

**The next meeting date will be Wednesday, March 13, at the Mn/DOT Waters Edge Office, Conference Room 176 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.**

**MINNESOTA COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES  
FEBRUARY 13, 2013  
WATERS EDGE**

**Attendees:**

Janelle Anderson  
Tim Chalupnik  
Tiffany Dagon  
Rob Ege  
Joe Gustafson  
Heather Lott  
Will Stein  
Tom Sohrweide

**Explained Absence:**

Tim Plath  
Paul St. Martin  
Ken Schroepfer

**Unexplained Absence:**

Dharam Bobra  
Jeff Miller  
Mark Sehr  
Howard Preston

**Guests:**

none

**cc:**

Susan Groth  
Kristi Sebastian

Meeting started at 12:31 PM

## **Announcements**

None

## **Business from the Floor**

None

## **Correction to the Minutes**

None

## **Old Business**

### **1. FHWA Update**

Will Stein reported that there are several noteworthy items:

- A. There was a release of the January 11 issue of the Federal Register regarding format options for the future MUTCD. There are a couple options for dividing the MUTCD into two documents. The National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices sent a letter that is against any changes to the MUTCD until their study on the vision/format of the MUTCD is completed early next year. Comments are due March 12, 2013.
- B. There have been lots of requests for interpretation lately. Does the MCUTCD want to be updated on these at the monthly meetings? Yes. **Action:** Heather and Will will update the MCUTCD on interpretations at the April meeting.
- C. Anyone can call the FHWA representatives in Washington anytime. You don't have to go through Will and don't have to email.
- D. Warning signs – still trying to sort out why the FHWA won't approve mixing words and symbols on a warning sign.

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

Janelle Anderson reported there have been no new requests. Also, there has been no word from national FHWA on the City of Minneapolis request to use red flashing beacons to supplement crosswalk warning signs. Apparently, according to Will, the FHWA is discussing it. Also, Janelle received a call from Kevin Dunn inquiring about a status report from a recent RTE (from Minneapolis – bike signal heads). So the FHWA is following up on the RTE's.

**3. Motorcycle Road Guard** – Ken Johnson was not available, so item is tabled until next month.

**4. LOOK FOR TRAINS sign**

After the last meeting there was additional follow-up with Susan Aylesworth from the Office of Railroads on this sign. A STOP or YIELD sign is required at every grade crossing and must be installed by the MUTCD compliance date of 2019. Until then, road authorities may install the LOOK FOR TRAINS sign (W10-X3) at grade crossings without a STOP or YIELD. We will keep the sign in the MN MUTCD until then as this sign is in Administrative Rules 8830.0700 and the sign drawing is shown in 8830.9931, Subpart 3. **ACTION:** We will remove W10-X3 from the MN MUTCD after the compliance date and propose to change the Administrative Rules at that time.

## **New Business**

**5. Recreational Signs**

After much discussion on Section 2M.10.1, the MCUTCD decided to move the entire section to the Traffic Engineering Manual. **ACTION:** Heather will re-write the section for the TEM. Also, it was agreed to take the sign with symbol panels shown in Figure 2M-11 and place it in Figure 2M-2 in place of the trapezoidal signs shown, as MN does not use the trapezoidal signs.

**6. Resort and Information Signs**

After a couple inquiries from a County and D6, it was realized that Section 2I from the 2009 MN MUTCD was inadvertently omitted from the 2011 MN MUTCD. The committee agreed to add it back in during the next revision. It will now be Section 2M.10.1. References to the metrics will be eliminated. See attached from the 2009 MN MUTCD ( Attachment 1).

**7. Federal Register Ballot – Future organization of the MUTCD**

As discussed earlier, the FHWA issued a Request for Comments on a proposal to split the MUTCD into 2 or more parts. Janelle has prepared a draft MnDOT response and will send out to the committee with the minutes. Everyone is encouraged to review existing comments and to comment at the FHWA website

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FHWA-2012-0118>

## 8. TEO Signing Committee update

- Heather Lott reported the following items from the TEO Signing Committee:
- Has approved the installation of 30” x 18” Yellow Ribbon County signs below County signs. The design is similar to the City signs.
- MnDOT is going to stay with the larger NO PASSING pennants as our standard (W14-3)

### Other Appendix C Signing issues from Heather:

- There are signs shown for CR-SL, but sometimes they actually refer to Low Volume Roads signs, not CR-SL. The committee agreed to another designation (LV) for signs in Appendix C that are for low volume roads only. **ACTION:** Heather will get a list together of all the currently designated CR-SL signs that should be LV signs and get to Ken S.
- Pg. C-26 R10-7 and 7a shown as 24X30. **ACTION** change to 30X30
- R10-12 **ACTION:** add 36X48 size for expressways and overheads
- R12-1a sizes shown are 24X30 and 36X48 MN only sign. We only use the 24X36 size. **ACTION:** remove other 2 sizes and replace with 24X36
- W11-X21 and W11-X23 ducks and turtles **ACTION:** Remove these from the MN MUTCD. Also they are being removed from the TEM.
- M1-4, 4a US Hwy route marker and M1-5a MN Hwy Marker **ACTION:** add one for 3 digits. FHWA has a 3-digit version
- R16-X6 SIGNAL YOUR TURN, MN only sign 30X30 and 48X48 **ACTION:** change 30 x 30 for CR-SL and CR-ML and change 48 x 48 for Oversize
- R16-X8 used in Rest Stops **ACTION:** 30X18 for CR-SL and CR-ML; 36X24 for oversize
- R16-X12 **ACTION:** add back in 36X36 size for oversize
- R16-X13 24X24 for Cr-SL and ML. **ACTION:** add 36X42 for Expressways
- D1-X1 **ACTION:** change sizes to match the sizes in the Standard Signs Summary: M 30X24; CR 42X36; E 54X48. Also change sizes in Table 2H-1 to match the SSS

### Signs to add to MN MUTCD ?

- R4-X4 – committee says no, leave in Standard Signs Summary (SSS)
- R4-X5(p) State Law Plaque – yes
- R4-X8, X8a Bypass Lane – committee says no, leave in SSS
- R16-X7 R or L LANE MUST EXIT - yes
- R16-X15 – MOVE OVER FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY VEHICLES – yes
- M1-X1 Great River Road – add a plaque for NATIONAL ROUTE.

## 9. Round Robin

Hawk Signals – lots of questions on where to use. MUTCD language is vague and sometimes contradictory. FHWA is working on clarifying. We will wait for clarification before we develop MN guidelines. Our new Bike-Ped Safety Engineer will work on this with our Signals section.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

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