

Minnesota Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
August 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes
12:30 – 3:00
MnDOT WE Room 403

Member	Attendance	Guests
Chris Byrd	Unexplained Absence	Jeff Morey
Diane Colton	x	Ted Ulven
Joe Gustafson	x	Ken Johnson
Tiffany Kautz	x	
Jon Krieg	Explained Absence	
Mike Martinez	x	
Tim Plath	x	
Scott Poska	Explained Absence	
Howard Preston	x	
Ron Rauchle	Unexplained Absence	
Mark Sehr	Unexplained Absence	
Tom Sohrweide	x	
Will Stein	x	
Josie Tayse	x	
Scott Thompson	x	
HunWen Westman	x	

Introductions

Tiffany introduced new member HunWen Westman from the City of St. Paul.

Corrections/Updates to the Minutes

None

1. FHWA Updates.....Will Stein

New MUTCD

Nothing to report. Bruce Friedman has retired and Duane Thomas replaced him on the MUTCD team. Click [here](#) for more info on FHWA’s MUTCD team.

Request for Experimentation

The MUTCD team is not getting the 6 month experimental updates that they require. Participants need to be reminded. Click [here](#) for more info.

2. Request for Experimentation Update.....Tiffany Kautz

There have been no new requests. The group reviewed the current Request to Experiment worksheet.

Vertical Chevrons

Joe – Washington County has not been submitting 6 month updates and will probably be terminating their project *Vertical chevrons to reduce speed at vertical curves” testing sharp vertical hill crests*. The thought was that posting chevrons on both sides would give drivers a heads up. The location tested was an area where drivers were familiar with the roadway. They do not have another location to test. If anyone is interested in testing another location let Joe know.

Josie – The NCUTCD is proposing similar signs and are conducting some human factors testing.
<https://ncutcd.org/wp-content/uploads/meetings/2019B/Attach06.19A-RW-02.Hill-BlocksViewSign.pdf>

Zebra Crosswalk Design

Ken – Not much going on with the MnDOT/Don Obernolte experiment to test a new zebra crosswalk design to reduce slips and falls.

Discussion:

Hun -

What are the blanks in the spreadsheet under Approved or Denied?

Why is it blank for the “Gateway installation of in-street pedestrian signs” experiment?

Ken – believes they were looking for more information

Joe – thought it was already allowed.

Discussion ensued on whether this was already allowed and on what side and where to install the signs.

Action Item: Tiffany will look into blanks in spreadsheet and whether in-street pedestrian signs are already allowed.

3. Membership.....Tiffany Kautz

New members:

Scott Poska – Alliant Engineering

HunWen Westman - City of St. Paul

Tiffany discussed confirming the group membership in anticipation of a bigger time commitment once the new MUTCD comes out. The committee agreed. All those in attendance agreed to continue being a part of the committee.

Action Item: Tiffany will contact those not in attendance to confirm membership.

Tiffany discussed changes to the voting membership. The committee agreed that going forward Diane will not be a voting member and Tiffany will vote only in the case of a tie.

Tiffany would also like reviewing the exiting

4. Section 2B.13 Speed Limit Sign (R2-1) – changes made with regard to new [MN Statute 169.14 subdivision Subd. 5h](#)Tiffany Kautz

Tiffany explained that the new statute allows cities to establish speed limits for city streets under the city’s jurisdiction without conducting an engineering and traffic investigation. This affects section 2B.13, Speed Limit Sign (R2-1) of the MN MUTCD.

There was much discussion about what the law says and about definitions of terms such as engineering study, engineering and traffic investigation, and the safety, engineering and traffic analysis. Other concerns included differentiating between types of roads, adding or omitting the statute to the text, and adding an OPTION or GUIDANCE statement.

Action Item: Tiffany will draft new language for review.

5. Section 2B.59.1 proposed new languageMike Martinez

Mike was asked to investigate the language in Section 2B.59.1 regarding the R12-5 Supplements - to make sure that the R12-5 with R12-5 Supplements were called for at locations with enough advance warning to allow a driver to use alternate route and/or turn around before they approach a load restricted bridge.

He found that the current language is sufficient and does not recommend making changes. The committee agreed.

The original language to strike the WEIGHT RESTRICTION AHEAD sign still applies.

6. Continued review of revised Part 6, Chapter 6J. Long Term Temporary Traffic Control Zone LayoutsKen Johnson

Ken presented changes/updates to Chapter 6J of the MN MUTCD. Review will continue at the next meeting.

7. Round Robin

There was discussion on what happens when the new MUTCD is published. The committee will be able to submit comments and questions. National committees will also be soliciting and submitting comments.

Ken – On August 1, 2019 MnDOT published [Technical Memorandum No. 19-03-T-01](#) regarding Crashworthy Requirements of Temporary Traffic Control Devices. This doesn't really impact locals except for detours. If you have detours on the TH system you'll have to adhere to MASH.