eligible to vote. Lee Billingsley gave the Nominating Committee report. The
131 Nominating Committee consists of Billingsley as chair, Lee Austin, Rick Campbell, Kathy Falk
132 and Ryan Lancaster. The committee has nominated Neil Boudreau and Jonathan Upchurch for
133 Chair, Bill Lambert for Vice Chair, Bryan Katz for Research Chair, and Monica Suter for
134 Treasurer. Lambert, Katz, and Suter are incumbents. Hawkins is not running for re-election.
135 Hawkins thanked the Nominating Committee and discharged the committee.

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137 Each candidate for Chair made a 5-minute presentation to the Council and attendees, listing
138 their experience, goals, and plans for NCUTCD's future. After the presentations, ballots were
139 distributed to Council members, with Hawkins noting that half the ballots had one Chair
140 candidate's name listed first, while the other half of the ballots had the other candidate's name
141 first. The Tellers Committee collected the completed ballots.

142 **Recess**

143 The Council session recessed from 9:42 to 10:05 AM EST as ballots were counted by the
144 Tellers Committee.

145 **Announcements**

146 Research Chair Katz announced that a Research Committee meeting will be held at 5 pm
147 tonight. He stated that the meeting will run until 6:30 pm, with several presentation on research
148 results and an overview of the research process. Katz announced that the third issue of the
149 Journal on Traffic Control Device Research has been published at ncutcdjournal.org, and
150 thanked Chair Hawkins for his support of the Journal.
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152 Lee Austin announced that there will be a walking tour of Arlington starting in the Doubletree lobby
153 at 6:30 pm and ending at Highline RxR.

154 **Election of Officers (continued)**

155 Chair Hawkins thanked George Butzer and Scott Wainwright for serving as the Tellers
156 Committee. Hawkins thanked both Upchurch and Boudreau for their willingness to serve as
157 Chair. Hawkins then announced the voting results. All uncontested officers were re-elected
158 unanimously. The vote count for Chair was 29 for Boudreau and 12 for Upchurch. All officers will
159 begin their 2026-2028 terms at the close of this meeting. Campbell moved and Lipton seconded
160 a motion to destroy the ballots, which passed unanimously. Boudreau made a brief statement
161 thanking Upchurch for his service to NCUTCD and thanking Council for the opportunity to serve
162 as Chair.

163 **Announcements (continued)**

164 At the close of the meeting, attendees should turn in their name badges at the registration desk
165 for use at future meetings. Name tents for Council members should be returned at the end of
166 each session as well for reuse.

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168 There will still be a limit of one proposed change per TC/JC/JTF for the spring 2026 cycle, with a
169 possibility for a second item if justified. There is still a significant backlog of prior proposals that
170 have not been brought to Council. Sending fewer proposals to sponsors results in higher-quality
171 reviews.

172 **Chair's Farewell**

173 Chair Hawkins spoke to the Council and attendees about his more than three decades with
174 NCUTCD, noting the evolution of the organization over that time. When Gene started with
175 NCUTCD in the early 1990s, proposed content was presented using photocopies,
176 transparencies, and erasable markers, and the pace of change was much slower than today.
177 Technology has improved greatly under his tenure. Gene is only the 4th Chair in NCUTCD's 46-
178 year history, carrying on a strong tradition. At the start of his term, Hawkins had listed 10 goals,
179 and NCUTCD has accomplished most of them. There are more new and younger members,
180 with nearly half the attendees having joined NCUTCD under Gene's term.

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182 Chair Hawkins gave his thanks to his employers and their support, including TTI, Texas A&M,
183 and Kittelson. He thanked the past Chairs for their advice and support, including Dick Luettich,
184 Ken Kobetsky, and Lee Billingsley. He thanked the current and prior Executive Secretaries for
185 their assistance and support. He thanked others in NCUTCD such as Paul Carlson and Mike
186 Gostovich for their support and friendship. And he gave sincere and heartfelt thanks to his wife
187 Kathe for her steadfast love and support, stating he learned more from her than from some
188 research.

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190 Hawkins offered advice to NCUTCD members. As a Texan, he observed that what he finds
191 admirable might be seen as offensive by others. He cited Davy Crockett's maxim of "Be sure
192 you're right, then go ahead." Be decisive, even it might initially be seen as unpopular. To be
193 noticed and make a mark in the profession, accomplish something that no one else has yet
194 done - in Gene's case it was collecting and making available all prior MUTCDs all the way back
195 to the 1st Edition in 1935, and serving as a historian for the MUTCD. He noted that
196 disagreement is good, as long as all can get along after the issue is resolved.

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198 Hawkins recognized NCUTCD's long-time association with AASHTO and its traffic engineering
199 committees, including 40+ years of joint summer meetings. He recognized the value of virtual
200 communication, but emphasized it is no substitute for regular in-person meetings. He noted that
201 engineers and especially NCUTCD members can be unique for their desire to want to "fix
202 things", but he recommended keeping traffic control simple and not too complicated, looking at
203 situations from the road user's viewpoint and not just as an engineer. Political issues are
204 encroaching on the MUTCD and will have greater impact in the future, and members need to be
205 aware of the implications. And the organization needs to continuously develop leaders who can
206 step up and continue to guide the important work of NCUTCD.

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208 In the future, Hawkins plans to remain involved but at the technical member level, "keeping his
209 mouth shut" in NCUTCD discussions but possibly speaking out using a blog or other public
210 forums on issues he's withheld comment on while Chair. He said he'll "still be a Type A
211 personality", but focused instead on other personal goals outside engineering. He plans to
212 spend time with his family and grandchildren, perhaps writing a book so they can learn from his
213 history. He stated he felt pride, relief, and satisfaction of a job well done as Chair. He thanked
214 God for his faith and said he was willing to reach out to anyone seeking spiritual support. He
215 closed by saying that he was most looking forward to sitting with Kathe in their back yard with
216 good wine and good talk.

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218 The audience recognized Chair Hawkins with a sustained standing ovation. Incoming Chair
219 Boudreau and Executive Secretary Moeur presented Hawkins with a plaque recognizing his
220 term as Chair and thanking him for his service.

221 **TC/JC/JTF Reports and Presentation of Proposed Changes**

222 The morning session was ahead of schedule, so time was available to take action on proposed
223 changes.

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225 Revised proposed changes for consideration during today's session were e-mailed to Council
226 members on Wednesday evening for review and use at today's session. These proposed
227 changes were sent to sponsor organizations in fall 2025 or earlier for review, comments
228 received, and the proposed changes were revised in response to those comments. The versions
229 distributed Wednesday evening are of an interim nature and not for wider distribution.

230 **Guide and Motorist Information Sign Technical Committee**

231 GMITC Chair Jason Hyatt brought forward the following item.

232 **25B-GMI-01**

233 Hyatt moved and Katz seconded approval of 25B-GMI-01. A vote was called, and passed
234 unanimously.

235 **Connected and Automated Vehicle Joint Task Force**

236 CAV JTF Chair Roxane Mukai presented a report on joint task force activities. The JTF met on
237 Wednesday morning January 7 with 17 voting members, 4 alternate members, 3 non-voting
238 members, and 19 visitors. CAV is working with Markings TC on proposals for revised line
239 widths, reviewing topics, and scheduling virtual presentations and meetings for spring 2026.

240 **25B-CAV-01**

241 Mukai moved and Carlson seconded approval of 25B-CAV-01. A vote was called, and passed
242 unanimously.

243 **Temporary Traffic Control Technical Committee**

244 TTC TC Chair Neil Boudreau brought forward the following items.

245 **25B-TTC-01**

246 Boudreau moved and Lancaster seconded approval of 25B-TTC-01. Boudreau noted that the
247 TC "had a blast" developing this proposal. After a brief discussion, a vote was called, and
248 passed unanimously.

249 **25B-TTC-02**

250 Boudreau moved and Lancaster seconded approval of 25B-TTC-02. Cynecki moved to amend
251 the second sentence in 6G.10 Guidance new paragraph 06a from Guidance to Support, Suter
252 seconded and a vote was called, which was approved unanimously. Lipton observed the final
253 paragraph in the Discussion seemed to be incomplete. This paragraph should have been
254 displayed as added after sponsor comments, but Chair Hawkins ruled that subsequent
255 correction of this paragraph by TTC as editorial and not requiring Council action. Upchurch
256 recommended adding the word "sign" after "(W20-2a)" in new Section 6H.37a paragraph 04 for
257 consistency, which was accepted. Ferrari asked why minimum sizes are omitted from Table 6I-
258 1. Boudreau replied that the TTC TC had evaluated this issue and that the listed conventional
259 road sizes are appropriate as minimums. Hyatt requested that all sign descriptions be revised
260 for uniformity with MUTCD practice. Chair Hawkins ruled this to be an editorial change but
261 directed TTC to complete this editing prior to submittal to FHWA. Bell noted that new 6H.37a
262 Support paragraph 07 uses the term "may", which should make the paragraph an Option. This
263 was ruled by Chair Hawkins as editorial and accepted. In Section 6G.10 paragraph 06, Ouadah
264 suggested changing "signs" to "sign", but Boudreau did not accept as the statement refers to
265 more than one sign. In new Section 6H.37a paragraph 07, Alpert noted that the word "pertinent"
266 is not used elsewhere in the MUTCD. Falk suggested substituting "a" for "pertinent", which was
267 accepted. Kautz asked if more information was needed relating to plaque placement in Figure
268 6I-2. Boudreau replied that this was evaluated in TTC TC, and that no added information was
269 needed. A vote was called on the motion as amended, and passed unanimously.

270 **Recess**

271 The meeting was recessed at 11:59 AM EST. Maximum session attendance for the day was
272 estimated at 250.

273 **General Session - Call to Order**

274 Chair Hawkins reconvened the General Session on Friday, January 9, 2026 at 7:59 AM Eastern
275 Standard Time. He opened with a moment of silent prayer and reflection.

276 **Safety Briefing**

277 Stoffels presented a safety briefing to all attendees.

278 **Attendance and Determination of Quorum**

Sponsor Voting Members

- AAA Michelle Schofner
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- IACP Rick Campbell
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- IMSA Paul Ciupa
- ITE Kathy Falk, Chair
- Ahmed Aburahmah
- Michael Cynecki
- Eagan Foster
- Gene Hawkins
- Neal Hawkins
- Marc Jacobson
- Roxane Mukai
- ITS America Paul Carlson
- LAB Rock Miller
- NACE Lee Billingsley, Chair
- Tim Haagsma
- Mark Nabra
- NACTO Eli Ferrari
- Jay Jackson
- Garry Ford ¹
- NSC Dan Magri

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281 ¹ Lee Austin replaced Garry Ford at 10:05 AM EST

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283 Executive Secretary Moeur stated a full complement of 41 voting members was present, along
284 with two Honorary Members.

