

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

**MINNESOTA COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
DECEMBER 11, 2013
WATERS EDGE**

Attendees:

Janelle Anderson
Tim Chalupnik
Tiffany Dagon
Rob Ege
Joe Gustafson
Jon Krieg
Heather Lott
Tim Plath
Howard Preston
Ken Schroepfer
Will Stein

Explained Absence:

Paul St. Martin
Tom Sohrweide

Unexplained Absence:

Jeff Miller
Mark Sehr



Guests:

Ken Hansen
Ken Johnson

cc:

Susan Groth
Kristi Sebastian

Meeting started at 12:30 PM

Announcements

Ken Schroepfer announced his retirement from MnDOT after 45 ½ years. Ken noted that there are only two remaining original members of the MCUTCD. See Attachment 1

Business from the Floor

None

Correction to the Minutes

None

Old Business

1. FHWA Update

Will Stein presented a letter (Attachment 2) and powerpoint presentation (Attachment 3) on the use of colored pavement.

Basically, decorative crosswalks shall have transverse crosswalk lines and colored shoulders are required to have edge or shoulder lines separating the shoulder from the traffic lane.

Pavement colors are restricted to green for bike lanes.

Yellow is reserved for flush or raised median islands.

White is limited to use on flush or raised median islands where traffic can pass in the same direction on either side and for delineation on shoulders.

2. Requests for Experimentation, Condition Use and Interpretation

Janelle Anderson announced that there was nothing new to report

3. Motorcycle Road Guard

Ken Johnson reported that there is a hearing scheduled for the week of December 16 to discuss the “Rules” with the Legislative Committee.

A “field guide” for road guards is being developed by the Dept. of Public Safety. The goal is to have the “field guide” ready for 2014. Training by DPS personnel will begin in 2015. There needs to be discussions on the need for insurance.

Motorcycle grounds with less than 25 riders will not need to have flaggers if they follow the rules of the road.

4. WHEN FLASHING Plaque

Ken Hansen discussed how Minnesota has been using the WHEN FLASHING plaque is used in conjunction with TRAFFIC APPROACHING signs for Intersection Conflict Warning Systems (ICWS). (Attachment 4)

A discussion started on how an ICWS operates in a fail-safe mode when there is no battery backup. Ken noted that other states use systems similar to what Minnesota is using. Ken presented the language that is proposed as an addition to the MN MUTCD. There was a concern over showing and requiring a blank-out sign for the side roads (W3-X8b).

After a lengthy discussion, all present agreed that the proposed language not be included in Revision #3 to the MN MUTCD. It was also agreed that the language be reworded and reviewed for an inclusion in a future revision.

New Business

1. Bridge Weight Limit signs for Timber Haulers

Heather Lott noted there has been some confusion in the use and application of the Permit Weight Limit sign (R12-X11). This sign is to be used only on those roads that allow timber haulers to cross selected bridges.

There is a concern whether or not this sign should be included in the MNMUTCD. The hope is that this would help clarify the use of the R12-X11 sign.

Those present agree that it should be included in a future revision. Heather will prepare the appropriate language and discuss this at the January 8 meeting.

2. TEO Signing Committee/TEO Executive Committee

Heather stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

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