

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

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

Attendees:

Janelle Anderson
Tiffany Dagon
Joe Gustafson
Heather Lott
Ken Schroeffer
Tom Sohrweide

Explained Absence:

Tim Chalupnik
Rob Ege
Jon Krieg
Tim Plath
Paul St. Martin

Unexplained Absence:

Jeff Miller
Howard Preston
Mark Sehr
Will Stein



Guests:

Jon Jackels
Ken Johnson
Ted Ulven

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 from the City of Minneapolis for use of two stage left-turn bicycle boxes and bicycle signal heads was approved by the FHWA. See Attachment 1.

3. Motorcycle Road Guard

Ken Johnson noted that the Dept. of Public Safety is still working on developing a curriculum document. They will also develop some document (a field guide) for road guards to use in closing intersections. DPS must begin training on this document by November or

December of 2014.

4. 2014 Field Manual and Flagging Handbook

Ken Schroefer reported that he and Janelle visited the printer (Anderberg Innovative Printing Solutions) on November 4 to tour the plant and see the Field Manual being printed. They were assured that the Flagging Handbook and the Field Manual would meet the delivery dates December 15 and January 3).

Both documents will be part of the next revision to the MN MUTCD (Revision 3) which will have to be approved by a Commissioner's Order prior to January 1, 2014.

New Business

1. WHEN FLASHING Plaque

Jon Jackels provided an overview of the various ITS systems used in other states. See Attachment 2

He would like to see a national standard for the application of a WHEN FLASHING plaque.

Jon asked, "Does Minnesota wish to establish a uniform standard for then use of this plaques with intersection signs."

There was a discussion on whether to go through the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD) process to get it on the agenda at the January or June, 2014 NCUTCD meeting or include it in the next revision to the MN MUTCD.

It was suggested that Jon proceed with preparing a separate section to be included in Chapter 2C titled "2C – Intersection Conflict Warning."

Ken will work with Jon to prepare everything in the standard format using Standard, Guidance, Option, and Support statements along with artwork. This will be presented to the MCUTCD at the December meeting. The goal is to have this included in Revision 3 to the MN MUTCD due for release January 1, 2014.

This will be an agenda item for the December meeting

2. MN MUTCD

Ken Johnson and Ted Ulven proposed several changes to Chapter 6F to bring it in line with changes that occurred in the FHWA MUTCD.

Section 6F.23 – CENTER LANE CLOSED sign
Delete the Standard statement.

Section 6F.44.3 – NO SHOULDER sign
Change the sign number from W21-X1 to W8-23 to match then FHWA sign number.

Section 6F.49 – Double Reverse Curve signs
Change the signs drawings and sign numbers to match the FHWA drawings and numbers.

They proposed changes to several of the Long Term Traffic Control Layout in 6J to bring them in line with changes that were made to the Field Manual (dropping the mandatory use of flashing beacons). See Attachment 3.

In addition, it was suggested that on Layout 6J-11, the gray roadway closed area be extended.

Ken Johnson would like to include some language in the MN MUTCD regarding the use of temporary walking surfaces. This will be sent out to the MCUTCD members before the next meeting. See Attachment 4

3. TEO Signing Committee

Heather Lott reported that there will be an update coming out for the MN Standard Signs Manual and the Summary. These will be web updates only.

She has been working on a revision to Chapter 6 of the MnDOT Traffic Engineering Manual.

4. NCUTCD – Bicycle Signal Heads

Janelle announced that the NCUTCD has distributed and is asking for comments on proposed language changes to the MUTCD for the use of bicycle signal faces. See Attachment 5.

5. Pavement Marking Tech Memo

Ken Johnson stated that the PM Tech Memo is up for rewrite. There is a distinct possibility that the document will contain the use of some type of performance measure such as pavement retroreflectivity.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

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