285 **Chair's Comments**

286 Chair Hawkins stated 20 persons attended the New Member Orientation session on Wednesday
287 morning.

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289 The 12th Edition visioning working group has submitted a draft report with ideas for updating the
290 MUTCD for the next edition.

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292 The transition process to the new NCUTCD Chair will take place over the next several days and
293 weeks. Messages sent to the Chair will be forwarded to Neil Boudreau, and Gene will be
294 reachable at his Texas A&M e-mail address after he steps down as Chair.

295 **TC/JC/JTF Reports and Presentation of Proposed Changes**

296 Revised proposed changes for consideration during today's session were e-mailed to Council
297 members on Thursday evening for review and use at today's session. These proposed changes
298 were sent to sponsor organizations in fall 2025 or earlier for review, comments received, and the
299 proposed changes were revised in response to those comments. The versions distributed
300 Thursday evening are of an interim nature and not for wider distribution. The official version for
301 distribution will be the one submitted to FHWA and posted on the NCUTCD website.

302 **Bicycle Technical Committee**

303 BTC Chair Rock Miller presented a report on committee activities. The committee met on
304 Wednesday, January 7 with 27 members and 9 visitors, and on Thursday January 8 with 26
305 members and 12 visitors. The BTC is working with Edit Committee, Regulatory & Warning Sign
306 TC, and Signals TC on upcoming proposed changes.

307 **25B-BIK-01:**

308 Miller moved and Chrzan seconded approval of 25B-BIK-01. Cynecki noted some minor edits,
309 which were accepted. Lancaster suggested moving school signs into a figure separate from
310 other warning signs, but no formal amendment was offered. A vote was called and passed
311 unanimously.

312 **Railroad and Light Rail Transit Technical Committee**

313 RRLRT TC Vice Chair JoNette Kuhnau presented a report on committee activities. The
314 committee met on Wednesday, January 7 with 39 members and 9 visitors, and on Thursday,
315 January 8 with 38 members and 10 visitors. The TC received reports from FRA and task forces,
316 worked on proposed changes from the fall 2025 review cycle, and proposed changes to be sent
317 out in upcoming review cycles.

318 **25B-RR-01:**

319 Kuhnau moved and Campbell seconded approval of 25B-RR-01. After a brief discussion, a vote
320 was called and passed 40-0-1.

321 **Pedestrian Joint Task Force**

322 Pedestrian JTF Chair Randy McCourt presented a report on joint task force activities. The joint
323 task force met on Wednesday January 7 with 16 members, 3 alternate members, 9 non-voting
324 members, and 44 visitors. The JTF is working with Signals TC on upcoming proposed changes.
325 There were presentations on lighting and pedestrian safety and on tactile markings.

326 **25B-PED-01:**

327 Cynecki moved and Miller seconded approval of 25B-PED-01. McCourt noted that based on
328 sponsor comments the proposal has been modified to also add revisions to 1C.02 Definition 219
329 on shared-use paths. He also stated that this proposal is one of several current and future
330 proposals to address micromobility in the MUTCD. Hyatt moved and Lancaster seconded an
331 amendment to revise the second sentence in 1C.02 Definition 219 to "In addition to bicyclists,
332 shared-use paths are also used by pedestrians, skaters, and other authorized motorized and
333 non-motorized users." After a brief discussion, a vote on the amendment was called and passed
334 unanimously. After additional discussion, Campbell moved and Bryson seconded to table the
335 motion, which passed 31-10-0.

336 **Railroad and Light Rail Transit Technical Committee (continued)**

337 **25B-RR-02:**

338 Kuhnau moved and Campbell seconded approval of 25B-RR-01. Wainwright moved and Bryson
339 seconded an amendment to delete the wording "Examples of" from the title of Figure 8D-3.
340 Billingsley raised a point of order, citing Operating Procedure I-C which states Honorary
341 Members cannot make motions. amendment is out of order. Bryson then moved the same
342 amendment and Lancaster seconded. After a brief discussion, a vote on the amendment was
343 called and failed with 16 votes in favor. Bonilla noted the Option header was incorrectly deleted
344 prior to Section 8D.15 paragraph 7 and should remain, which was accepted. After an extensive
345 discussion, Campbell moved and Lambert seconded a motion to call the question, which passed
346 40-0-1. A vote was held on the proposal as amended, and failed with 26 votes in favor (*all*
347 *recommended changes require a 2/3 majority of all Council delegates which is a minimum of*
348 *affirmative 28 votes per Section 6.5 of the NCUTCD Bylaws*).

349 **Bicycle Technical Committee (continued):**

350 **25A-BIK-06:**

351 Miller moved and Suter seconded approval of 25A-BIK-06. Nahra noted an extraneous "84" in
352 9F.03 paragraph 01, which was deleted. A vote was called and passed unanimously.

