



National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Chair's Message

CHAIR'S MESSAGE #5
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GENE HAWKINS, NCUTCD CHAIR

As election season winds down, the NCUTCD has new material to fill your mailbox. Yes, the sponsor comments have been returned and it is time to begin our final preparations for the January 2019 meeting. There are a number of important announcements in this message.

MUTCD Updates and Actions

- **MUTCD Revision Schedule:** As I shared in a recent email message, the FHWA has formally announced plans to update the MUTCD. A specific date for an NPA has not yet been announced. This is great news from FHWA as we have all been looking forward to seeing the many NCUTCD recommendations addressed in the rulemaking process. We all look forward to hearing more during the FHWA report in January. I have asked the technical committee chairs to prepare their committees to be able to respond to the NPA in a timely manner.

January 2019 NCUTCD Meeting Information

- **Date:** Our next meeting is January 9-11, 2019 at our usual place in Arlington, VA. Details are on the website.
- **Pre-registration:** So far, we are ahead of the registration numbers for last year at this time. As of October 24, we have 101 registered, with 6 of those being first time attendees. Last year, it was 77 at this point in time.
- **Recommendations:** The recommendations sent to sponsors are listed below.
 - ♦ 18B-RW-01: Crosswalk Stop on Red Sign
 - ♦ 18B-RW-02: Left Turns Yield on Flashing Yellow Arrow Sign
 - ♦ 18B-RW-03: Speed Limit Procedures
 - ♦ 18B-GMI-01: Exit Numbering
 - ♦ 18B-MKG-01: Remove Outdated References
 - ♦ 18B-MKG-02: Lane Reduction Marking Warning Distance
 - ♦ 18B-SIG-01: Pedestrian Signal Requirements
 - ♦ 18B-SIG-02: Bike Signal Faces
 - ♦ 17B-TTC-01v3: Double Headed Arrow to Indicate Interior Lane Closure
 - ♦ 18B-BIK-01: Turning Vehicles Yield R10-15
 - ♦ 18B-BIK-02: Bike Pass Clearance Sign
 - ♦ 18B-BIK-03: Vehicle Prohibition Sign
 - ♦ 18B-BIK-04: Rail Flangeway Warning Sign
 - ♦ 18B-BIK-05: Buffered Bike Lane Markings
 - ♦ 18B-BIK-06: Bike Detector Marking
 - ♦ 17B-RW-01: TC Guideline for Curves

- **Sponsor Comments on Proposals:** The comments received from sponsors are on the website. Below is a summary of the comments on each item.

Item	Total number of comments received	Fully Concur	Concur in Part	Do Not Concur	No Vote
18B-RW-01	10	70	3	3	6
18B-RW-02	18	65	8	3	6
18B-RW-03	90	50	23	5	9
18B-GMI-01	101	48	21	6	8
18B-MKG-01	6	65	9	2	7
18B-MKG-02	21	46	22	9	8
18B-SIG-01	77	37	33	4	9
18B-SIG-02	24	58	12	3	10
17B-TTC-01	44	53	21	3	8
18B-BIK-01	31	57	16	0	9
18B-BIK-02	23	57	14	2	9
18B-BIK-03	13	66	7	1	9
18B-BIK-04	29	52	13	8	9
18B-BIK-05	26	61	11	2	10
18B-BIK-06	18	56	11	6	9

- **Thursday and Friday General Sessions:** Due to the number of items sent out for review/comment, I have scheduled only two external speakers for the Thursday General Session (Kevin Sylvester, FHWA and Matthew Roe, NACTO). I have asked the technical committee chairs to have some items to present to Council in the Thursdays session. With 15 total items, I do not expect the General Session on Friday to end before lunch, although you never know. If you are on Council, please make travel plans accordingly or arrange in advance for an alternate if you must leave Friday before we finish.
- **Scheduled Meetings:** We have not yet finalized the schedule for task force and other meetings on Wednesday. If you need meeting space for a task force or other NCUTCD group, please contact Bob Garrett with your request.

June 2019 NCUTCD Meeting Information

- **Columbus, OH Meeting:** The June meeting will be June 19-21, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Columbus, OH. If the NPA comes out before our June meeting, this will be a very busy meeting. We are holding open the potential to meet on Saturday pending FHWA announcing their schedule for rulemaking. A decision on Saturday meeting will be made in the spring. Please keep this in mind with respect to travel arrangements.

NCUTCD Activities and Actions

- **Sponsor Review of Proposals:** As indicated previously, the NCUTCD sent 15 proposals for MUTCD changes to our sponsors for review and comment. The sponsor review/comment is the most essential portion of our consensus-building process. As our consensus-building process is the great strength of the NCUTCD, each technical committee should carefully consider each of the comments that we receive from our sponsors.

