

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, September 28, at the Mn/DOT Waters Edge Office, Conference Room 176 from 9:00pm to 11:30pm.

**MINNESOTA COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2011
WATERS EDGE**

Attendees:

Janelle Anderson
Dharam Bobra
Tim Chalupnik
Marc Culver
Rob Egge
Joe Gustafson
Heather Lott
Ken Schroepfer

Explained Absence:

George Calebaugh
Mark Sehr

Unexplained Absence:

Tiffany Dagon
Jeff Miller
Howard Preston
Paul St. Martin
Will Stein

Guests:

Mitch Bartelt
Ken Johnson

cc:

Susan Groth
Kristi Sebastian

Meeting started at 12:35 PM

Announcements

Everyone had been sent an email regarding a free webinar titled “2009 MUTCD Compliance Dates & Definition of Standard Statements”.

The webinar dates and times are as follows: September 15, 11AM-12:30 PM EDT
September 22, 2:30-4:00 PM EDT
September 27, 1-2:30 PM EDT

Ken Schroepfer will send reminder emails to all Committee members several days prior to each webinar date.

Business from the Floor

None

Correction to the Minutes

None

Old Business

- 1. FHWA Update**
There was no update.
- 2. Requests for Experimentation, Condition Use and Interpretation**
There is nothing new to report at this time.

3. **Chevron signs on freeway/expressway loops**

Janelle reviewed as copy of a letter provided by Will Stein from Hari Kalla (FHWA, MUTCD Team) to TxDOT. (see Attachment 1). Particular attention should be paid to page 3, item 1-Horizontal Alignment Signs. The FHWA maintain that either a series of chevron alignment signs OR a single One-Direction Large Arrow sign must be installed at each horizontal curve.

Mention is also made of that the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices is reviewing relevant research on this topic.

4. **Minnesota MUTCD 2011 edition, Chapter 2J**

Janelle Anderson is working with Heather Lott to try and get the State Statutes changed to allow the use of logos for attractions on Logo Sign panels.

The MN MUTCD, Chapter 2J, Section 2J.01 addresses the subject of Logo Sign panels. See attachment 2 for the proposed language. Once the statute is changed, the MN MUTCD will be changed to reflect the correct wording.

5. **Minnesota MUTCD 2011 edition, Chapter 3**

Mitch Bartelt, Pavement Marking Engineer continued the review of Section 2B.20, Part 3 (see Attachment 3).

- a. Section 3B.20-Pavement Word, Symbol, and Arrow Markings, 7th Guidance (para 34 on page 72) – The task force had a concern with this paragraph being contradictory to Section 3B.09, paragraph 2. This concern has been dropped because of the clarification, by the FHWA, of Section 3B.09 and Figure 3B-14.
- b. Section 3B.22-Speed Reduction Markings, 2nd Guidance (para 4 on page 81) – Mitch noted that these speed reduction marking are not allowed to be any wider than 12 inches. This appears to be too narrow.

Will Stein – please look into this

- c. Section 3C.01-Roundabout markings-General – Ken Johnson suggested that we add a note on each appropriate figure in this section that shows multi-lane roundabouts. The note would refer users to NCHRP 672 where it is optional to install either dashed or solid lines around the center island.
- d. Section 3D.01-Markings for Preferential Lanes, 1st Option (para 12 on page 3) – Those present agreed to retain Minnesota’s words and eliminate the FHWA language for this paragraph.
- e. Section 3F.03-Delineator Application, 1st Standard, 2nd paragraph (para 02 on page 4) – The task force recommends that item A and sub items 1. and 2. be removed because Mn/DOT has a policy to not use permanent raised pavement markers.

The paragraph will be changed to read:

“ ... , except on sections of roadways where continuous lighting is in operation between interchanges.“

Section 3G.05-Island Object Markers, Option (page 5) – This is Minnesota text from the 2005 MN MUTCD. Mitch has spoken with Heather Lott and further recommends that this Option be removed from Chapter 3 and be relocated to Chapter 2C, Section 2C.64. It will be placed in the first Option statement as the 1st Option paragraph.

This completes the review of Chapter 3 at this meeting.

Those present agreed to all of the above changes.

New Business

1. Federal Register (FHWA-2010-0170)

This deals with the proposed new language for Section 1A.09.

Janelle reviewed the Powerpoint that Will Stein provided (see Attachment). Then she reviewed the proposed as found on the FHWA MUTCD website (see Attachment). It was noted that one line of text is being removed from the definition of the word “Standard” as found in Section 1A.13. In addition, new Guidance and Option statements are being added.

The Guidance statement is taken from Section 1A.09 of the 2003 FHWA MUTCD. T is the first of three sentences at the very beginning of this section.

Mn/DOT’s draft response makes mention of this and states that “Minnesota would like to see the following three sentences of the Guidance statement in the 2003 MUTCD , Section 1A.09 restored”.

Janelle reviewed the comments that have been so far submitted to the FHWA Docket regarding this topic.

Those present agreed to support the draft letter.

2. TEO Signing Committee

No update

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

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