353 **25A-BIK-05:**

354 Miller moved and Suter seconded approval of 25A-BIK-05. Lancaster moved and Roadifer
355 seconded an amendment to Section 9E.11 paragraph 10 to delete the first sentence of that
356 paragraph and move the added content to the front of the paragraph. After a brief discussion, a
357 vote on the amendment was called and passed unanimously. Carlson stated the arrow design
358 was not reviewed by Markings TC. Miller replied that the arrows were added to the 11th Edition
359 by FHWA and will be in the upcoming Standard Highway Signs and Markings reference. After
360 additional discussion, a vote was held on the proposal as amended, and passed 40-0-1.

361 **Recess**

362 The Council session recessed from 9:50 to 10:05 AM EST.

363 **Edit Committee**

364 NCUTCD Vice-Chair and Edit Committee Chair Bill Lambert presented a report on committee
365 activities. The committee met on Wednesday, January 7 with 13 members and 13 visitors. Vice
366 Chair Lambert recognized that several NCUTCD members, including Edit Committee members,
367 were reported on, mentioned in, or were published in the most recent edition of ITE Journal. The
368 committee worked on proposals, and a new item on characteristics of traffic control devices.
369 Lambert also thanked Chair Hawkins for his service.

370 **25A-EDT-02:**

371 Upchurch presented the proposal. Upchurch moved and Lambert seconded approval of 25A-
372 EDT-02. After some discussion, a vote was called and failed with 20 votes in favor.

373 **Signals Technical Committee**

374 Signals TC Chair John Hibbard presented a report on committee activities. The committee met
375 on Wednesday, January 7 with 39 members and 11 visitors, and on Thursday, January 8 with
376 39 members and 15 visitors. There was a presentation on bicycle signals and signs. The TC is
377 extensively revising the proposed change on midblock pedestrian signals, which will be issued

378 as a new proposed change. Signals TC reviewed prior proposals and are holding work on
379 midblock pedestrian signals pending research results from Florida. Signals is working with
380 Bicycle TC and Edit Committee on upcoming proposed changes.

381 **Regulatory and Warning Sign Technical Committee**

382 RWSTC Chair Erika Lindeberg presented a report on committee activities. The committee met
383 on Wednesday, January 7 with 31 members and 10 visitors, and on Thursday, January 8 with
384 31 members and 8 visitors. RWSTC's long-time secretary Bob Seyfried is stepping down, with
385 Sonya LaGrand and Wes Pierce stepping up jointly into the secretary role. RWSTC is reviewing
386 the comments on 25B-RW-01 on lane reduction signing. There was a presentation on a
387 research study on the use of the 85th percentile in speed zone setting and from FHWA on
388 pooled fund sign research. RWSTC is working with GMI, TTC, RRLRT, Bicycle and Edit
389 Committees on proposals with signals-related content, and will submit four items for research.
390 Additional task forces will be created to address identified issues.

391 **Guide and Motorist Information Sign Technical Committee**

392 GMITC Chair Hyatt presented a report on committee activities. The committee met on
393 Wednesday, January 7 with 32 members and 8 visitors, and on Thursday, January 8 with 32
394 members and 8 visitors. There was a presentation from FHWA on pooled fund sign research.
395 GMI is working on a number of proposals for future action.

396 **Markings Technical Committee**

397 Markings TC Chair Paul Carlson presented a report on committee activities. The committee met
398 on Wednesday, January 7 with 31 members and 16 visitors signed in, and on Thursday,
399 January 8 with 32 members and 12 visitors. The TC recognized departing members Mark Nahra
400 and Dave Woodin. MTC is working with TTC on proposed changes to add orange markings, and
401 with Ped JTF on tactile surfaces. There were presentations on safety impacts of marking width,
402 speed impacts of center line and edge line markings on low-speed roadways, and speed
403 reduction markings for horizontal curves. MTC received task force reports and will be creating
404 additional task forces.

405 **Temporary Traffic Control Technical Committee**

406 TTC Chair Boudreau presented a report on committee activities. The committee met on
407 Wednesday, January 7 with 46 members and 10 visitors, and on Thursday, January 8 with 48
408 members and 8 visitors. TTC is working with Markings TC on upcoming proposals on orange
409 TTC markings. There were presentations on the ISEA/ANSI 107 standard on high-visibility
410 apparel and on aligning the MUTCD with the FHWA Traffic Incident Management Handbook
411 based on a NTSB recommendation. TTC is working with Signals TC on how to best incorporate
412 Interim Approval IA-23 on residential driveway temporary signals into the MUTCD. TTC is also
413 working on several other draft proposed changes for future action.

414 **Roundabout Joint Task Force**

415 Roundabout JTF Chair Scott Zehngraff presented a report on joint task force activities. The joint
416 task force met on Wednesday morning January 7 with 14 voting members, 4 alternate
417 members, 1 non-voting member, and 12 visitors. The JTF is working with RWSTC, Markings,
418 and RRLRT on possible future proposed changes, and with Edit on the definition of a
419 roundabout.

420 **Rules of the Road Joint Task Force**

421 ROR JTF Chair Ronnie Bell presented a report on joint task force activities. The JTF met on
422 Wednesday, January 7 with 13 voting members, 5 alternate members, and 7 visitors. The ROR
423 JTF also meets virtually on a monthly schedule. The JTF is still working on a mission statement
424 and so members can better understand ROR's role in NCUTCD. ROR is working with Edit
425 Committee on definitions, and identifying more items that need updating in the Rules. There will
426 be multiple proposals for ROR updates as the scope is too large for one proposal.

