

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

**MINNESOTA COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
APRIL 10, 2013
WATERS EDGE**

Attendees:

Janelle Anderson
Rob Ege
Joe Gustafson
Heather Lott
Tim Plath
Howard Preston
Ken Schroepfer

Explained Absence:

Tim Chalupnik
Mark Sehr
Tom Sohrweide
Will Stein

Unexplained Absence:

Dharam Bobra
Tiffany Dagon
Jeff Miller
Paul St. Martin



Guests:

none

cc:

Susan Groth
Kristi Sebastian

Meeting started at 12:30 PM

Announcements

None

Business from the Floor

None

Correction to the Minutes

None

Old Business

1. FHWA Update

There was no report at this time.

2. Requests for Experimentation, Condition Use and Interpretation

Janelle Anderson reported that national FHWA denied the City of Minneapolis request to use red flashing beacons to supplement crosswalk warning signs.

With respect to the Don Obernolte request on using a modified continental block pedestrian crosswalk, the FHWA is requesting some additional information and clarification of the design and usage of it..

3. Motorcycle Road Guard

Janelle reported that last week she and Ken Johnson met with Betsy Parker, (Chief Counsel for MnDOT) regarding the concern of motorcycle road guard's ability to override highway traffic signals. There will be some effort to include a requirement for a road permit in the rule making process for this.

New Business

1. AASHTO Ballot TE-13-03

Ken Schroefer led the review of each of the 34 items that are on this ballot. See Attachments 1 thru 4

- 1) RW No.1
In-Street Pedestrian sign (R1-6, R1-6a), Overhead Pedestrian Crossing sign (R1-9, R1-9a), In-Street Schoolchildren Crossing sign (R1-6b, R1-6c)

The MCUTCD agreed to recommend: Affirmative

The Committee agreed that where the pedestrian is advised to not cross the street through the use of a “Don’t Walk” signal indication on either a traffic signal or a pedestrian hybrid beacon (HAWK signal) the In-Street Pedestrian and In-Street Schoolchildren signs and the Overhead Pedestrian Crossing signs shall not be used. In the absence of the “Don’t Walk” signal indication, they may be installed.

- 2) RW No. 2
Optional Applications of Pavement Markings and Delineators and Rumble Strip Markings in Combination with Horizontal Curve Warning Signing

The MCUTCD agreed to recommend: Affirmative with comment

The Committee still has a concern with respect to low speed approaches to curves such as at exit ramps, residential streets and roundabouts, and roads with winding features (multiple curves within a section of the road).

Based on ADT and the speed differential between the posted speed and the advisory speed on a curve, residential streets and 85%-90% of rural county roads are eliminated.

The Committee did question why “lighting” was not included in the list of Countermeasures. This would eliminate many of the expressway and freeway ramps.

- 3) RW No. 3
DO NOT ENTER/WRONG WAY signing

The MCUTCD agreed to recommend: Affirmative with comment

The Committee would like to recommend that in Figure 2B-12(rev.), the Stop Lines located on the median approached to both intersection be replace with Yield Lines.

- 4) TTC No.1
Typical Application 28 Sidewalk Detour of Diversion

The MCUTCD agreed to recommend: Affirmative

3. TEO Signing Committee update

Heather Lott noted that there was nothing to report at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 PM.

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