

NCUTCD BTC Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2005 Buffalo, NY

Present: Richard Moeur, John Allen, Dorin Fera, Dwight Kingsbury, Bill Fox, John LaPlante, and James Mackay

Guest: Kurt Smith (from Signals TC), Bill Schultheiss, Gabe Rousseau – FHWA, and Pete Rusch – FHWA Liaison

Committee Membership Update

RM The BTC now has 17 members: 11 government and 6 non-government. Bill Schultheiss' membership application is pending.

January Meeting Minutes

No objections from members who were present – however we were unable to approve due to the lack of a quorum.

Committee responses to Sponsor Comments on Shared Lane Marking

We discussed all of the sponsor comments. A few changes were made accordingly, including:

- Redefining the chevron stripe width dimension to show that it is 6” wide, measured transversely across the chevron stripe.
- Deleting the final Guidance statement originally proposed to Sponsors.
- Adding an Option statement that “The marking may be adjusted towards the center of the lane (if needed).”
- Creating an additional Standard statement that “Shared Lane Markings shall not be used on shoulders or in designated bicycle lanes.”
- Changing the first Option statement from “Where used...” to “If used...”
- Changing the first Support statement to “Help bicyclists position themselves in lanes too narrow for a motor vehicle and a bicycle to travel side by side within the same traffic lane.

Bikes Use Full Lane Signs

RM We will develop a proposal for presentation to Regulatory and Warning Sign Technical Committee (RWSTC) by Thursday afternoon.

Guide Signs

RM Showed and discussed a draft proposal that would delete the M7 series auxiliaries that duplicate existing M5/M6 auxiliaries.

Unanimous Take proposal as currently defined to GMITC on Thursday for concurrence.

Reference Location Signs (formerly known as mileposts)

RM. A draft proposal was presented for comment.

Unanimous Take to GMITC, as currently developed, with John A's amendment, for their concurrence prior to sending to sponsors.

Bicycle Guide Signing for GMI

RM Showed the committee a proposal for new bike route signs, with destination and distance information. This proposal will require new sign codes, and revising existing sign codes. Developed a proposal for presentation to GMITC.

Bicycle Route Numbering Scheme

No action taken

Existing Fixes for the Current, 2003 Edition of the MUTCD

RM Final Rule procedure changed "bikeway" to "bicycle trail." FHWA says that if we want to change it back to "bikeway" we have to put a proposal together. Our proposal would go directly to sponsors after BTC approval by email ballot.

W5-4A Bikeway Narrows

RM We developed a recommended revised legend for the existing W5-4a sign and take to RWSTC. .

W8-10 plaques

This topic is postponed until a future meeting.

Bike Lane Sign (R3-17) - Recommended vs. Mandatory

RM Version 5 of the proposal - make Bike Lane signs Guidance instead of Standard. - (6/22/05) will be sent to sponsors after BTC approval by email ballot.

Thursday June 23, 2005 BTC session

Present: **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, Richard Moeur, John Allen, Dorin Fera, Bill Fox, Dwight Kingsbury, John LaPlante, Bill Schultheiss

Guests: Pete Rusch – FHWA Liaison

BTC's Duties

There were no objections to Edit Committee's draft revision of the statement in NCUTCD bylaws

Unanimous Members present agreed to the bylaw revision proposed during the General Session by Dave McKee regarding BTC responsibilities including more than just bicycle-related signs.

Bikes Use Full Lane sign

BTC developed a proposal and presented it RWSTC. RWSTC expressed their input and concerns, and suggested a "BICYCLISTS MAY USE FULL LANE" version of the sign. This version will be voted on by the BTC via email and can then be sent to sponsors (pending a favorable BTC vote).

Bicycle Guide signs

BTC developed a proposal and presented it to GMITC. GMITC recommendation: bike symbol should always be to the left side of destination legend, not necessarily on same side as arrow. We agreed to GMITC's counterproposal, and we will adjust sign designs prior to BTC vote to approve (by email ballot) and sending to sponsors.

Bikeway Narrows

BTC developed a proposal to change the W5-4a sign to say "PATH NARROWS" and presented it to RWSTC. RWSTC concurred with proposal – send to sponsors after BTC approval by email ballot.

Standards change language

We developed a proposal that the term "bicycle trail" be replaced by "bikeway" in the first Standard, second paragraph, first sentence of the MUTCD Introduction. Will send to sponsors after BTC approval by email ballot.

Responses to public comments on Part Nine forwarded by FHWA

We completed our responses on the 34 public comments that FHWA had forwarded to us in the fall 2004. (Subsequent to our meeting, our responses were transmitted to Pete Rusch of FHWA.)

Friday NCUTCD Council Meeting

The Shared Lane Marking initiative was discussed and amended by Council to define the spacing of the marking at "...intervals based on engineering judgment" (not the 250' minimum distance originally presented). However, the motion failed 19-11-3 (a two-thirds majority vote was needed).

Respectfully submitted,

James Mackay