427 **Research Committee**

428 Vice Chair of Research and Research Committee Chair Bryan Katz presented a report on
429 committee activities. The committee met on Thursday, January 8 with 6 voting members, 11
430 non-voting members, and 28 visitors. The committee reviewed the TCD research process and
431 identified potential topics. There were presentations on ongoing research and on studies
432 published in the most recent Journal of Traffic Control Device Research.

433 **Concluding Remarks**

434 Chair Hawkins observed that this meeting was an "old school" NCUTCD meeting reflecting "the
435 good and the bad", with several items passed, one tabled, and two not passing. Items that failed
436 or tabled can be reviewed and possibly brought forward as a new proposal modified based on
437 this meeting's experience and feedback. Gene again thanked NCUTCD for the experience of
438 chairing the organization, and said he was looking forward to, in Texas A&M terms, being a
439 "non-reg" again.

440 **Adjournment**

441 There being no other business for the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM EST.
442 Maximum session attendance for the day was estimated at 200.

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444 Respectfully submitted,

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446 Richard C. Moeur, PE
447 Executive Secretary



New Members 2026 Annual Meeting

Name	Organization	Tech Committee	Sponsor
Jeremy Chrzan	Toole Design	Bicycle	APBP
Meiwu An	Illinois DOT	Reg & Warn Sign	
Logan Baker	Kentucky Transp Cabinet	Markings	
Katie Belt	toXcel	Markings	
Joe Gustafson	Washington County MN	Markings	
Sam Harris	Georgia DOT	Bicycle	
Tiffany Kautz	Minnesota DOT	Temporary Traf Ctrl	
Irfan Rasul	Sound Transit	Railroad & Lt Rail	
Jon Re	Michigan DOT	Guide & Info Sign	
Jacob Renick	Mississippi DOT	Signals	
Billy Roberts	Wyoming DOT	Signals	
Craig Schulz	Pexco	Temporary Traf Ctrl	
Joshua Wolfgram	Mead & Hunt	Bicycle	



June 2026 Midyear Meeting

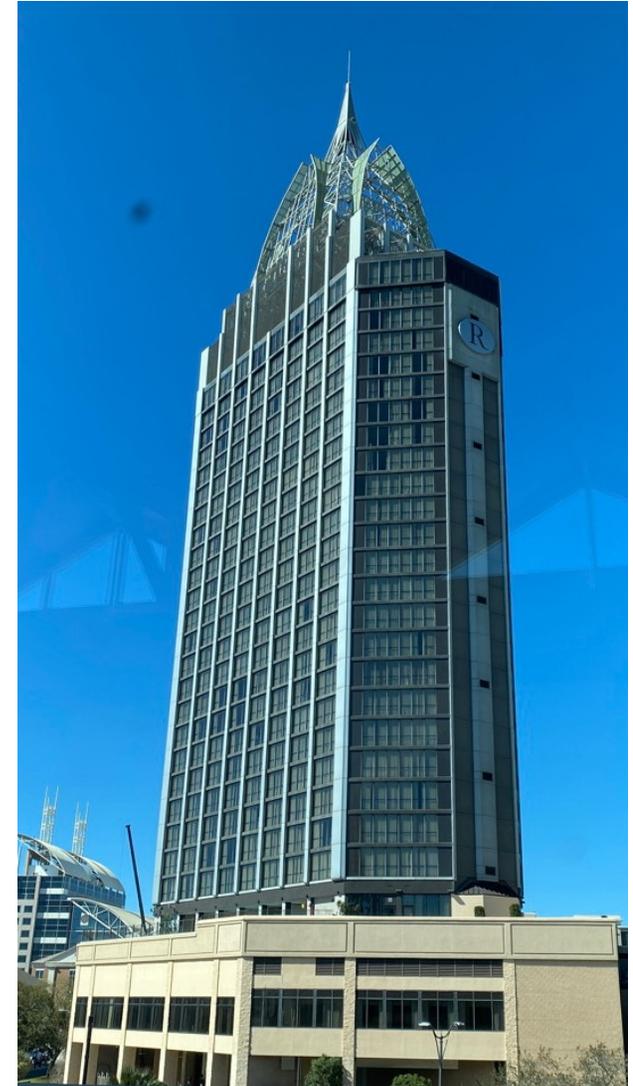
- **Mobile, Alabama**
- **June 24-26, 2026**





June 2026 Midyear Meeting

- **Host Hotel**
 - *Renaissance Riverview*
 - **Affiliated with Marriott**
 - **Site of 2008 Midyear Meeting**
 - **Conference Rate:**
 - **\$129_{+tx} GSA**
 - **\$199_{+tx} Conf**





