

**The next meeting date will be Wednesday, June 8, at the
Mn/DOT Waters Edge Office, Conference Room 176 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.**

**MINNESOTA COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
MAY 11, 2011
WATERS EDGE**

Attendees:

Janelle Anderson
Heather Lott
Joe Gustafson
Ken Schroeffer
Mark Sehr

Explained Absence:

George Calebaugh
Marc Culver
Howard Preston
Will Stein

Unexplained Absence:

Dharam Bobra
Tim Chalupnik
Rob Egge
Jeff Miller
Paul St. Martin



Guests:

Sue Zarling

cc:

Susan Groth
Kristi Sebastian

Meeting started at 12:35 PM

Announcements

none

Business from the Floor

None

Correction to the Minutes

None

Old Business

1. **FHWA Update**
Nothing to report at this time
2. **Requests for Experimentation**
Janelle Anderson reported that the University of Minnesota has made a request on the use of Bike Boxes. This is similar to the request that the City of Minneapolis submitted last year. See Attachment 1.
3. **Minnesota MUTCD 2011 edition, Chapter 4**
See Attachment 2
 - a. Section 4E.6- Pedestrian Intervals and Signal Phases, 3rd Guidance - there was a concern regarding the walking speed of 3 feet per second. It was mentioned that this would probably affect the timing of corridor signals and may reduce the traffic flow.
 - b. In Section 4F.3 –Operation of Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons, first Standard, 2nd paragraph – Both the task force that reviewed this section and this Committee have a

strong objection to using “alternating flashing CIRCULAR RED signal indications” on these hybrid beacons. The concern is that alternating red signal indications resemble the flashing taillights on a school bus or the flashing red lights at a railroad crossing. It was further noted that in Section 4L-Stop Beacon, Standard, 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence states “If two horizontally aligned signal indications are used for a Stop Beacon, they shall be flashed simultaneously to avoid being confused with grade crossing flashing-light signals.”

This will be brought up to Will Stein for an interpretation.

- c. Section 4G.4—Emergency-Vehicle Hybrid Beacon, 2nd Standard, 4th paragraph – in both the first and second sentences, there is a reference to using alternating flashing red signal indications. Those present object to using the alternating flashing red. They feel that the red signal indications should flash simultaneously for the same reasons as stated in Item b.

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This concluded the review of Chapter 4.

New Business

- 1. **TEO Signing Committee**

No update

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

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