

MINNESOTA COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
MAY 11, 2016 MEETING MINUTES
WATERS EDGE ROOM 403

Members				Guests			
Janelle Anderson	X	Mark Sehr	X	Ken Johnson			
Chris Byrd	X	Tom Sohrweide		Peter Buchen			
Diane Colton		Paul St. Martin		Mark Vizecky			
Joe Gustafson	X	Will Stein					
Jon Krieg		Josie Tayse					
	X						
Heather Lott		Scott Thompson					
	X						
Tim Plath							
Scott Poska	X						
Howard Preston	X						

Explained Absence:

Tom Sohrweide
 Scott Thompson
 Will Stein
 Josie Tayse
 Diane Colton

Unexplained Absence:

Tim Plath
 Paul St. Martin

cc:

Kristi Sebastian

Meeting started at 12:35 PM

Announcements

None

Business from the Floor

None

Corrections to the Minutes

Minutes were not attached.

Old Business

- 1) FHWA Updates.....Will Stein
 None – Will unable to attend
- 2) Requests for Experimentation UpdateJanelle Anderson
 The request from Hennepin County/City of Mpls. for four-section bicycle signal head with flashing yellow bicycle operation was finally approved after 3 revisions.

New Business

1. *Wayside Rest language (request to remove)* Heather Lott
 Heather requested that the MnDOT only STANDARD paragraph in Section 21.5 (page 21-10) of the MN MUTCD be removed. There was some discussion as to what was the

intent when it was originally added to the MN MUTCD (unknown). The Committee approved the request. See Attachment 1

2. *Roundabout Signing (previously discussed)* Heather Lott
Heather requested to remove the In-street Pedestrian Crossing sign on the right side of the roadway near the entrance to the roundabout in Figure 6.27 of the TEM. The current figure is in violation of a Standard in the MN MUTCD, Section 2B.12. She also proposed to modify these signs on the median splitter island to be back to back. Concerns expressed include that where the splitter island is wider, such as on multi-lane roundabouts, you may want to not put them back to back but install them separately to be better visible to motorists. Also we may want to make those signs optional. Heather will take these concerns back to the TEO Signing Committee. See Attachment 2.
3. *Truck Stopping Lane Signing –* Heather Lott
Heather requested that the committee consider adding the TRUCK STOPPING LANE sign (R4-X4) to the MN MUTCD. The consensus was to keep it in the TEM only. See Attachment 3.
4. *Online training for **Intro to MN MUTCD*** Ken Johnson
Ken brought up that there may be a need for some online training to give MnDOT, city, county, and local personnel an overview of the MN MUTCD – what it is, its legal status, its relationship to the Federal MUTCD, etc. LTAP will deliver but not develop this type of training. It was pointed out that there are some online courses sponsored by LRRB and CTS that are available (Sign Maintenance and Management, etc.). These have been geared to cities and counties. NCITE also has done some MUTCD training in the past. While some of these courses are conducted after a new version of the MN MUTCD comes out, there seems to be some generic training available. The committee is not interested in developing any additional training at this time.
5. *Temporary Traffic control Work Zone Layouts for low volume roads* Ken Johnson
Ken and Janelle gave a brief overview of this LRRB project. They were on the TAP. This project was to develop Work Zone Layouts for certain maintenance activities on low volume roads (urban and rural). The LRRB has requested the MCUTCD add these layouts to the MN MUTCD and Field Manual. (Scott Poska has concerns about the letter that was sent – he will talk to Ken about his concerns). Mark V. stated that the TAP didn't want to take on any liability of developing layouts for this purpose. Ken Johnson updated the committee on the current status of the Field Manuals: there are only a couple hundred left and there is discussion on whether to reprint the current Field Manual or re-write it. Since the new Federal MUTCD probably won't come out

until late 2017 or 2018, they will probably re-write it. There are lots of additions and some changes. Ken has a task force working on the re-write and asked for volunteers from the MCUTCD to be on the task force. See Attachments 4A-E.

6. Round Robin

Ken Johnson – Adult crossing guards – school bus flagger statute. A bill has been introduced to allow a school bus flagger to stop and hold traffic in order to enable school buses to leave or enter school property (HF 3134 and SF 2785). Melissa Barnes has proposed some changes to the language in the MN MUTCD (Section 7D.2-5: Adult Crossing Guards) to comply with this bill.

Howard Preston – Rail Grade Crossing Safety Study – coming out soon. The study shows basically no difference in safety between STOP signs or YIELD signs at passive crossings.

Jon Krieg – Jon is now an Associate member of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD). He will be at the annual meeting in June.

Heather Lott – will be at the NCUTCD meeting in June.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 8th at Waters Edge.