Mobile Convention Center

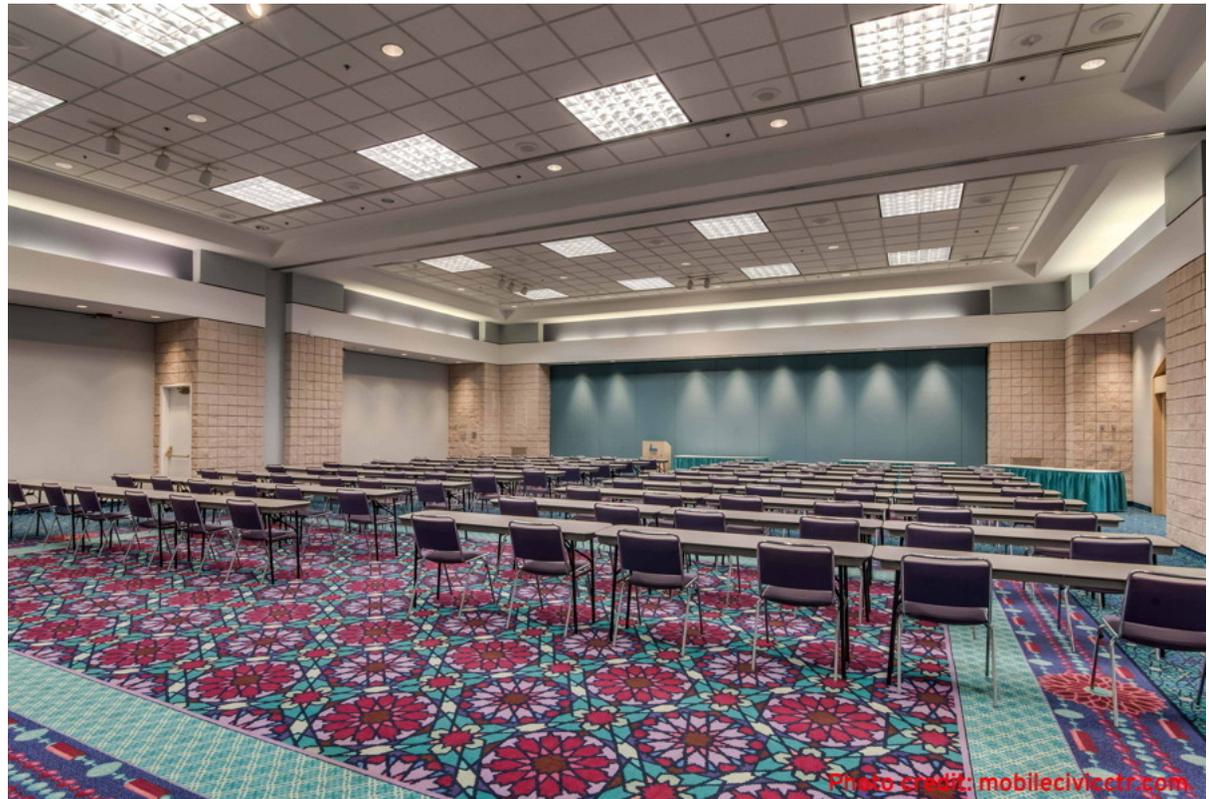
- Site of meeting sessions
- Adjacent to Renaissance Riverview
 - *Connected by walkway*





Mobile Convention Center

- **Spacious meeting rooms**
- **Good amenities**





Things to Do and See



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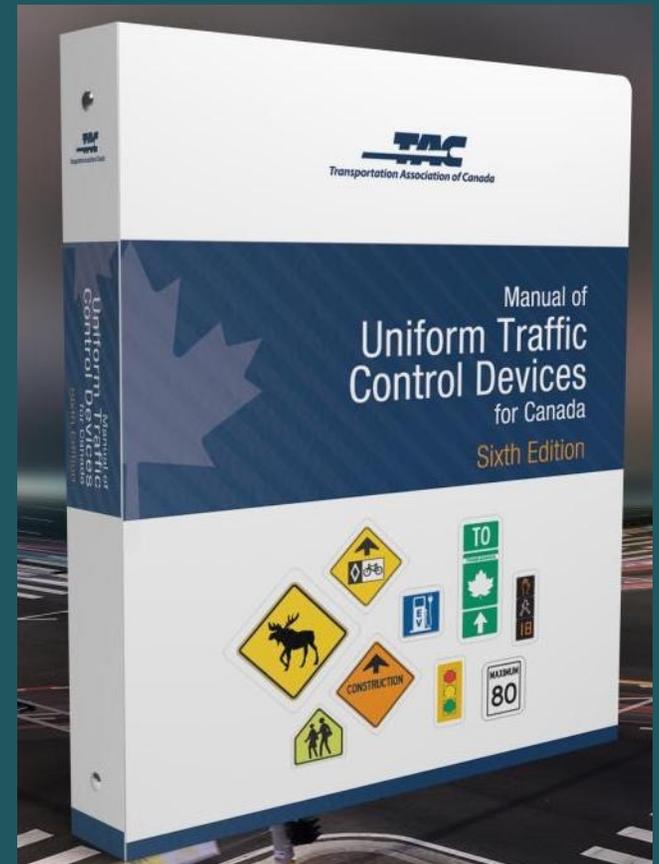
Make Memories in Mobile



Activities of the Canadian Traffic Operations & Management Committee (TOMC)

January 2026 Update

W. Scott Wainwright, P.E., PTOE
Proprietor
Wainwright Traffic Consulting Services, LLC
(FHWA Retired)



TOMC Meeting Fall 2025



- **Quebec City, QC – Oct. 3-4, 2025**
- **Attended by Scott Wainwright & Nicole Jackson**
- **Reported on NCUTCD activities**
- **Answered questions, participated in discussions**

