

National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Council Meeting—Friday, June 22, 2007—Lake Tahoe, Nevada
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	Jeff Bagdade		
AAR	Mel McNichols	IACP	No Delegate
AASHTO	Scott Thorson	IBTTA	Kerry Ferrier
	Dave Woodin	IMSA	Don Fullerton
	Barry Warhoftig	ITE	Tom Aber
	Scott Thorson		Gene Putman
	Ken Kobetsky		John Fisher
	Tom Hicks		Bruce Friedman
	Bruce Iburguen		John LaPlante
	Kurt Smith		Andy Ramisch
AHAS	Gerald Donaldson		Gene Hawkins
AHUA	Jim Keaton		Ronnie Bell
APWA	Steve Oliver	NACE	Lee Billingsley
	Richard Nassi		Gene Russell
	Jim Sparks		John Logan
AREMA	Richard Campbell	HFR	Phil Garvey
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,

Secretary Garrett declared a quorum with 37 of 38 voting members present. Also present were approximately 100 other members and visitors.

RW Signs Technical Committee Report

RW Signs Committee chair, Bruce Iburguen reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday afternoons with 23 members and 6 visitors present. Some new task forces were appointed in preparation for the review of the NPA on the new MUTCD and the Edit committee recommendation on formatting was approved. Iburguen then reported on the remaining RW items that had been sent to sponsors.

RW No. 4

Moved by Iburguen, seconded by Puttman to approve the RW Signs Technical Committee recommendation on Parking Fee Signs, Sections 2B.39 & 2B.40 (Attachment No. 1). Motion passed unanimously.

There was a suggestion that the hours of available parking be shown.

RW No. 5

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Lipps to approve the RW Signs Technical Committee recommendation on Parking Signs, (Green Red Circles) Sections 2B.39 & 40 (Attachment No. 2). Motion passed unanimously.

Noted that RW No. 7 will be handled by the TTC Technical Committee.

RW No. 8

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Lipps, to approve the RW signs Technical Committee recommendation on new traffic patterns. Motion failed 15-19-3.

There was discussion on the need for this sign and suggestion on removing the word "Ahead".

Signals Committee Report

Signals Technical Committee chair, Ronnie Bell, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday afternoons with 32 members present both days. The committee is working on two potential research problem statements. He then reported on the three items that had been sent to sponsors.

Signals No. 1

When sent to sponsors, this item recommended adding some figures/tables in Chapter 4D to supplement the existing text. The existing text was recommended to be retained at this time. Based on sponsor comments, the STC has revised the recommendation to substitute the new figures/tables for the existing text. Due to the magnitude of this change, this item will be sent back to sponsors for additional comments.

Signals No. 2

This item recommends that Sections 4E.06 and 4E.09 be combined. The revised text is to be prepared by FHWA for inclusion in the NPA. Since that NPA has not yet been issued, no action was taken on this item at this meeting. It will be addressed at the January 2008 meeting.

Signals No. 3

This item had already been approved by the Council in January 2007. The Signals Committee made some minor editorial changes in response to sponsor comments. An NC Council member commented on the complexity of the sentence as proposed and recommended separating it into two sentences. This change is also considered editorial.

Markings Committee Report

Markings Technical Chair, Gene Hawkins, reported that the committee had met Wednesday with 20 members and 7 guests and Thursday with 21 members and 8 guests present. Duane Thomas has accepted appointment as committee secretary. A task force on pavement markings in school zones has been appointed and other task forces reported. Two long time members of the Markings Committee, Hans Jenson and John Bemelen, will be retiring at the end of this meeting; Two markings items had been sent to sponsors and Markings No. 2 was acted on yesterday. The other was now presented.

Markings No.1

Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Thorson, to approve the recommendation of the Markings Technical Committee on Other White Longitudinal Pavement Markings, Sections 3A.06 and 3B.05 (Attachment No. 3).

Motion by LaPlante, seconded by Ferrier to change the wording “shall” to “should” in the following text “For parallel exit ramps, as shown in Figure 3B-8a, a dotted line should extend from the beginning of the deceleration taper to the beginning...”. Motion passed 28-3-3.

Motion by John Fisher, seconded by Ed Fischer to amend the note to “dotted or lane drop line”. Motion passed with 3 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Moved by Ferrier, seconded by Cox to table this item. Motion failed 8-24-4

Original motion as amended was approved 34-2-1

2008 NCUTCD Summer Meeting

Tim Taylor gave a power point presentation on the 2008 summer meeting which will be held in Mobile, Alabama June 18-20, 2008.

RRLRT Technical Committee Report.

RRLRT Technical Committee chair, Rick Campbell reported that the committee met Wed. and Thurs. with 24 and 26 members respectively present. All of their recommendations were presented and acted on by the Council at the January 2007 meeting and they have no additional action items for this meeting. They have four items to be sent to sponsors. He also reported that RRLRT committee member, Joe Kyle, was forced to return home from the meeting after learning of the death of his 19 year old son in an auto accident.

TTC Technical Committee Report

TTC Committee chair, Gene Putman, reported that the committee met Wednesday and Thursday afternoons with 35 members and 10 guests present. He presented two items for Council vote both of which had been approved at the January 2007 meeting and sent to FHWA and to Sponsors. Comments were received from sponsors and the committee made some changes.

TTC No. 1

Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to approve the recommendations of the TTC Technical Committee on “Safe and Reasonably Safe” in Part 6. (Attachment No. 4) Motion passed unanimously.

TTC No. 2

Moved by Putman, seconded by Hicks to approve the recommendation of the TTC Technical Committee on TTC for aerial lift operations (Attachment No. 5). Motion passed 32-3-0.

RW No. 7

This item had been tabled yesterday until the TTC committee had an opportunity to review it. The TTC committee voted unanimously to approve the wording to be included in Part 6.

Moved by Putman, seconded by Iburguen to approve the recommendation of the RW Signs and the TTC committees regarding Temporary Traffic Control Zone Speed Limit Sign in Sections 2B.13 & 6G.06, Figures 2B-1 & 6F-3 and Table 2B-1 (Attachment No. 6). Motion passed with two in opposition.

GMI Signs Committee Report

GMI Signs Technical Committee chair, Barry Warhoftig, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 27 members and 6 visitors present each day. The new chair of GMI Signs following this meeting will be Bill Lambert. They have no action items.

Bicycle Committee Report

Bicycle Committee chair, Richard Moeur, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday afternoons with 11 and 12 members present respectively. There were 7 guests each day. The committee has no action items to present at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectively submitted

Robert M. Garrett, Executive Secretary.