

**MINNESOTA COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**  
**MAR 8, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**  
**WATERS EDGE ROOM 403**

Members				Guests			
Janelle Anderson	x	Mark Sehr		Ken Johnson			
Chris Byrd		Tom Sohrweide	x	Julie Whitcher			
Diane Colton	x	Paul St. Martin		Kevin Joyce			
Joe Gustafson	x	Will Stein	x				
Jon Krieg	x	Josie Tayse	x				
Heather Lott	x	Scott Thompson					
Tim Plath	x						
Scott Poska	x						
Howard Preston							

**Explained Absence:**  
Howard Preston  
Paul St. Martin

**Unexplained Absence:**

**cc:**  
Kristi Sebastian

Committee members watched the ITE Webinar: *Looking Forward: Advancing New and Emerging Traffic Control Devices* from 1:00 – 2:30

**Description:**

Join this facilitated discussion session to learn more about new and emerging traffic control devices (TCDs) and their potential inclusion in future updates to the MUTCD. Listen to local jurisdictions’ experiences with the introduction of new and/or emerging TCD applications including real world examples that examine the devices' benefits, constraints, and costs associated with application. Also, learn more about current TCD research needs and the process employed to develop TCD research statements through the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences with new or emerging TCDs through a moderated discussion.

**Announcements**

None

**Business from the Floor**

None

**Corrections to the Minutes**

None

**Old Business**

1. **FHWA Updates** .....**Will Stein**  
[Fed MUTCD](#)

- a. Interim Approval for Optional Use of an Alternative Signal Warrant 7 – Crash Experience (IA-19) [https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim\\_approval/ia19/index.htm](https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/interim_approval/ia19/index.htm)

See attached - FHWA Memo

\*Janelle will submit a request for Blanket Interim Approval.

- b. Pavement Marking Retroreflectivity – Supplemental Notice of Proposed Amendment to the MUTCD published in the Federal Register 1/4/2017. Comments due 5/4/2017.

[Federal Register](#)

See attached - Proposed Text

\*The external webinar was cancelled/postponed.

2. **Requests for Experimentation Update .....Janelle Anderson**

There was one new request from the City of Hopkins requesting Interim Approval and a Request to Experiment for bicycle related traffic control devices not currently included in the MUTCD or MN MUTCD:

- Four-section bicycle signal heads including red, yellow, flashing yellow and green bicycle symbol indications.
- *A Turning Vehicle Must Yield to Pedestrians and Bicycles* sign.

**New Business**

1. **Field Manual Update - Ken Johnson**

[2014 Field Manual](#)

- Use of the arrow sign on top of type III barricades.



There was much discussion on what the arrow means depending on where it is used (with the barricade). It can mean merge left, keep left, etc.

It has been a strong Minnesota practice to use the sign at both the beginning and end of a taper. Some feel the barricade alone at the end of the taper is not enough. In that instance – what does the second arrow at the end of the taper mean?

\*Ken will draft some language for the Field Manual for future discussion. If any committee members have comments please forward to Ken.

- Should different arrow messages on Flashing Arrow Boards (FABs) mean different things?



The Flashing Arrow, Sequential Arrow, and Sequential Chevron all mean the same thing. Should they have different meanings – be used in certain situations?

\*To be discussed at a future meeting.

- Temporary Traffic Control Devices Take Down Order
  - Add an option to pick up Advance Warning Signs in the direction of installation **after** picking up the closure and transition areas in reverse installation order.
  - Add an option to use mobile closure to pick up traffic control devices in standard order.

In the current Field Manual, *Devices should be removed in the opposite order from which they were installed*. The Field Manual update committee would like to add the options listed above for the purpose of saving time.

The committee did not have objections to this.

\*Ken will draft some language for review.

- 2. Round Robin  
None

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