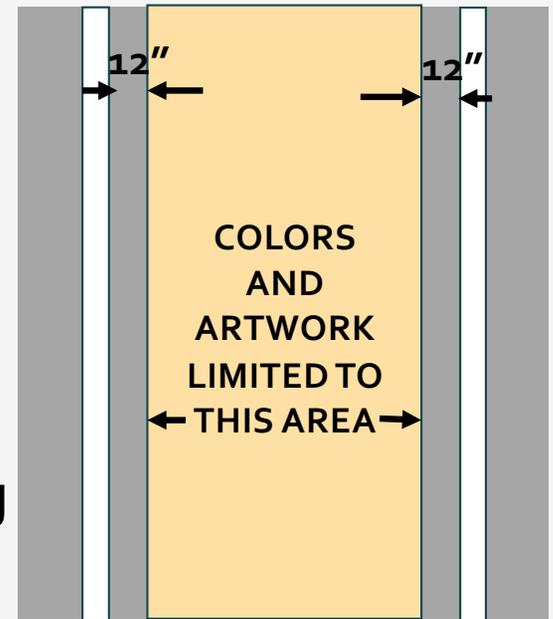
Decorative Crosswalk Markings

- Canadian research completed 2023
- Awaiting results of FHWA research (in progress since 2020)---still not available
- 11th edition has some new material on topic
- Current MUTCD-C doesn't address topic
- TOMC decided can't wait any longer for FHWA report, due to urgent need for uniformity & standards in Canada
- Adopted new language for MUTCD-C

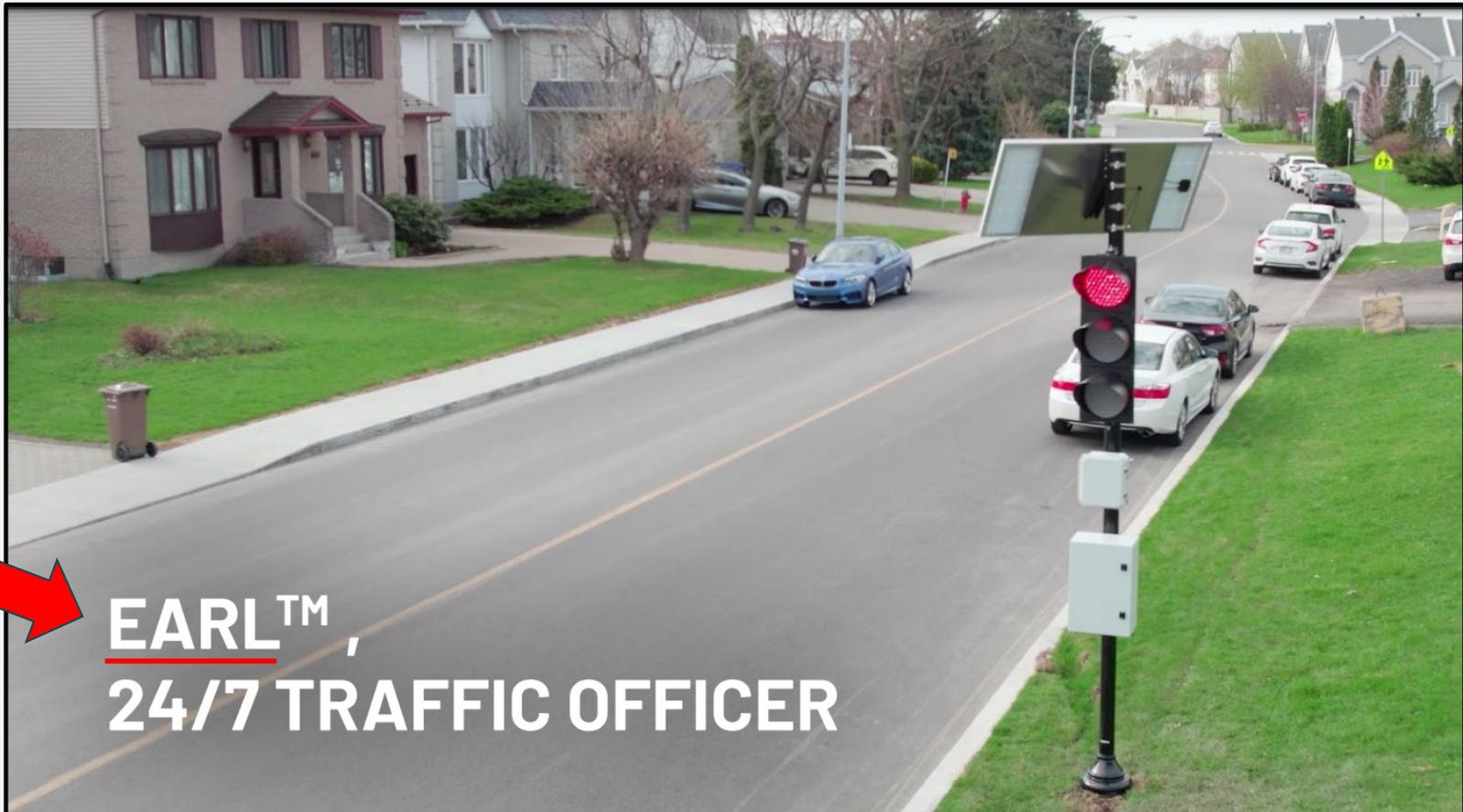


Decorative Crosswalk Markings

- Color and/or artwork specifically allowed within crosswalk under certain conditions
- Shall only be used within twin white parallel lines crosswalks
- Decorative elements shall be separated from each of the two white lines by at least 12 inches (300 mm)
- Shall not be used:
 - with zebra or ladder crosswalks
 - on roads with posted speed limit >30 mph
 - in school areas or with school crosswalks
- Shall not be 3-D, shall not contain advertising words/symbols directed at vehicle operators