- **TC Leadership Web Meeting:** I conducted a web meeting with the leadership of the technical committees on September 4. Numerous issues were discussed during the meeting, with a focus on preparing for a potential NPA on the MUTCD during 2019. There were 24 participants in this web meeting.
- **Training Session on Standard Format:** I conducted a webinar on October 2 for technical committee secretaries, vice-chairs, and chairs on the standard format for NCUTCD proposals. I hope that this helps improve the consistency of our proposals sent out for review. The webinar was recorded for those that may be preparing proposals in the future and the details to access this were shared with the technical committee chairs.
- **New Markings Chair:** Dave Woodin has stepped down as chair of the Markings Technical Committee and Zoubir Ouadah has been named as the new chair. I extend my thanks to Dave for his 6 years of service as chair and my congratulations to Zoubir for his appointment.
- **Operating Procedures Updated:** The Executive Board approved some updates to the Operating Procedures. The changes were mostly editorial, but included the addition of a new policy on display of proprietary products at NCUTCD meetings, which was approved in concept at the January 2018 meeting. Bill Lambert will be chairing a committee that will be evaluating the Bylaws and Operating Procedures and recommending changes.
- **Suggestion Box:** A reminder of the NCUTCD suggestion box on the website.
- **NCUTCD Representation:** A reminder that only the NCUTCD chair can speak for the NCUTCD and that the Council is the only NCUTCD that can establish NCUTCD policy or recommendations. If you are presenting draft materials or seeking input from outside groups in developing draft materials, make sure that others understand that the efforts represent a task force or technical committee activity and do not represent an official NCUTCD policy until approved by the Council.
- **NCUTCD History:** The last page of this message is the schedule for the NAC meeting in January 1979. This was the last meeting of the NAC before it was disbanded by the federal government. It was reformed in June 1979 as the NCUTCD. I found the paper program in some files of one of my library donors and thought that our members might find it interesting.

NCUTCD Member Activities

- John Hansen, Gene Hawkins, Randy McCourt, Jonathan Upchurch, and Charles Meyer: "MUTCD Panel Session" at the Joint ITE Western and Texas Districts Meeting, Keystone, CO on June 25, 2018.
- Bill Desantis and Patrick Baxter: "Living on the Edge: Innovative Bicycle Traffic Control Device Experimentation and Risk" at the TRB Annual Workshop on Transportation Law in Cambridge, MA on July 16, 2018.

Administrivia

- A link to the Chair's Message is posted on NCUTCD's Facebook and Twitter accounts after they are sent to members (<https://www.facebook.com/ncutcd> and <https://twitter.com/ncutcd>).

NAC		GENERAL SESSION AGENDA	
MEETING SCHEDULE - JANUARY 10-12, 1979		NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	
SPRINGFIELD HILTON, SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA		NAC ANNUAL MEETING	
Wed., Jan. 10 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Registration		Springfield Hilton, Springfield, Virginia	
7:30 p.m. Executive Committee - San Juan		January 12, 1979	
Thurs., Jan. 11 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration		8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
8:00 - 5:00 Subcommittee Meetings		A - Call to Order - R. E. Conner, Executive Director	
Signs	Kingston	B - Opening Remarks - A. R. Pepper, Chairman J. J. Crowley, FHWA	
Signals	St. Thomas	C - Introduction of Guests - A. R. Pepper	
C&M	Montego Bay	D - Report of Officers	
Markings	Dorado	1. Chairman	
Grade Crossings	San Juan	2. Vice Chairman-Programs	
12 Noon Group Luncheon	St. Croix	3. Vice Chairman-Research	
7:30 p.m. Research	St. Thomas	4. Executive Director	
Fri., Jan. 12 8:00 - 5:00 General Session St. Thomas		E - Reports & Recommendations of Subcommittee Chairmen	
12:00 Noon Group Luncheon St. Croix		1. Construction and Maintenance, T. Hicks	
Coffee will be served at approximately 10 a.m. each day outside the St. Thomas room.		2. Signs, J. Gallagher	
		3. Signals, D. Kuemmel	
		4. Markings, J. Nadon	
		5. Grade Crossings, A. Burnham	
		F - Other Reports and Comments	
		1. NAC Members	
		2. Guests and General Public	
		G - Other Business	
		1. 1979 Mid-Year Meeting	
		2. 1980 Annual Meeting	
		3. Other	
		H - Adjournment	