

National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

General Session—Friday, January 20, 2006—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	Jeffrey Bagdade		
AAMVA	(No delegate)		
AAR	Mel McNichols	IACP	James DeFord
AASHTO	Tom Hicks	IBTTA	Kerry Ferrier
	Dave Woodin	IMSA	Don Fullerton
	Barry Warhoftig	ITE	Tom Aber
	Tim Taylor		Gene Putman
	Ken Kobetsky		John Fisher
	Delbert McOrmie		Bruce Friedman
	Bruce Ibarguen		Gene Hawkins
	Ed Fisher		Jon Upchurch
AHAS	Gerald Donaldson		Kevin Woodard
AHUA	Jim Keaton		Ronnie Bell
APWA	Steve Oliver	NACE	Lee Billingsley
	Mohsin Zaidi		Jeff Blue
	Jim Sparks		John Logan
AREMA	Richard Campbell	HFR	Fred Hanscom
ARTBA	Fred Peil	GHSA	Ron Lipps
ATSSA	Dave McKee	NCUTL&O	Ray Pusey
LAB	Richard Moeur	NSC	Dan Magri
APTA	Paul O'Brien		

Honorary, Non-Voting Members: Jim Pline, Dick Luettich, Robbie Robinson, Dave Kuemmel

Secretary Garrett declared a quorum with 38 of 39 voting members present. Also present were approximately 80 other members and visitors.

Note: Sue Chrysler replaced Fred Hanscom at 11:40am. Roger Wentz replaced Dave McKee at 11:00am. Fred Peil left the meeting at 9:30am with no replacement.

Signals Committee Report

Signals Committee chair, Bruce Friedman, reported that the committee had met Wednesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon and evening until 9:45pm with 33 of 43 members and 14 guests attending. At the conclusion of this meeting, the new chair of the Signals committee will be Ronnie Bell and the new Vice-Chair will be Ray Pusey. The secretary will be John Hibbard. The committee heard four presentations and will have five items to go to Sponsors.

The Signals Committee had two items that went to Sponsors following the June 2005 meeting. The committee has reviewed and resolved all Sponsor comments and presented the two items for Council approval.

Moved by Friedman, seconded by Putman to approve the proposed revisions to Section 4B.04 as recommended by the Signals Committee (Attachment No. 1). Motion Passed unanimously.

Moved by Friedman, seconded by Pusey to approve the proposed revisions to Section 4E.10 as recommended by the Signals Committee (Attachment No. 1).

Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Sparks to change the proposed new Standard paragraph number 5 in Section 4E.10 relating to pedestrian clearance time to Guidance and change the word "shall" to "should". Motion passed 31-1-2.

Vote on the original motion to approve Section 4E.10 as amended (Attachment No. 1) passed unanimously.

There was a suggested editorial change in Section 4F.01 which will be made. No motion or vote needed.

Bicycle Committee Report

Richard Moeur, chair of the Bicycle Technical Committee reported the at committee had met Wednesday with 16 of 17 committee members present and Thursday with 18 of 19 members present. (Two new committee members were approved by the Executive Board Wednesday evening.) They will have three items to go to Sponsors following this meeting.

The committee approved seven proposals at the June 2005 meeting and they were sent to Sponsors for comment. The committee has reviewed and resolved the Sponsor comments and presents the following recommended changes to the Council:

Moved by Moeur, seconded by Kobetsky to approve the proposed change in the legend of the W5-4a sign from BIKEWAY NARROWS TO PATH NARROWS (Attachment No. 2). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Moeur, seconded by Alexander to Change the term "Bicycle Trail" to "Bikeway" in the introduction to the MUTCD as shown in (Attachment No. 3). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Moeur, seconded by Kobetsky approve the proposed changes to M Series auxiliary signs in Part 9 of the MUTCD as shown in (Attachment No. 4). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Moeur, seconded by Warhoftig to approve the proposed revision of the use of bicycle lane signs in Part 9 of the MUTCD as shown in (Attachment No. 5).

Moved by Sparks, seconded by Hawkins to amend the motion to add the wording "based on engineering judgment" to the end of the Guidance statement in 9C.04. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote on the original motion as amended passed unanimously (Attachment No. 5).

Moved by Moeur, seconded by Sparks to approve the proposed Reference Location Signs in Part 9 of the MUTCD as shown in (Attachment No. 6) Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Moeur, seconded by McOmie to approve the proposed D1 and D11 series bicycle guide signs in Part 9 of the MUTCD as shown in (Attachment No.7). Motion passed unanimously.