“Educational Awareness Reward Light”



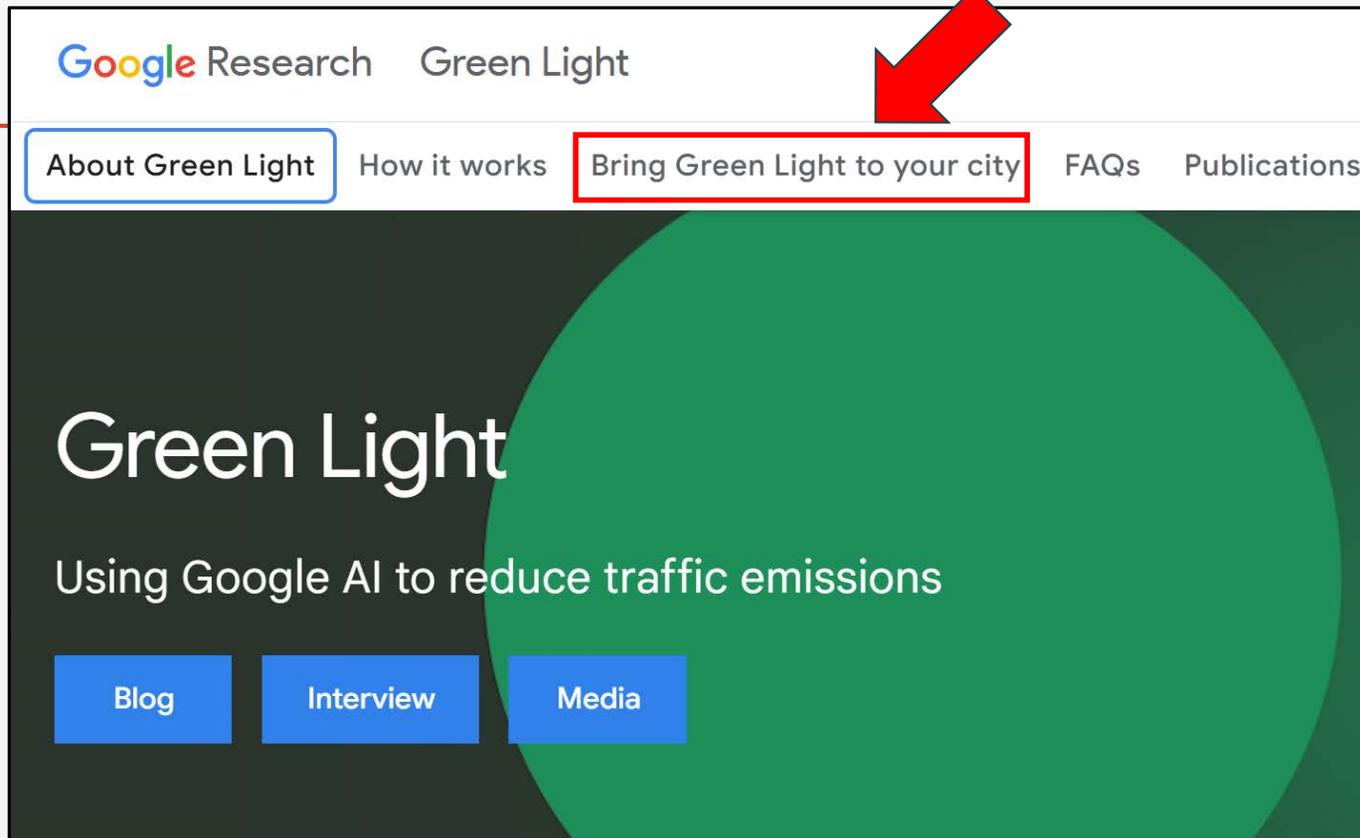
EARL™,
24/7 TRAFFIC OFFICER

TOMC Action to Prohibit “Earl”

- Adopted new language for MUTCD-C
- Clarifies that traffic signals:
 - are intended to be for primary purpose of right of way allocation at intersections or other conflict points such as pedestrian crossings
 - shall not be installed for sole purpose of slowing traffic or to discourage or limit volumes on a specific route
 - may be designed to also have a secondary function of controlling speed, under certain limited conditions

Impact of Aging Population

- **Significant increases in % of population over age 65**
- **Expected to keep rising over next few decades**
- **Population aged 85 & over projected to triple over the next 40 years**
- **New pooled fund project initiated:**
- **“Synthesis of Practice to Adapt Traffic Control Devices for Aging Population”**
 - **Will suggest appropriate changes to MUTCD-C**



<https://sites.research.google/gr/greenlight/>

Next Meetings of TOMC

- **April 29, 2026 – Virtual**
- **October 2-3, 2026 – Winnipeg, Manitoba**





Thank You...

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