

MINNESOTA COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
FEBRUARY 11, 2015 MEETING MINUTES
WATERS EDGE

Members				Guests			
Janelle Anderson	x	Chris Byrd	x	Josie Tayse, MnDOT Metro			
Heather Lott		Paul St. Martin					
Diane Colton	x	Tim Plath	x				
Tiffany Dagon	x	Howard Preston	x				
Ryan Barney		Tom Sohrweide	x				
Will Stein	x						
Jon Krieg	x						
Joe Gustafson	x						
Mark Sehr							

Explained Absence:

Ryan Barney
 Heather Lott
 Mark Sehr
 Paul St. Martin

Unexplained Absence:

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

- **Requests for Experimentation, Conditional Use and Interpretation – Janelle Anderson**
 Janelle updated the group on current requests to experiment and handed out a chart showing requests since 2008 (attached). There are no outstanding requests.

New Business

- 1) Scott Poska (SRF) replacing Tim Chalupnik (TKDA) on the MCUTCD committee – approved by the committee.
- 2) Scott Thompson (District 7–Mankato) replacing Ryan Barney (District 8–Willmar) who is leaving traffic – approved by the committee.
- 3) Recent changes to the MUTCD team.

Attached is an email explaining recent personnel changes that have taken place on FHWA's MUTCD team.

- 4) Clarification [of MUTCD Section 2C.08 Advisory Speed Plaque \(W13-1P\), and MUTCD Section 2C.13 Truck Rollover Warning Sign \(W1-13\).](#)

Discussion:

Howard commented that signs on curves don't address the majority of vehicle friction factors. The AASHTO factor is for ice - has you design for icy conditions (when we have ice only 5% of the time). The issue for trucks is the center of mass (e.g. a load of steel vs. a load of tennis shoes). Signs don't matter.

There are more curves on the county system vs. the state system. Most counties don't own ball bank devices. Counties sign curves with 45 mph.

Howard has done calculations that would recommend speed advisories based on radii.

Josie asked what other states do – Howard commented that North Dakota follows the manual.

County safety plans include radii of curves.

Howard suggested possibly providing a chart of radii and suggested speed signing.

Action Item:

Janelle will bring up the issue at the next Traffic Control Devices Pooled Fund Study meeting.

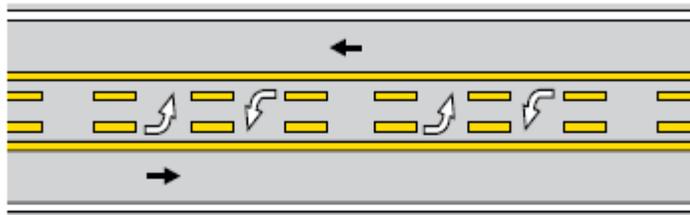
- 5) [Section 3B.1](#) of the MN MUTCD as it relates to UVC code 11-311-*Driving on divided highways* and to [MN Statute 169.18, Subdivision 9, Divided highways; crossovers.](#)

Discussion:

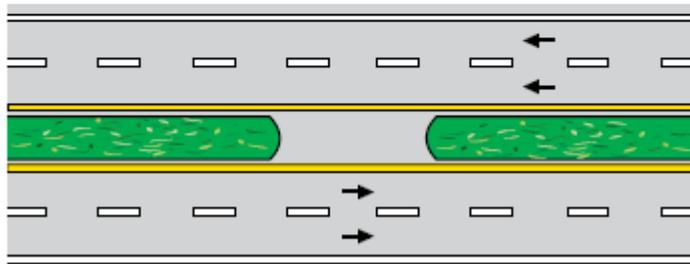
Joe – It is legal to turn left across a striped median. MN Statute 169.18, subd. 9 matches the UVC code from 1969. The UVC millennium edition has a Part C. The current Minnesota statute is missing Part C.

The question was asked whether it is in the Minnesota Driver's manual. The following is what is shown in the current manual online.

Minnesota Driver's Manual



Road with three lanes with traffic moving in both directions. Center turn lane is reserved for traffic turning left from both directions.



Multiple-lane road with traffic moving in both directions separated by a solid traffic divider. No shoulders at inner edges of roadway.

Joe commented that Minnesota statutes are probably not updated with the most current UVC. Should someone be doing this?

Action Item:

Janelle will put this on the calendar – we can submit it when requests for changes in law come out.

- 6) Fourth order revising the 2011 MN MUTCD signed by Commissioner Zelle. This was approved on 2/10/2015. The revision will be available online in the next few weeks.

Round Robin

Howard mentioned that MnDOT has a new [Best Practices for Traffic Sign Maintenance and Management Handbook](#).

He also mentioned a new on-line sign training module at the U of M website.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2015
MnDOT Waters Edge Conference Room 403 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm**