

**National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices**

**Council Meeting—Friday, January 19, 2007—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	Peggy Gibbs		
AAMVA	No Delegate		
AAR	Mel McNichols	IACP	Kevin McCall
AASHTO	Rick Wertz	IBTTA	Kerry Ferrier
	Dave Woodin	IMSA	Don Fullerton
	Barry Warhoftig	ITE	Tom Aber
	Tim Taylor		Gene Putman
	Ken Kobetsky		John Fisher
	Tom Hicks		Bruce Friedman
	Bruce Ibarguen		Ross Aiomloo
	Ed Fischer		Andy Ramisch
AHAS	Gerald Donaldson		Gene Hawkins
AHUA	Jim Keaton		Ronnie Bell
APWA	Steve Oliver	NACE	Lee Billingsley
	Julio Fuentes		Jeff Blue
	Bob Garbacz		John Logan
AREMA	Richard Campbell	HFR	Gerry Alexander
ARTBA	Tim Cox	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 and Dave Kuemmel

Secretary Garrett declared a quorum with 38 of 39 voting members present. Also present were approximately 120 other members and visitors.

**Signals Committee Report**

Signals committee chair, Ronnie Bell, reported that the committee met with 37 members in attendance Wednesday and 35 on Thursday. They reviewed the sponsor comments to the three items that had been sent out and made some changes.

Signals No.1 New pedestrian beacon chapter. Bell explained changes made in response to sponsor comment. Richard Nassi presented information showing various treatments that have been used by different agencies to address pedestrian crossing needs.

**Moved by Bell, seconded by Campbell to approve Signals No.1 Proposed New Chapter 4M (Attachment No.1).**

**Moved by Campbell, seconded by Hicks to change to “simultaneously flashing beacon.” Due to concerns about having a wig-wag flash pattern for other than railroad signals. Bell noted that this type operation has previously been approved by the NCUTCD for an emergency beacon. Motion failed 7-30-0**

**Original Motion passed unanimously.**

Signals No.2 Proposed changes related to the use of “safe.” Bell reported that 8 of the 20 “safe” usages in Part 4 were modified in response to sponsor comments. The other 12 remain as sent to sponsors. He explained the changes to the 8.

**Moved by Bell, seconded by Pusey to approve Signals No.2 proposal on use of word “safe” (Attachment No.2). Motion passed unanimously.**

Signals No.3 Bell reported there were no changes in what was sent to sponsors. .

**Moved by Bell, seconded by Pusey to approve Signals No.3 proposed new Section 4D.07A (Attachment No.3). Motion passed unanimously.**

Bell then presented some additional items approved by the Signals Committee that will be presented to the Council for vote, but which have not been sent to sponsors because of the time constraints in getting recommendations in to FHWA. These recommendations will be sent to sponsors at the same time they are sent to FHWA.

Signals No.4 Bell explained a proposal to add some tables to various sections in Chapter 4D to illustrate the meaning and use of various signal heads or indications. No changes to the existing text are intended and there was discussion on whether this is considered as an editorial change.

**Moved by Bell, seconded by Pusey to approve the Signals committee recommendation on proposed new figures in Chapter 4D (Attachment No.4) . Motion passed unanimously.**

Signals No.5 Bell explained proposal to combine sections 4E.06 and 4E.09 into one Section with no change in the text.

**Moved by Bell, seconded by Pusey to approve Signals committee recommendation to combine sections 4E.06 and 4E.09 as shown in (Attachment No.5). Motion passed unanimously.**

Signals No.6 Bell explained proposal related to permitting pedestrians to begin their crossing during a pedestrian countdown signal display.

**Moved by Bell, seconded by Putman to approve the Signal Committee recommendation to modify the text of Section 4E.02 concerning the meaning of the flashing upraised hand. (Attachment No. 6).**

**Moved by Campbell, seconded by McNichols to prohibit this in cases where the pedestrian change interval is shortened during railroad preemption. During discussion the motion was revised (by friendly amendment) to include cases where the pedestrian change interval is shortened due to railroad or other preemption. Motion failed 2-28-0**

During discussion, it was noted that a change to the UVC would be needed as well as changes to state laws in various states in association with this recommended change to the MUTCD.

