

**The next meeting date will be Wednesday, September 11, at the Mn/DOT Waters Edge Office, Conference Room 176 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.**

**MINNESOTA COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES  
AUGUST 14, 2013  
WATERS EDGE**

**Attendees:**

Janelle Anderson  
Tiffany Dagon  
Rob Ege  
Joe Gustafson  
Heather Lott  
Tim Plath  
Ken Schroepfer  
Tom Sohrweide

**Explained Absence:**

Tim Chalupnik  
Howard Preston  
Paul St. Martin  
Will Stein

**Unexplained Absence:**

Jeff Miller  
Mark Sehr



**Guests:**

**cc:**

Susan Groth  
Kristi Sebastian

Meeting started at 12:33 PM

## **Announcements**

None

## **Business from the Floor**

None

## **Correction to the Minutes**

None

## **Old Business**

**1. FHWA Update**

There is nothing to report at this time.

**2. Requests for Experimentation, Condition Use and Interpretation**

Janelle Anderson reported that the request for a modified continental block pedestrian crosswalk design as presented by Don Obernolte has been approved by the FHWA.

Rob Egge noted that the test site in Duluth needs to have the existing pedestrian crosswalk markings removed. This is being dealt with in the District Construction Office.

**3. Motorcycle Road Guard**

There is nothing to report at this time.

#### **4. Vacant Position on the Committee**

Joe Gustafson reported that he had received one response when he contacted the Metro County Engineers. Jon Krieg, Hennepin County, said that he is interested. Janelle noted that she had received an email from Jon.

All present agreed that Jon is an excellent replacement.

Ken Schroeffer will make corrections to the MCUTCD webpage and send out the appropriate information to Jon.

## **New Business**

#### **1. END XX MILE SPEED sign (R2-6b)**

Janelle reported that she had received a email from Scott Thompson (Mankato District Traffic Engineer) regarding a concern from a citizen about the wording on the END XX MILE SPEED sign (R2-6b) that was seen on a roadway. The citizen felt that the word "mile" should be replaced with "MPH".

Ken did some research on the history of this sign (see Attachment 1).

There was considerable discussion on where this sign is used (urban areas along rural roads), whether to retain it, or replace it with a different sign. It was agreed that the existing sign did not give the motorist a real clear message.

After discussion on the words that could be used, the Committee agreed that a sign reading END XX SPEED LIMIT would replace the R2-6b sign.

Heather will design the new sign, and select an appropriate sign number.

Ken will replace the R2-6b sign with the new sign in the MN MUTCD as part of Revision #4.

#### **2. AASHTO Ballot TE-13-07**

Ken announced that Sue Groth received an AASHTO ballot regarding proposed changes to the FHWA MUTCD, Part 8-Traffic Control for Railroad and Light Rail Transit Grade Crossings. A copy of the proposed changes has already been sent out to each Committee member. Sue Zarling (MnDOT Signal and Lighting engineer) and Sue Aylesworth (MnDOT Railroad Administration) have also been asked to comment. See Attachment 2

Comments are due by August 26. Ken will collate and present all comments to Sue Groth for her submittal.

#### **3. Weigh Station Signing**

Heather Lott reported that the Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations has contacted her regarding the current regulatory signs directing trucks to proceed to a weigh scale. They have been having enforcement issues regarding compliance with the signs.

Mn Statute 169.85, subd 1(d) states:

When a truck weight enforcement operation is conducted by means of portable or stationary scales, signs giving notice of the operation must be posted within the highway right-of-way and adjacent to the roadway within two miles of the operation. The driver of a truck or combination of vehicles registered for or with a gross vehicle weight exceeding 10,000 pounds shall proceed to the scale site and submit the vehicle to weighing and inspection.

Heather presented a proposed change to MN MUTCD, Figure 2D-17 (see Attachment 3).

There will be a meeting in September of the Freight and Commercial Vehicle Committee to review the proposed sign and change the Figure 2D-17.

The MCUTCD approved the change to Figure 2D-1 pending final approval at the September meeting. Any change will be included in Revision #4 to the MN MUTCD.

#### **4. TEO Signing Committee update**

Heather noted that there has been some discussion regarding the use of the NO PEDESTRIAN Crossing sign (R9-3) at signalized intersections. They are infrequently used by MnDOT in the rural district but heavily used in the Metro District.

Their use is directly related to the volume of pedestrians or possible pedestrians.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

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