The seventh item on the R4-11 sign was not presented to the Council at this time.

Temporary Traffic Control Technical Committee Report

Gene Putman, chair of the TTC Technical Committee reported that the committee had approved eight recommendations at the June 2005 meeting and all the items had been sent to Sponsors for comment. He explained each change in response to Sponsor comments.

Moved by Putman, seconded by Oliver to approve the proposed changes to Section 6F.52 relating to Portable Changeable Message Signs as shown in (Attachment No. 8). Motion failed 9-20-6

Moved by Putman, seconded by Hicks to approve the proposed changes to Section 6C.08 Tapers as shown in (Attachment No. 9). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Putman, seconded by Sparks to approve the proposed changes to Section 6E.05, Flagger Stations as shown in (Attachment No. 10). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to approve the proposed changes to Section 6F.58, Channelizing Devices as shown in (Attachment No. 11). Motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to approve the proposed changes to 6I.01, 6I.02 and 6I.03 (Attachment No. 12).

Moved by Kobetsky, seconded by Sparks to amend the motion. Motion Passed unanimously with one abstention.

Vote on the original motion as amended (Attachment No. 12) was unanimous.

Discussion on Section 14.02 of the Transportation Bill SafTeaLu.

Moved by Putman, seconded by Kobetsky that Section 6D.03 be modified and that this recommendation be sent to FHWA without going to Sponsors because of time restraints. Some editorial changes were agreed to. (Attachment No. 13).

Motion by Warhoftig, seconded by DeFord to add the words “at a traffic incident” The motion failed 18-11-3.

The original motion (Attachment No. 13) was passed 28-2-3

Research Committee Report

Dave McKee, chair of the Research Committee reported that the committee met last evening at the Turner-Fairbank Research Center with about 35 committee members and visitors present. They heard a report of recent TRB and NCRRP research activities from Richard Cunard as well as four other presentations. The participants then visited the Highway Driving Simulator Laboratory.

Roundabout Report

Barry Warhoftig, Chair of the GMI Signs Technical Committee described proposed guide signs for the roundabout section of the MUTCD.

There was discussion of “fishhook” signs in Section 2D.08 and a motion which did not receive a second.

Warhoftig described proposed changes in Sections 2D.08, 2D.26, 2D.27, 2D.30, 2D.34, 2D.39, Figure 2D6, and new Figures 2D-7a and 2D-8.

Moved by Pusey, seconded by Bagdade to include the option statement that had been deleted. Motion failed 14-13-4.

Moved by Warhoftig, seconded by Hanscom to approve the proposed changes in Sections 2D.08, 2D.26, 2D.27, 2D.30, 2D.34, and 2D.39, Figure 2D-6 and new Figures 2D7a and 2D-8 as shown in (Attachment No. 14) Motion passed 32-2-0.

Bruce Ibarguen, chair of the RW Signs Technical Committee, explained the proposed changes to RW signs in the roundabout section.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Wentz to approve the proposed changes in roundabout RW signs as shown in (Attachment No. 15) Motion passed 27-5-2

RW Signs Technical Committee Report.

Bruce Ibarguen, chair of the RW Signs Technical Committee, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 24 of 29 members and five visitors in attendance. They will have three proposals to go to Sponsors following this meeting. There were 16 proposed changes that were sent to Sponsors after the June 2005 meeting. The committee reviewed and resolved all of the sponsor comments.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Logan to approve the proposed addition of language for ten RW signs in Part 2B of the MUTCD as shown in (Attachment No. 16). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Ferrier to approve the proposed addition of language for three RW signs in Part 2C of the MUTCD as shown in (Attachment No. 17) Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Logan to approve the proposed revisions to Section 7E.04 as shown in (Attachment No. 18). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded By Ferrier to approve the proposed revisions to Sections 1A.09, 2A.03, 2C.02 and 5A.02 as shown in (Attachment No. 19). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Campbell to approve the proposed revisions to Section 2C.50, Cross Traffic Does not Stop Plaque as shown in (Attachment No. 20). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by McOrmie to approve the proposed changes to Section 2B.40 as shown in (Attachment No. 21). Motion failed 23-7-4.

