

Meeting Minutes:

Minnesota Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

February 12, 2020, 1:00 – 3:00

MnDOT WE Room 403

Attendance

- Sara Buermann, Wright County
- Diane Colton, MnDOT
- Joe Gustafson, Washington County
- Tiffany Kautz, MnDOT
- Jon Krieg, Hennepin County
- Tim Plath, City of Eagan
- Howard Preston, Engineer Emeritus
- 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

1. Membership Update/Introductions

- Congratulations Ken Johnson new Assistant State Traffic Engineer

2. Corrections/Updates to the Minutes

- None

3. Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

- NONE

4. FHWA Updates – Will Stein

- Table I-2. Target Compliance Dates Established by FHWA (Page I-4)

Reminder of the Dec 31 2019 deadlines. Do local agencies need reminders?

Suggestion is that they do – not all are familiar with the MUTCD. Maybe State Aid can send something out to their mailing list.

OTE could send something out via our MN MUTCD mailing list.

If message does goes out suggestion was made to add who has the authority to make the call on signs (especially with regard to rail road signing).

Action Item: Tiffany will talk to rail office to confirm who is responsible for signs.

- **TH 65 and Viking – first R-cut in the state**

Will provided videos showing how the intersection appears to be working well.
There will be a traffic topic on this in April.

Action Item: [Sign up for email updates](#) for Traffic Topics (and many other publications) if interested.

- No word on the new MUTCD manual.

5. **Request for Experimentation Update – Tiffany Kautz**

No update

6. **Section 6F.65.1 – Surface Mounted Delineators – Scott Thompson, Ken Johnson**

Fed MUTCD has [Section 6F.65 Tubular Markers](#)

MN MUTCD has [Section 6F.65 Tubular Markers](#) and [Section 6F.65.1 Surface Mounted Delineators](#)

Why does MN MUTCD have a separate section on delineators? MN MUTCD Tubular Markers section does not match Feds – why not?

MnDOT is currently working on a standard plate for surface mounted delineators to be used for temporary traffic control – there may be some confusion with this when used in a semi-permanent application. Both MN MUTCD and Fed MUTCD say to use white sheeting – in a semi-permanent application it makes sense to use yellow.

Fed MUTCD says *Retroreflectorization of tubular markers that have a height of 42 inches or more shall be provided by four 4- to 6-inch wide alternating orange and white stripes with the top stripe being orange.*

MN MUTCD says *Retroreflectorization of 36 inch or larger tubular markers shall be provided by a white band 4 inches wide located 3 to 4 inches from the top of the marker and an additional 4 inch wide white band approximately 2 inches below the 4 inch band.*

Why does MN MUTCD have different language?

Maybe the MN MUTCD should go back to the federal language for Section 6F.65.

Action Item: MnDOT's Temporary Traffic Control Group to look into possible modifications to these sections of the MN MUTCD.

7. **Section 2L – Changeable Message Signs, Message Board – Ken Johnson**

A comparison of what is in Chapter 2L and what is on the APL revealed that no one on the APL meets the requirements in the chapter.

No one meets all of the “should” statements.

The question is should we make changes to the chapter or wait for the new MUTCD? The chapter is based on old technology.

This affects arrow boards and CMS signs too. The national MUTCD committee is looking at this.

MnDOT districts are waiting to buy PCMSs.

Action Item: Ken will draft some language for this section.

8. **Flagger Update – Ken Johnson**

There is a new law regarding flaggers and their ability to report violators.

Under [169.06, Subd. 4a](#), a qualified flagger may report violators. Note that flaggers may be subpoenaed as a witness if needed.

The flagger must have received formal training in order to be qualified. Local agencies need to have their flagger’s trained.

MnDOT has [flagger training](#) and “train the trainer” training.

MnDOT has a Traffic Topics webinar [“The new flagger law: what you need to know”](#) available online.

The new law does not apply to adult school crossing guards.

9. **Section 2M – Recreational and Cultural Interest Area Signs – Tiffany Kautz**

- [2M.10.1 Recreational or Cultural Interest Guide Signs and Symbol Signs on One Structure](#) is a Minnesota only section.

The Committee agreed to delete this section.

Action Item – Diane will update this chapter in the next revision of the MN MUTCD.

- D7-X8a is a Minnesota only symbol sign that has not been approved by the FHWA.

Committee agreed to move forward with requesting FHWA approval of this symbol.

Action Item – Tiffany will pursue getting D7-X8a federally approved.



D7-X8a
Carry-In Access

10. Section 3F.4 – Delineator Placement and Spacing Tenth Mile Markers – Tiffany Kautz

Currently the guidance for placing delineators on the outer edge of the shoulder is 2 to 8 feet. Metro would like to change this to 2 to 12 feet to make it easier for Maintenance activities such as mowing, and snow & ice operations.

The Committee agreed to change from “2 to 8 feet” to “2 to 12 feet”. Changes to “should” statements in the MN MUTCD require the approval of the FHWA Minnesota Division Office.

Action Item: Tiffany will request approval from the FHWA Minnesota Division Office for this change.

11. Section 1A.13 – Definitions of Headings, Words and Phrases - Revised headings for ADA compliance – Tiffany Kautz

The OPTION, STANDARD, SUPPORT and GUIDANCE headings have been changed in order to comply with ADA requirements.

Wording in section 1A.13 should be updated to reflect this change.

Action Item: Diane will update section 1A.13 as appropriate in the next revision of the MN MUTCD.

MnDOT Interim Approval online self-reporting form – Tiffany Kautz

There is a new website to self-report Interim Approval project locations coming soon.

12. Round Robin

Tiffany – The March MCUTCD meeting is cancelled.

Will – The City of Winona was awarded a grant from FHWA to [reconstruct Broadway Avenue](#) from a 4-lane to a 3-lane roadway with a two-way, left-turn lane in the middle. Construction should begin in the summer of 2021.