

Meeting Minutes:

Minnesota Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

November 13, 2019

12:30 – 3:00

MnDOT WE Room 403

Minutes prepared by: Diane Colton

Attendance

- Sara Buermann, Wright County
- Diane Colton, MnDOT
- Joe Gustafson, Washington County
- Tiffany Kautz, MnDOT
- Jon Krieg, Hennepin County
- Tim Plath, City of Eagan
- Scott Poska, Alliant Engineering
- Howard Preston, Engineer Emeritus
- Ron Rauchle, MnDOT
- Mark Sehr, Rock County
- 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
- Tara Olds, MnDOT
- Ted Ulven, MnDOT

1. Membership Update/Introductions

Welcome Sara Buermann to the committee.

2. Corrections/Updates to the Minutes

None

3. Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

- Tiffany will compare MnDOT and FHWA Request for Experimentation spreadsheets. **Done**
- Diane will update Section 2C.20 in the next revision of the MN MUTCD and correct the font in Section 2C.21. **Done**
- Tiffany will look for state statute regarding Public Water Access Signs.
Done – the committee voted on deleting Section 21.5.1 Public Water Access Signs – Joe Gustafson was opposed.

Action Item: Diane will remove this section in the next revision of the MN MUTCD.

- Tiffany will speak with Brian Sorenson, MnDOT State Traffic Engineer, regarding moving forward with a letter to the national committee recommending that the static portion of the YOUR SPEED warning sign be black on yellow.
Feds are including this in the next MUTCD. No letter needed.

4. FHWA Updates – Will Stein

The FHWA is revising its regulations by rescinding 23 CFR 635.411(a)-(e). This will provide greater flexibility for States to use proprietary or patented materials in Federal-aid highway projects. More information can be found at: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/cgit/fr_qa.cfm

No new information on the new MUTCD.

5. Request for Experimentation Update – Tiffany Kautz

The final report for the U of M/City of St. Paul gateway installation of in-street pedestrian signs has been submitted to FHWA.

There was discussion on the use of red pavement for transit only lanes being used in the City of Minneapolis. MnDOT does not have a request to experiment for this. The FHWA request to experiment website shows that cities in Oregon, Florida, Indiana, California, Rhode Island, Maryland, Washington D.C. and Texas have active experiments using red-colored pavement for transit only lanes.

6. Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) Compliance and Knee Brace Sign Structure Discussion – Ken Johnson

Ken gave a MASH Compliance update. Tech Memo No. 19-03-T-01 establishes timelines for the allowable use of crashworthy devices tested under NCHRP-350 and MASH-16. See:

<http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwjPnbiXtOrlAhXDmeAKHXe5BqAQFjAAegQIAxAH&url=http%3A%2F%2Fdotapp7.dot.state.mn.us%2Fedms%2Fdownload%3FdocId%3D2434220&usg=AOvVaw03Syh59XDKojnt1wnv51Om>

More information can be found by watching MnDOT’s Traffic Topics webinars. Website:

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/trafficeng/topics/index.html>. See the webinar [*Temporary Traffic Control Requirement Changes and Resources*](#) and the upcoming webinar *Changes to Signing Plans*. Webinars are archived and can be viewed anytime. You can join the webinar distribution list on the site.

7. Continued review of revised Part 6, Chapter 6J. Long Term TTC Zone Layouts (attached – left off at Layout 6J-21).....Ken Johnson

The committee finished reviewing Chapter 6J layouts.

8. Round Robin

Howard Preston

Consider checking the MnDOT spec book for references to traffic control devices that are located in unexpected sections of the specifications book. An example there was a construction requirements for installation of temporary signs during/directly after seal coating. These sign requirements were written in the material spec for seal coating– these may be overlooked (note that this particular example seems to have been corrected in the 2018 edition of the Spec Book).

Next Meeting

Date: December 11, 2019

Time: 12:30 – 3:00

Location: MnDOT Water's Edge Conference Room 323