

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, January 12, at the Mn/DOT Waters Edge Office, Conference Room 176 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.

**MINNESOTA COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
JANUARY 3, 2011
WATERS EDGE**

Attendees:

Janelle Anderson
Rob Egge
Joe Gustafson
Heather Lott
Howard Preston
Ken Schroepfer
Will Stein

Explained Absence:

Tim Chalupnik
Mike Weiss

Unexplained Absence:

Dharam Bobra
George Calebaugh
Marc Culver
Jeff Miller
Mark Sehr
Paul St. Martin

Guests:

Ken Johnson
Ted Ulven

cc:

Susan Groth
Kristi Sebastian



Meeting started at 12:40 PM

Announcements

None

Business from the Floor

None.

Correction to the Minutes

None

Old Business

1. FHWA Update

Will Stein was report that he has been in contact with the FHWA MUTCD Team regarding the requirement for overhead signals at multi-lane ramps controlled by ramp signals. See attachment 1. Evidently there was a misunderstanding when the FHWA MUTCD was being prepared. The requirement for overhead signals applies only to those entrance ramps with MORE than two metered entrance lanes.

Will also reminded the Committee of the requirements for a state to be in substantial conformance: Standard statements cannot be changed; Guidance statements may only be changed if there is a state law which overrules it, if an engineering study has been done, or for wording clarification. All changes must be documented and submitted..

There was also a discussion regarding the required use of "HIGHER FINES" signs in School Speed Limit and Work Zone areas. It was noted that Minnesota Statutes specify that higher fines apply to all school speed zones (Statute 169.14, subd 5a) and work zones (Statute

169.14, subd 5d).

It was agreed that a references to these statutes and their accompanying language should be added to Chapters 7 and 6F.

It was also agreed that the definition of “highway work zone” as found in Statutes 169.14, subd. 5d, item e be included in Section 1.13-Definitions.

2. Requests for Experimentation

Janelle Anderson announced that there is really nothing new to report at this time.

3. Federal Register MUTCD Compliance dates

Ken Schroepfer reminded everyone about the November 30, 2010 issue of the Federal Register. He has requested the head of each functional area within OTST to submit comments to him for Sue Groth’s review and signature.

4. Minnesota MUTCD 2011 edition, Chapter 6F – TTC Zone Devices

Ken Johnson continued the review of the remaining sections within Chapter 6F. See attachment 2.

- a. Section 6F.85-Temporary Traffic Barriers, second Guidance (page 33) – There was a discussion regarding the placement of temporary concrete barriers where there is a curb section.

Ted Ulven and Ken J. will review this with the Mn/DOT Design Standards staff and report at a future meeting.

- b. Section 6F.85-Temporary Traffic Barriers, fifth Guidance (page 34) – Following a discussion, language currently in the MN MUTCD was modified to read as follows:

Barrier sections, connections, and reflective devices should be routinely inspected for damage.

- c. Section 6F.86-Crash Cushions, second Support (page 35) – There was a concern regarding the placement of portable barriers near curb sections.

Ted Ulven and Ken J. will review this with the Mn/DOT Design Standards staff and report at a future meeting.

- d. Section 6F.87-Rumble Strips, first Guidance, fourth paragraph (page 37) – There was a concern regarding the placement of rumble strips in a bicycle route. It was suggested that some words to that effect be included.

The paragraph is modified to read as follows:

Rumble Strips should not be placed through pedestrian crossings or within marked bicycle lanes.

5. Minnesota MUTCD 2011 edition, Chapter 6G – TTC Zone Devices

Ken Johnson started the review of the sections within Chapter 6G. See attachment 3.

- a. Section 6G.2-Work Durations, first Standard (page 4) – There was a question raised concerning the length of duration for a mobile TTC zone. Some present felt that a 15

minute time period was too short and that it should be more like 30 minutes. Ken J. Mn/DOT had a letter listing those operations that were classified as mobile (15 minutes) but in reality lasted for a longer time period.

Ken J. will find that letter and send it out.

Those present approved all of the FHWA changes and the task force recommendations and the changes to them as discussed above.

New Business

1. **TEO Signing Committee**

There was no report to be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

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