

**National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices**

**Council Meeting—Friday, January 09, 2009—Arlington, Virginia**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

Chairman Billingsley called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Executive Secretary Bob Garrett called the roll and the following council members were present:

AAA	No Delegate		
AAR	Mel McNichols	IACP	No Delegate
AASHTO	Del McOmie	IBTTA	Maurice Palumbo
	Dave Woodin	IMSA	Don Fullerton
	Rick Werts	ITE	Ross Airomloo
	Tim Taylor		Gene Putman
	Ken Kobetsky		John Fisher
	Tom Hicks		Paul Carlson
	Bruce Ibarguen		John LaPlante
	Ed Fischer		Andy Ramisch
AHAS	Jerry Donaldson		Gene Hawkins
AHUA	Jim Keaton		Ronnie Bell
APWA	Steve Oliver	NACE	Lee Billingsley
	Julio Fuentes		Jeff Blue
	Jim Sparks		John Logan
AREMA	Richard Campbell	HFR	Phil Garvey
ARTBA	Tim Cox	GHSA	Ron Lipps
ATSSA	Dave McKee	NSC	Dan Magri
LAB	Richard Moeur	ASCE	Bob Bryson
APTA	Paul O'Brien		
APBP	Michael Moule		

Honorary, Non-Voting Members: Jim Pline, Dick Luettich, Dave Kuemmel, George Butzer

Secretary Garrett declared a quorum with 37 of 39 voting members present. Also present were approximately 130 other members and visitors.

**Markings Committee Report**

Markings Committee chair, Gene Hawkins, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 21 members and from two to six visitors present. They worked primarily on the proposed new section 3A.06 which had been sent to sponsors after the June 2008 meeting. The committee made some changes based on Sponsor recommendations and Tim Taylor and Jim Ellison presented the final recommendations.

**Moved by Taylor, seconded by Ellison to approve the language as presented by the Markings Committee. Motion failed 23-9-3.**

There was discussion relating to the lack of specific numbers in the table.

**Moved by Kobetsky, seconded by Putman to delete the language relating to the table. Motion passed 30-1-2.**

There was further discussion and recommendations for changes.

**Moved by Kobetsky, seconded by Putman to approve the amended language in Section 3A.06 as shown in (Attachment No. 1). Motion passed 26-6-2.**

**Moved by Kobetsky, seconded by Aber to direct the committee to work with FHWA to develop specific numbers for table. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Note: The proposed new Section 3A.06 as approved by the Council, was sent to FHWA February 4, 2009**

#### Bicycle Committee Report

Bicycle Committee Chair, Richard Moeur reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 14 and 15 members present. They have no action items to bring to the Council at this time.

#### Temporary Traffic Control Committee Report

TTC chair, Gene Putman, reported that the committee met Wednesday and Thursday with 29 members and nine visitors present. They heard reports from task forces and have no action items to bring to the Council at this time.

#### RW Signs Committee Report

RW Signs committee chair, Bruce Ibarguen, reported that the committee met Wednesday and Thursday with 26 members and six visitors present. They did develop some recommendations to be sent to Sponsors prior to the next meeting.

They also drafted a letter to be sent to FHWA (Attachment No. 2) which was read.

**Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Ed Fischer to approve the letter and send it to FHWA. Motion passed with none opposed and two abstaining.**

**Note: The letter was sent to FHWA February 2, 2009.**

The committee had no other action items to present to the Council at this time.

#### GMI Signs Committee Report

GMI chair, Bill Lambert reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 22 members and 3 visitors present. They have appointed new task forces to review parts of the MUTCD and discussed the June 09 meeting and have no action items for the Council at this time. They recommended looking into providing equipment for conference calls at the committee meeting in June.

### Signals Committee Report

Signals Committee chair, Ronnie Bell reported that they had met Wednesday with 30 members and five guests present and Thursday with 34 members and two visitors present. They took a straw poll and overwhelmingly support listing English units first, followed by metric units, in the MUTCD.

STC task forces are working on the following items:

- A recommendation by the NTSB to prohibit all-red flashing operation when in railroad preemption.
- Appropriate lane use signal displays in the event conflicting indications are identified.

The STC discussed the recommendation approved by the NC Council at the June 2008 meeting concerning emergency beacons and pedestrian beacons, specifically the use of simultaneous red flash versus the use of alternating red flash. A history of STC and NC actions on this matter was presented. Based on concerns raised by the 4E Task Force of the STC and the NC Pedestrian Task Force, the STC asks that the NC Council vote to reinstate the alternating flash, as previously reviewed by the sponsors, approved by the NC Council, and included in the NPA, and eliminate the simultaneous flash requirement.

**Moved by Bell, seconded by Moule to approve changes to Sections 4F.03 and 4G.04 to revert to the alternating flash operation previously approved for pedestrian hybrid beacons and for emergency-vehicle hybrid beacons and submit a letter to FHWA notifying them of support of the operation of these changes.**

**After some discussion there was a motion by Donaldson, seconded by Cox to table the motion. Motion failed with 2 in favor.**

**Following additional discussion, the motion failed 20-11-4.**

### Research Committee Report

Research committee chair, Ken Kobetsky reported that last night's tour of the FHWA Turner-Fairbank Research Center was attended by 78 people. He thanked the anonymous donor for paying for a 55 passenger bus and AASHTO for furnishing 25 pizzas and four cases of soda. There were three presentations and two tours. He recommended that funding for a bus be included in the budget next year. He also recommended that the technical committees work to develop research statements.

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RRLRT Technical Committee Report

RRLRT Committee chair, Rick Campbell, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 28 and 31 members present. They will have items to send to Sponsors, but have no action items for the Council at this time.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Garrett, Executive Secretary.