

Meeting Minutes:

Minnesota Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

October 9, 2019

12:30 – 3:00

MnDOT WE Room 323

Minutes prepared by: Diane Colton

Attendance

- 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
- Mark Sehr, Rock County
- Tom Sohrweide, SEH
- Will Stein, FHWA
- Josie Tayse, MnDOT
- Scott Thompson, MnDOT
- HunWen Westman, City of St. Paul

1. Introductions

2. Corrections/Updates to the Minutes

None

3. Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

- All have been completed

4. FHWA Updates – Will Stein

- Nothing new regarding the new MUTCD.
- Some small cities have been expressing interest in wanting to try 3d crosswalk markings. Usually they aren't aware that 3d markings are not compliant with the MUTCD.

5. Request for Experimentation Update – Tiffany Kautz

Compared federal website to our spreadsheet.

Close out letter to send to feds? Is there a template?

Action Item: Tiffany will compare MnDOT and FHWA spreadsheets of projects.

6. Membership Update – Tiffany Kautz

- Sara Buermann from Wright County has expressed interest in becoming a board member. The group agreed to invite Sara to join.

Action Item: Tiffany will invite Sara to join the committee

- Tara Olds from MnDOT State Aide will start attending meetings as an advisor to the group.

7. Meeting dates and times – Tiffany Kautz

- We will keep November and December meetings on the books – will cancel if there are no agenda items.
- The group agreed to change the meeting time to from 12:30 – 3:00 to **1:00 – 3:00** starting in January of 2020.

8. NARROW BRIDGE Sign (W5-2) ([Section 2C.20](#)) vs. ONE LANE BRIDGE Sign (W5-3) ([Section 2C.21](#)) – Tiffany Kautz

What sign should be used for a 17' wide bridge? A 17' wide bridge is too wide to be considered a ONE LANE BRIDGE sign, but is too narrow for a NARROW BRIDGE sign.

- The group agreed to revert to the federal language in section 2C.20. The section will be changed from "...width of greater than 18 feet and less than the approach roadway with..." to "*width of 16 to 18 feet...*"
- Section 2C.21 is federal language (although in Minnesota font – Diane will fix this) and will remain 16 feet.

Action Item: Diane will update Section 2C.20 in the next revision of the MN MUTCD and correct the font in Section 2C.21.

9. Public Water Access Signs ([Section 2I.5.1](#)) – Tiffany Kautz

Delete this section?

- There may be something in Minnesota statute regarding Public Water Access signs.
- We will revisit this topic at the next meeting.

Action Item: Tiffany will look for state statute.

10. Permit Parking Only Signs ([Section 2B.47](#)) – Scott Thompson

Should the signs be white with green legend or white with red legend?

- The MUTCD does not provide clear guidance on the text color for parking by permit.
- Red on white seems to be better understood – enforcement more productive.
- Visibility aspect and understanding by motorist better with red on white.

11. NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING sign (R5-4?) and No Trucks symbol sign (R5-2) (Section 2B.39 Selective Exclusion Signs) – Tim Plath

Is the NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING sign as displayed enforceable?

Is there state statute that can be used to enforce the No Trucks sign?

- The NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING sign can be difficult to enforce. The challenge is to defining a commercial vehicle – there is ambiguity with the term. Adding weight limits to the signs helps with definition.
- Commercial license plates are also used to define commercial vehicle – used for enforcement.



No Truck sign – is there a state statute that defines truck for this sign?

- Statute 169.011 includes definitions of [truck](#) and [commercial vehicle](#)
- Statute 168.002 also includes a definition for [truck](#).
- Using weight limit may help with enforcement.



R5-2

12. Dynamic Speed Display Signs – Tiffany Kautz

Sign background color of “YOUR SPEED” signs.

Current MnDOT guidance recommends a black on white for the static portion of the sign. However, Mn MUTCD eludes to a black on yellow warning sign.

The MN MUTCD states the following in [Section 2B.13](#) as a GUIDANCE statement:

If a changeable message sign displaying approach speeds is installed, the legend YOUR SPEED XX MPH or such similar legend should be displayed. The color of the changeable message legend should be a yellow legend on a black background or the reverse of these colors.

The committee agreed that the signs is a warning sign and the static portion should be black on yellow.

The committee also agreed to sending a letter to the National Committee recommending the YOUR SPEED sign is a warning sign with the static portion being black on yellow.

Action Item: Tiffany will speak with Brian Sorenson, MnDOT State Traffic Engineer regarding moving forward with a letter.

13. Round Robin

Hunwen Westman

Neighborhood traffic circles – how tall should signs be? Don't really have standards. Is there guidance?

- There is guidance for the directional arrow in MUTCD – 4 ft.
- Small diameter neighborhood traffic circle different than a TH roundabout.

Joe Gustafson

National committee ballots – we haven't seen them for a while in this group. We may want to look into participating in this again.

Action Item: Tiffany will look into this.

Next Meeting

Date: November 13, 2019

Time: 12:30 – 3:00

Location: MnDOT Water's Edge Conference Room 403