**Original motion passed 27-4-2**

Chairman Billingsley then introduced Tony Furst, Acting Office Director, FHWA and he made a few remarks.

#### Bicycle Committee Report

Bicycle committee chair, Richard Moeur, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 17 members present Wednesday and 18 Thursday. They reviewed the comments received for the one recommendation that had been sent to sponsors and made some changes and present the revised version to the Council today.

Bicycle No.1 Moeur explained the changes that had been made to the original version.

**Moved by Moeur, seconded by LaPlante to approve the final version of Bicycle No.1 to revise Sec. 9B.01 and Fig. 9b-1 (Attachment No.7). Motion passed on voice vote with one opposed and one abstention.**

Moeur then reported that the committee had looked at some of the pending items that have not been approved by the Council and have one item on shared lane markings to present for approval.

Bicycle No.2 Moeur explained that the original proposal had been sent to sponsors and presented at the June 2005 meeting and not approved by the Council. He explained California DOT has done research and adopted these markings and described changes that have been made by the committee since the original proposal.

**Moved by Moeur, seconded by Fisher to approve the proposal on shared lane markings (Attachment No.8).**

**Moved by Fisher, seconded by Kobetsky to change 35 mph to 30 mph. Motion failed 16-15-4.**

**Original motion passed 35-2-2**

#### Temporary Traffic Control Committee (TTC) Report

TTC Committee chair, Gene Putman, reported that the committee had met with 35 members and 17 guests Wed. and 37 members and 10 guests Thursday. They reviewed sponsor comments and made some changes to their recommendations which were presented for vote.

TTC No.1 Putman explained proposed changes to 6C, 6G and 6H and changes that had been made per sponsor comments.

**Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to approve TTC No.1 Proposed changes to 6C, 6G & 6H. (Attachment No.9). Motion passed on voice vote with one opposed.**

TTC No.2 Putman explained proposed changes to 6F.58.

**Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to approve TTC No.2 Proposed changes to 6F.58 (Attachment No.10).**

**Moved by Ferrier, seconded by Kobetsky to remove the crashworthy statement in 6F.58. Motion failed 8-25-4**

**Original motion passed 36-1-0**

TTC No.3 Putman explained changes regarding incident management.

**Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to approve TTC No.3 Proposed changes regarding incident management (Attachment No.11). Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.**

TTC No.4 Putman explained proposed changes to Section 6F.55, PCMS.

**Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to approve TTC No.4 Proposed changes in 6F.55 PCMS (Attachment No.12). Motion passed by voice vote with one abstention.**

Putman presented additional items for Council approval:

TTC No.5 Putman explained proposal on safe and reasonable safe (Attachment No.13)

**Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to approve the TTC committee proposal on safe and reasonably safe (Attachment No. 13). Motion passed unanimously.**

TTC No.6 Putman explained TTC Response to the Final Rule on Worker Visibility (Attachment No.14)

**Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to approve the TTC Committee recommended response to the Final Rule of Nov. 24, 2006 on worker visibility (Attachment No.14). Motion passed unanimously.**

TTC No.7 Tom Hicks read the proposed NC response to FHWA Docket 2006-23203 on Temporary Traffic Control Devices (Attachment No.15).

**Moved by Hicks, seconded by Putman to approve the NCUTCD response to Docket FHWA 2005-23203 Published Nov. 1, 2006 (Attachment No.15). Motion passed unanimously.**

Note: NCUTCD submitted this comment to the docket on January 29, 2007.

TTC No.8 Putman explained proposed changes to Section 6D.21 (Attachment No.16).

**Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to approve TTC proposal on section 6D.21 (Attachment No.16). Motion passed on voice vote with two in opposition.**

RW Signs Technical Committee Report

RW Signs committee chair, Bruce Ibarguen, reported that the committee had met Wed. and Thurs. with 24 members and 5 visitors present. The committee reviewed the sponsor comments on the 7 items that had been sent to sponsors and made changes. Four of those items had been presented to the Council yesterday and approved. He now presented the other items.

RW Signs No.4 Ibarguen explained changes.

**Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Lipps to approve RW No.4 (Attachment No.17). Motion passed unanimously.**

RW Signs No.1 Ibarguen explained changes.

**Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Lipps to approve proposed changes to 2C.06 in RW No.1 (Attachment No.18). Motion passed unanimously.**

**Moved by Ibarguen, Seconded by Lipps to approve the RW committee proposed changes to the remanding sections in RW No.1. (Attachment No.18).**

Note: Attachment No.18 includes the final approved version of RW No.1.

**Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Fisher to revise the sentence on turn signs. Motion passed 26-4-2.**

**Original motion as amended passed unanimously.**

Markings Committee Report

Markings committee chair, Gene Hawkins, reported that the committee had met with 20 members and 13 visitors Wed. and 22 members and 8 visitors Thurs. They reviewed sponsor comments to the three items which had been sent to sponsors and made some changes.

Markings No.1 Hawkins explained changes.

**Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Woodin to approve Markings No.1 (Attachment No.19). Motion passed unanimously.**

Markings No.2 Hawkins explained changes.

**Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Moeur to approve Markings No.2 (Attachment No.20). Motion passed unanimously.**

Markings No.3 Hawkins explained changes.

**Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Fisher to approve Markings No.3 (Attachment No.21).  
Motion passed unanimously.**

At 12:20pm Chairman Lee Billingsley left and Tom Hicks took over as chair.

RRLRT Technical Committee Report

RRLRT Committee chair, Rick Campbell, reported that the committee had met with 30 members present Wed. and 31 on Thurs. They reviewed the sponsor comments to the two items that had been sent to sponsors and made some changes.

RRLRT No.1 Campbell explained changes.

**Moved by Campbell, seconded by McNichols to approve RRLRT No.1 (Attachment No.22).  
Motion passed unanimously.**

RRLRT No.2 Campbell explained changes.

**Moved by Campbell, seconded by McNichols to approve RRLRT No.2 (Attachment No.23).  
Motion passed unanimously**

Campbell then presented several other items for Council approval that will be sent to FHWA without going first to sponsors because of the time constraints.

RRLRT No.3 Campbell explained proposed changes to Section 10C.21.

**Moved by Campbell, seconded by McNichols to approve RRLRT proposed changes to Section 10C.21 (Attachment No. 24). Motion Passed unanimously.**

RRLRT No. 4 Campbell explained proposed changes to Section 10A.01 to make it the same as 8A.01

**Moved by Campbell, seconded by McNichols to approve RRLRT proposed changes to Section 10A.01 (Attachment No.25). Motion passed unanimously.**

RRLRT No. 5 Campbell explained proposed changes to the definition in Section 8A.01.

**Moved by Campbell, seconded by McNichols to approve RRLRT proposed changes to the definition in Section 8A.01 (Attachment No.26). Motion passed unanimously.**

RRLRT No. 6 Campbell explained proposed addition to Section 8B.08, barrier gate. After some discussion it was suggested that this be sent to sponsors and not to FHWA. No motion was made.

G/MI Signs Committee Report

G/MI Signs Committee Chair, Barry Warhoftig, reported that the committee had met Wed. and Thurs. They have no items to present to the Council and will have one item to go to sponsors.

Research Committee Report

Ken Kobetsky reported that the Research Committee met last night. They heard some reports and set three goals for the future:

1. Take a more proactive approach to obtain research needs and problem statements from the technical committees.
2. Actively work with various committees to disseminate information on current research efforts and technologies.
3. Provide information and general guidance on experimentation improvements.

Future planned meeting activities include:

- Increased presentations by researchers.
- Increase in dialog about new roles in research committee for NCUTCD
- Explore ideas for other venues to determine other “best Practices”.

Pedestrian Task Force Report.

Pedestrian Task Force Chair, John LaPlante, reported that they had met on Wednesday with 22 people in attendance, including 12 technical committee members.

There were a number of status reports on several pedestrian related TCD Pool Fund Studies joint research projects, and other pertinent projects. There were also reports from the RRLRT, TTC and Signals technical committees on the status of their pedestrian related issues. In addition the committee heard a presentation by Rick Jones and Ron Van Houten on a new stutter flash pedestrian crossing traffic control device.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm

Respectively submitted,

Robert M. Garrett, Executive Secretary

