

National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Council Meeting—Thursday, June 23, 2011—Boise, Idaho

Minutes of Meeting

Chairman Billingsley called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

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

AAA	Jeff Bagdad	HFR	Susan Chrysler
AAR	David Peterson	IACP	No Delegate
AASHTO	Robert Dean	IBTTA	Maurice Palumbo
	Mark Luczez	IMSA	Don Fullerton
	Tom Hicks	ITE	Gene Hawkins
	Bruce Ibarguen		Jim Ellison
	Bill Lambert		Ronnie Bell
	Lee Roadifer		John Fisher
	Mark Wilson		John LaPlante
	John Leonard		Gene Putman
AHUA	Jim Keaton		Andy Ramisch
APBP	Bill Schultheiss		David Woosley
APTA	Paul O'Brien	LAB	Richard Moeur
APWA	Steve Oliver	NACE	Lee Billingsley
	Bob Garbacz		Jeff Blue
	Jim Sparks		John Logan
AREMA	Richard Campbell	NSC	Dan Magri
ARTBA	Richard Brown		
ASCE	Bob Bryson		
ATSSA	Roger Wentz		
GHSA	Ron Lipps		

Honorary, Non-Voting Members: Jim Pline, George Butzer

Secretary Garrett declared a quorum with 37 of 38 voting members present. Also present were approximately 150 other members and visitors.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last two council meetings January 20 & 21, 2011. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report of Executive Board Actions

Chair, Lee Billingsley, reported that the Executive Board had met last evening and took action on the following items:

- Approved six new Technical Members (Attachment No.1)

Billingsley then called each of the new members forward to receive an NCUTCD membership pin.

- Approved the Budget for the June 2012 Meeting which will be held next June in Orlando, Florida. The exact date and hotel have not been determined yet.

- Approved the Budget for fiscal year 2012
- Appointed a nominating committee for the election of officers at the January 2012 meeting.
- Approved the Executive Secretaries contract for fiscal year 2012.

FHWA Report

Hari Kalla gave a report of FHWA recent activities including the following:

- Introduced new FHWA staff member, Eric Ferron who will be working with the NCUTCD RW Signs Technical Committee.
- FHWA is aware of concerns with the rulemaking regarding the definition of “standard” and is preparing a new NPR on this.
- Scott Wainwright made a presentation on the Pooled Fund Studies.
- FHWA has a goal of reformatting the MUTCD and has asked NCUTCD Technical Committees to identify all standards which could be omitted or changed.

John LaPlante expressed concern with FHWA making executive decisions regarding the MUTCD outside the normal NPA process and in direct contravention of recognized research results. He gave as examples, the unwarranted virtual exclusion of HAWK pedestrian beacons at unsignalized intersections and the ignoring of crosswalk research for marked crosswalks on high-speed and high-volume roadways, both of which will be discussed later in this meeting.

Kalla responded that the input was appreciated. FHWA strives to follow the proper process, but sometimes can make mistakes.

James Sparks asked Hari Kalla to define FHWA’s position on the substantial conformance issue. Kalla responded that FHWA has received letters on this issue from several organizations and is working to develop a specific position. Part of the answer is a review of standards in the MUTCD, which is being done now by NCUTCD committees. FHWA did issue a definition of standard, but is now reconsidering and will be issuing a new NFP.

Richard Moeur asked what the timetable for a definition of substantial conformance is and Kalla responded that there has not been a definite timetable developed yet.

Edit Committee Report

Edit Committee chair, Tom Hicks, reported that the committee met yesterday with all committee members and five guests present.

They have been working for several meetings on developing a new definition of “Traffic Control Device” and he now presented the proposed definition (Attachment No. 2).

Moved by Hicks, seconded by Sparks, to approve the definition of Traffic Control Device as proposed by the Edit Committee.

There was discussion and two amendments approved.

Motion to approve amended motion defining Traffic Control Device as proposed by the Edit Committee (Attachment No. 2). Motion passed unanimously.

The committee also spent some time discussing the term “substantial conformance” in anticipation of possibly responding to a Federal Notice on this subject that occurred in 2006. The committee intends to develop a definition for “substantial conformance” for the January 2012 meeting.

Report on Canadian NCUTCD

John Logan made a power point presentation on the April 15-16 meeting of the Canadian NCUTCD.

Research Committee Report

Research Committee Chair, Paul Carlson, reported that the Research Committee will meet this evening. There will be several presentations and the committee will be reviewing research statements submitted by technical committees.

Summer 2012 NCUTCD Meeting

Mark Wilson of Florida DOT, made a power point presentation on the upcoming NCUTCD summer meeting in which will be held in Orlando next June. The location has just recently been selected and the exact date or Hotel has not been decided yet.

Technical Committee Reports

At this time, technical committees which have action items to report to the council presented those items.

Markings Committee

Markings committee chair, Gene Hawkins, reported that the committee had sent one item to Sponsors and met yesterday and reviewed the comments from Sponsors. The committee made one significant change in response to sponsor comments.

Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Ellison to approve the recommendation of the Markings committee for changes to Section 3B.18.

There was one amendment proposed which was approved 23-7-1.

The original motion, as amended, (Attachment No. 3) was approved unanimously.

Signals Committee

Signals committee chair, Ronnie Bell, reported that the committee had sent one item to Sponsors and met yesterday and reviewed the sponsor comments.

Moved by Bell, seconded by Pecora to approve the recommendation of the Signals Technical Committee for changes to Section 4F.02 (Attachment No. 4). Motion passed with one in opposition and no abstentions.

TTC Committee

TTC committee chair, Gene Putman, reported that the committee met yesterday and reviewed the 63 sponsor comments on the one item that they had sent to sponsors.

Moved by Putman, seconded by Keaton to approve the recommendation of the TTC Technical Committee for proposed language for a new section on Pedestrian Channelizing Devices which is recommended be placed after Section 6F.63 (Attachments No. 5a & 5b). Motion passed unanimously.

GMI Signs Committee

GMI Signs Committee chair, Bill Lambert reported that the committee met yesterday and reviewed the sponsor comments on the two items that they had sent to sponsors. He now presented the GMI committee recommendations on those two items.

Moved by Lambert, seconded by Palumbo to approve the GMI Technical Committee recommendation on the reorganization of Chapter 2E of the MUTCD (Attachment No. 6). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Lambert, seconded by Keaton to approve the GMI Technical Committee recommendation on Guide Signing for Freeway Split with Dedicated Lanes in Chapter 2E of the MUTCD.

After considerable discussion it was **Moved and seconded to table the motion and ask the GMI Signs committee to bring back a revised proposal tomorrow. Motion passed unanimously.**

Bicycle Committee

Bicycle Technical Committee chair, Richard Moeur, reported that the committee had met yesterday with 11 members and reviewed the sponsor comments on the three items that had been sent to Sponsors. He now presented the Bicycle committee recommendations on those three items.

Moved by Moeur, seconded by LaPlante to approve the Bicycle Technical Committee recommendation on revisions to Section 9C.04 of the MUTCD (Attachment No. 7). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Moeur, seconded by LaPlante to approve the Bicycle Technical Committee recommendation on a new design for the M1-8 Numbered Bicycle Route marker as shown in Section 9B.21 of the MUTCD. (Attachment No. 8). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Moeur, seconded by O'Brien, to approve the Bicycle Technical Committee recommendation on revisions to Section 2B.39 of the MUTCD (attachment No. 9). Motion passed unanimously.

RW Signs Committee

RW Signs Technical Committee chair, Bruce Ibarguen, reported that the committee had met yesterday and reviewed the sponsor comments on the five items that had been sent to Sponsors. He now presented the RW Signs committee recommendations on these items.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Lipps to approve the RW Signs Technical Committee recommendation on the size of regulatory signs on ramps as shown in Section 2B.03 and Table 2B-1 of the MUTCD (Attachment No. 10). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Keaton to approve the RW Signs Technical Committee recommendation on the size of warning signs as shown in Section 2C.04 and Table 2C-2 of the MUTCD (Attachment No. 11). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Heydel to approve the RW Signs Technical Committee recommendation on Photo Enforcement (Red Light) Sign as shown in Section 2B.55 , Table 2B-1 and Figure 2B-3 of the MUTCD (Attachment No. 12). Motion passed unanimously.

Ibarguen then introduced the next recommendation by saying that it was not sent to Sponsors this time because it had been previously sent to Sponsors in 2006 and approved by the Council in 2007 and 2008. Ibarguen explained how the committee developed the recommendations for changes to Table 2C-5.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Heydel to approve the RW Signs Technical Committee recommendation for changes to Table 2C-5 of the MUTCD.

After considerable discussion it was **Moved and seconded to table the motion and ask the RW Signs committee to bring back a revised proposal tomorrow. Motion passed 29-4-0.**

Ibarguen then explained that the committee had reviewed all Standards in Part 2B of the MUTCD and presented their recommendations for changes as separate motions for each section.

Moved by Ibarguen, seconded by Heydel to approve the recommendations of the RW Signs Committee for changes to Section 2B.03 of the MUTCD (Attachment No. 13).

There were two amendments proposed, both of which were approved **and the amended motion was approved with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.**

Moved and seconded to approve the recommendations of the RW Signs Technical Committee for changes to Section 2B.10 (Attachment No. 13). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved and seconded to approve the recommendations of the RW Signs Technical Committee for changes to Section 2B.11 (Attachment No. 13). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved and seconded to approve the recommendations of the RW Signs Technical Committee for changes to Section 2B.13 (Attachment No. 13). Motion passed unanimously.

Ibarguen then announced that the committee will reconsider their recommendation on Section 2B.14 and bring it back to the Council tomorrow.

Moved and seconded to approve the recommendations of the RW Signs Technical Committee for changes to Section 2B.26.

After discussion, this motion was withdrawn.

There being no further business today, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am

Respectfully submitted

Robert M. Garrett, Executive Secretary