

Minutes: Minnesota Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

December 9, 2020 1:00 – 3:00

Skype Meeting

Attendance

- Sara Buermann
- Diane Colton, MnDOT
- Joe Gustafson, Washington County
- Tiffany Kautz, MnDOT
- Jonathan Krieg
- Mike Martinez, HDR
- Howard Preston
- Tom Sohrweide, SEH
- Will Stein, FHWA
- Josie Tayse, MnDOT
- Scott Thompson, MnDOT
- HunWen Westman, City of St. Paul

Guests

- Ken Johnson, MnDOT
- Jeff Morey, MnDOT
- Ted Ulven, MnDOT

1) Membership Update/Introductions

2) Corrections/Updates to the Minutes

None

3) Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

- Tiffany reviewed July 2020 meeting action items.

Acton Item: Regarding eliminating Appendix C - were the Sign Shop supervisors made aware? Josie will add it to the next sign meeting to get their input.

4) MN MUTCD Revision Update/Timeline, Revision 9 – Tiffany Kautz

Ote will be creating a spreadsheet that will show all revisions/information to be included in the next revision (9).

5) FHWA Updates – Will Stein

- Nothing to report on the next version of the MN MUTCD.
- Credit to Tiffany for closing out unresolved Requests for Experiments. If any members have outstanding Request for Experiment work with Tiffany.

6) Request for Experimentation Update – Tiffany Kautz

- We've closed out a few MnDOT and other requests. Let Tiffany know if you would like to see the reports.
- MnDOT is considering allowing more locations for the double zebra crosswalk markings.

7) DSD to Driver Feedback (YOUR SPEED) signs – Tiffany Kautz

The national committee has proposed using the new name Driver Feedback (YOUR SPEED) sign. MnDOT is in the process of updating our approved products list to the new name. We would like to update the MN MUTCD with the new name.

Discussion:

- Ken – no concerns – Layout 82 of field manual says DSD. It will be a while before it can be updated in that document. Do we update the online version even though the print version will be out there for a while? Don't think you can change a drawing. Could be a legal issue. Could be done by Errata. Need to be careful about making changes this way. A new Field Manual probably won't be published until 2023.
- Ken – We would need to update the DSD Display Sign drawing as well – it's showing the one directional arrow.
- The sign will eventually be given in ID number – we can use that rather than an acronym.
- Hun Wen - Can we call it a Driver Feedback Sign and not Driver Feedback (YOUR SPEED) sign.
- Jon – We've always called it a Driver Feedback Sign.

Vote:

Vote for calling it Driver Feedback Sign:

All approved

Vote for official change:

All approved.

Action Item: The name change will be made in the MN MUTCD and online Field Manual in the next revision (9).

8) 3F.4.1 Intersection Delineator – Tiffany Kautz

Tiffany presented changes to the language in the section and Figure 3F-2. The point is to make the section more general. The information is also found in MnDOT Standards Signs Manual.

The committee voted and all agreed to the following changes:

- The Support statement will be changed to: Intersection delineators provide guidance to all motorists regardless of their direction of approach.
- Figure 3F-2: The cylinder drawing section will be deleted, and title changed from Cylinder Style Delineators to Freeway Delineators.

9) 6F.65 Tubular Markers proposed language – Michelle Moser

Michelle presented new language for Section 6F.65. MnDOT language that includes material types and changes marker height to a minimum of 36 inches (from 28 inch in the feds) was incorporated into the fed language.

MnDOT is getting rid of the surface mount delineators and going with tubular markers. A request was made to change this section to more like the Feds.

Suggest deleting section 6F.65.1 Surface Mounted Delineators (Minnesota only section).

There a couple other locations in the MN MUTCD that would need updating including some Field Manual layouts.

Minimum height discussion:

- We should strive as a committee to have the MN manual as close to the fed manual as possible. Why change minimum height from 28" to 36". We should try to minimize changes to the fed manual as much as possible.
- Can we leave 36" in on the standard plate and leave 28" minimum in the MN MUTCD. The standard plate is a MnDOT only document.

Committee agreed to stay with the fed 28" in the MN MUTCD.

Other discussion:

- We can't modify Standard statements.
- Do we need to include this at all?
- May be better to address this stuff in the APL and not clutter up the MN MUTCD. APL is MnDOT only FYI.
- Should we take out the weighted base should weigh at least 12 pounds statement? Feds don't have that.

Michelle will bring this discussion forward to the next meeting. Let Michelle know if you have questions/comments in the meantime.

10) Membership Confirmation

All members present confirmed their membership for 2021.

11) Round Robin

Ken – Jeff has a list of modifications to the Field Manual. Would the committee like to see these?

- Committee agreed that Jeff will share changes in a future meeting.

Will – Jim McCarthy is retiring at the end of the month. If you know Jim and want to give him a call or email that would be great.

Future agenda items:

Modification to 2D.29 – Tiffany Kautz, Josie Tayse

Add an exception (to 1st Standard, 1st paragraph) for signed township route and (maybe) National Forrest routes.

2I.5.1 Public Water Access Signs – Tiffany Kautz, Josie Tayse

Working with DNR to establish guidelines regarding sign placement. Tiffany and Josie talking with DNR about this section.