

NCUTCD BTC Meeting Minutes January 18, 2006

Present: Richard Moeur, Tom Dodds, Tim Oliver, Bob Carrigan, Michael Jackson, Theo Petritsch, Jon Wertjes, Dwight Kingsbury, Dorin Fera, John Ciccarelli, John Allen, Bill Fox, John LaPlante, Ron Van Houten, James Mackay

Visitors: John Schubert, Bill Schultheiss, Cindy Engelhart

June 2005 Minutes

Unanimous – Minutes approved

Administrative Issues

RM Website will be updated with new information. SAFETEA-LU transportation bill was signed in August, but no money was set-aside for the MUTCD. Approximately \$1.5 million is needed for the 2008 edition of the manual. Any items for rulemaking must be in after the June '06 meeting, rulemaking to follow. Mailing list is hosted under Topica (with issues). May look for an alternate listserve provider in the future.

RM Membership updates – Paul Schimek has resigned, but will remain on the mailing list. We currently have 17 members, 11 of which are “government”. Michael Jackson is now a member, Bill Schultheiss will be voted on today. John Schubert will also be voted on today. Critical thing – we are the best TC in terms of attendance at the January meetings, but we are the worst for June meetings. Workaround is that we ballot electronically after June meetings.

JL Balloting requires a vote of 2/3rds of attendance – would apply to electronic balloting as well.

MJ New member orientation meeting this morning was very helpful to define procedures, context, history of the organization, types of participants, relationship to FHWA, proposal to standards, etc.

Sponsor Proposals

RM Future proposals will be identified for any controversial aspects. Historically, if we lose a vote, we have to start over again.

Shared Lane Marking

RM Fort Collins, CO and Portland OR have been granted permission to experiment. Markings Committee would want us to discuss this with them prior to submitting it again: we will not re-submit this for the 2008 edition of the manual.

Item #7 W5-4a Sign

No definitive sponsor comments for us to respond to.

Item #6 Introduction to the MUTCD “Bikeway” to “Bicycle Trail”

The BTC amended the proposal to also change references to "bicycle trail" in Part 1, and to add a definition of "bikeway" to Part 1.

Item #4 M Series Auxiliaries

No definitive sponsor comments for us to respond to.

Item #3 – Bike Lane definition - signs optional proposal

No significant changes. Task Force (Richard, Dwight, Bill S.) to make a list of reasons to support proposal (as currently drafted).

Item #2 – Bicycle Guide Signs

BTC discussed sponsor comments. Minor changes to wording of proposal. Draft Table 9B-1 and Figure 9B-4 will be revised by Moeur to clarify that existing D11-1 and D1-1b signs will still be permissible.

Thursday, January 19, 2006

Present: John Schubert, John Allen, **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, Dorin Fera, Bill Schultheiss, Dwight Kingsbury, Shawn Dikes, Theo Petritsch, Bill Fox, Bob Carrigan, Michael Jackson, John Ciccarelli, John La Plante, Tom Dodds, Ron Van Houten, Tim Oliver, Jon Wertjes,
Visitors: Joe Stafford, Cindy Engelhart, Gihon Jordan, and Pete Rusch

Item #5 Mileposts for Paths

One commenter had asked if a smaller size could be used for these signs. Although a reduced size could work, the BTC decided to stay with the 6" wide size as originally proposed in order to use standard-size sign blanks and to make the panels large enough for convenient fabrication & handling. BTC also agreed with adding a Support statement referring to Section 2D.46 for more information on numbering, etc.

Item #1 Bicycles May Use Full Lane sign

Consensus – Publish articles in the ITE, and LAB magazines (ACA, APBP, ASCE, Roads and Bridges too??), summarizing the inter-related Share the Road, Bikes May Use Full Lane, Shared Lane Marking and Door Zone issues. Do not move forward with seeking approval for the Bicycles May Use Full Lane sign at present, retain this topic within the committee, and gather more information, further research, and further development in the future.

Task Force – Theo Petritsch & Richard Moeur Email example pictures to Theo.

New items:

Inconsistencies with definition of “Traveled Way”

Consensus – Delete the term “bicycle lanes” from the current Edge Line Markings exclusion statement in Part 3B.07. Moeur to take to Markings Technical Committee for their action.

Colored Bike Lanes

Markings TC results: 1) Steve Bolt is now chairing a new NCUTCD task force on colored pavements. Theo Petritsch will be BTC rep to task force.

Advance Stop Lines

Pete Rusch brought a request to experiment with an advance stop bar topic to us, requesting input and feedback for evaluation criteria. Our feedback has enabled him to respond. Further committee comments can be forwarded to Pete Rusch.

Shared Lane Marking

The BTC will collect a list of jurisdictions of where the markings are being used, including misuse. This can be transmitted to Pete Rusch. Letters from jurisdictions using the marking that would like to see it in the MUTCD can be sent to Regina McElroy.

June '06 Meeting Topics

#1 Develop text and a figure to terminate bike lanes approaching roundabouts for Part 3H and 9C. Action Plan: Theo will make first attempt at wording, Richard will develop graphic. These products will then be posted on website for comments, comments to close by 3/15. Then forward the proposal to sponsors for their comments in April.

#2 Adapt Figure 9B-5 – must have proposal before June. Lead – Michael Jackson. Deadline: Mid February for draft, Mid March for Sponsor.

Future Meetings

June '06 will be at the Sheraton Overland Park, Kansas (adjacent to KC, MO) June 28th – 30th.
January 2007 meeting will also be the week of MLK Day (as this year was) - January 17th-19th.
June 2007 Lake Tahoe, CA
January 2008 meeting will be the first week of January - January 9th-11th.
June 2008 Gulf Coast of Alabama

Friday January 19, 2006

National session: Minor changes were made to proposals #2 and #3. All proposals except #1 were discussed and approved by Council and will be forwarded to Bob Garrett for submission to FHWA.

Respectfully submitted,

James Mackay