Motion by Ibarguen, seconded by Putman to approved the proposal to add the suffix “m” for metric signs as shown in (Attachment No. 22). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Moeur to approve the proposed changes to Part 2, Drawbridge Ahead Sign as shown in (Attachment No. 23). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Lipps to approve the proposed changes to Section 2B.17 Fines Higher Plaque as shown in (Attachment No. 24). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by LaPlante to approve the proposed changes to Section 1A.11 and Part 7, Traffic Control in School Areas as shown in (Attachment No. 25). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Putman to approve the proposed changes to Section 1A.07 as shown in (Attachment No. 26). Motion passed unanimously with 1 abstention.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Putman to approve the proposed changes to Section 2B.44, Pedestrian Crossing Signs as shown in (Attachment No. 27). Motion passed 27-5-3.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by LaPlante to approve the proposed changes to Yield Herr To Pedestrians Signs in Table 2B-1 as shown in (Attachment No. 28). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Ferrier to approve the proposed changes to Section 2A.08, Retroreflectivity and Illumination as shown in (Attachment No. 29). Motion passed unanimously.

Nomination Committee Report

Nominating Committee Chair, Bruce Ibarguen, reported the following nominations for NCUTCD officers:

Chair—Lee Billingsley
Vice-Chair for Programs—Tom Hicks
Vice-Chair for Research—Jeff Bagdade
Treasurer—John Logan

Chair Billingsley accepted the report and dismissed the Nominating Committee. He then asked if there were nominations from the floor. There were none.

The voice vote for NCUTCD Officers was unanimous.

Markings Roundabout Recommendations

Hawkins moved and Keaton seconded to remove from the table the recommendations on markings for roundabouts that was tabled yesterday. Motion Passed unanimously.

Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Kobetsky to approve the recommendations of the Markings Technical Committee on Roundabout Markings as shown in (Attachment No. 30). Motion passed unanimously.

GMI Signs Technical Committee Report

Barry Warhoftig, chair of the GMI Signs Technical Committee, reported that his committee had met Wednesday and Thursday. They will have some items to go to sponsors following this meeting. Following the June 2005 meeting they had five items that were sent to sponsors. They have reviewed the sponsor comments and have only one item to bring to the Council.

Moved by Warhoftig, seconded by Hicks to approve the recommendations of the GMI Signs committee for changes to Section 2E as shown in (Attachment No. 31). Motion failed 15-15-2

Markings Technical Committee Report

Gene Hawkins, Chair of the Markings Technical Committee, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 19 members present on Wednesday and 20 on Thursday. About 15 visitors attended each day. Following the June 2005 meeting they had three items which were sent to sponsors. One of these was on roundabout marking which has already been submitted to the Council and he presented the other two now.

Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Thorson to approve the recommendation of the Markings Technical Committee relating to the use of horizontal signing in Chapter 3B as shown in (Attachment No. 32). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Thorson to approve the recommendations of the Markings Technical Committee relating to the intended use of stop and yield lines in Chapter 3B as shown in (Attachment No. 33). Motion Passed unanimously with one abstention.

RR&LRT Technical Committee Report

Richard Campbell, chair of the RR&LRT Technical Committee, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday. They heard presentations and reviewed the sponsor comments to the four items that they had sent to sponsors following the June 2005 meeting. They will have four more items to be sent to sponsors following this meeting.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by McOrmie to approve the recommendation of the RR&LRT Technical Committee relating to vertical striping of gate arms in Part 8 of the MUTCD as shown in (Attachment No. 34). Motion Passed unanimously.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Hawkins to approve the recommendation of the RR&LRT Technical Committee relating to changes to Section 5F of the MUTCD as shown in (Attachment No. 35). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Woodard to approve the recommendation of the RR&LRT Technical Committee relating to standby power for preempted traffic control signals in Section 8D.07 of the MUTCD as shown in (Attachment No. 36).

There was discussion and motions which failed regarding where the requirement for backup power would apply.

Moved by Woodard, seconded by Hawkins to change the proposed new standard paragraph to guidance. Motion passed 28-1-3.

The original motion as amended (Attachment No. 36) was passed 28-1-3,

Moved by Campbell, seconded by McOrmie to approve the recommendation of the RR&LRT Technical Committee relating to crossbuck assembly in Sections 10B and 10C of the MUTCD as shown in (Attachment No. 37). Motion passed unanimously.

2006 Summer Meeting

David Church of KS DOT made a PowerPoint presentation on the 2006 summer meeting which will be held June 28-30 at the Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas.

New Member Orientation

Robby Robinson, chair of the Membership Committee reported on the New Member Orientation Meeting which was held for the first time this week. About 30 new members attended and the feedback was very positive. He also reported on the new NCUTCD brochure which was available for the first time at this meeting and thanked AASHTO for printing the brochure at no cost to NCUTCD. More copies will be printed and sent to every Sponsoring Organization.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17pm.

Respectively submitted,

Robert M. Garrett
Executive Secretary