

**National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
June 2008 Meeting**

*Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel
Mobile, Alabama*

Bicycle Technical Committee (BTC)

Chair's Notes from meeting (in lieu of minutes)

All times Central Daylight Time (CDT)

*indicates non-mandatory function

Wednesday, 18 June 2008

12:00 PM*

Lunch

NCUTCD lunch with ticket or on your own elsewhere

1:00 PM

Convening of Bicycle Technical Committee

- Introductions
- January 2008 minutes
- Administrative issues
- Membership update
- BTC
 - Mike Colety's BTC application before Board today for approval
- NCUTCD Sponsors
 - Task Force has recommended adding ASCE and APBP as sponsors (see below)
 - NCUTLO is going out of business July 1, 2008 (see below)
- Other general items

1:30 PM

Rulemaking for Next MUTCD

- NCUTCD & BTC actions since January
- Newly identified comments on Part 9 (since January)
 - Figure 9C-8 (obstruction taper) - Change callout in Figure 9C-8 to be consistent with wording in Section 9C.06 - i.e. change "Pier, abutment, grate, or other obstruction" to "Drain grate or other roadway obstruction".
 - Table 9B-1 (sign sizes) - act on items not resolved in January (no roadway size for W5-4a)
 - W11-15 bike/ped combo sign - bring forward sign 3 from RVH study to Council (RWSTC concurs) - RCM to make formal request to RVH to do a follow-up study

2:50 PM

Break w/refreshments

3:15 PM

Newly identified comments on Part 9 (since January)

- Discrepancy between 1A.13, 2B.26, and 9A.03 (are bike lanes exclusive or preferential?)
- future action by BTC after rulemaking

Comments on other NCUTCD Parts by BTC

Part 1:

- no action items by BTC
- Ped TF: Add Ped Guide, PROWAG to references

Part 2:

- 2B.59, page 664, lines 35-36:
 - change "...to actuate a special bicycle phase or a concurrent vehicular green phase" to
- "...to actuate a green phase for bicyclists..." - RWSTC concurs

5:00 PM*

NCUTCD Pedestrian Task Force meeting until 7:00 PM

NCUTCD Board (Moer)

- ABPB, ASCE membership:
 - Board unanimously approved Bylaws change to allow adding APBP, ASCE
 - Bylaws changes require sponsor review
 - Final Council vote in January 2009

NCUTLO:

- NCUTLO going out of business July 1 2008
- No organization or agency will be owner or keeper of UVC & MTO
- UVC is sole resource relied upon by many states for uniform & definitive traffic laws
- Likely to result in greater disparity in laws

Supplemental NPA:

- Many changes in NPA were not initiated or reviewed by NCUTCD
- Many changes are controversial & far-reaching
- Cumulative scope of changes is immense - much greater than expected
- Many technical committees are not comfortable with rulemaking timeframe given scope of changes

- NCUTCD may formally ask FHWA for a supplemental NPA
- Supplemental NPA allows "starting over" with a new NPA with new & added content

7:30 PM*

BTC Group Dinner - Wintzell's Oyster House

Thursday, 19 June 2008

7:00 AM*

Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM

Reconvene Bicycle Technical Committee

Introduce FHWA reps - Bruce Friedman, Roland Stanger

Discuss FHWA-related issues

- Future items under FHWA experimentation - bike signals, etc

MUTCD review by BTC (cont).

Part 9:

- 9B.26 Object Markers

- Request adding half-size (6" x 18") Type 3 object markers to Part 9

- RWSTC concurs

10:00 AM

Break w/refreshments

10:30 AM

Current Issues Affecting BTC

- Portland, OR - Colored Bike Box:

- Letter from Portland in May 2008 agreeing to concessions

- 8 locs - full installations (done in March 2008)

- 7 locs - just bike boxes

- 7 locs - candidate BB locs used as controls with no devices

- 10 city BP coords, MPO, Congressmen, OTCDC wrote to FHWA in support

- Oregon Division Office did negotiation with Portland

- Monday, June 16: approval of conditional experimentation

- Columbia, MO colored bike lane experiment:

- inactive, will resubmit

MUTCD review by BTC (cont).

Part 3:

- 3B.07 changes made

- No other significant issues

Part 4:

- 4E.01 - ambiguity on applicability of pedestrian signal indications to non-walking bicyclists

- future action by BTC after rulemaking

- No other significant issues

Possible supplemental NPA Items:

- W11-15 sign - use preferred design

- SLM guidance? (see below)

Shared Lane Marking:

- Need better guidance (beyond MUTCD) for use of SLMs - see Seattle pictures

- Will AASHTO Guide include? We'll see

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- AASHTO Bike Guide Update (NCHRP 15-37) (LaPlante)

2:00 PM

MUTCD review by BTC (cont).

Part 6:

- 6F.70 Temporary Traffic Barrier, page 993, lines 29-50:

- These devices can create a serious crash or fall hazard for bicyclists. BTC opposes including this section unless these are used only for separating opposing-direction traffic or used on roads already closed to bicycle travel.

- line 31: delete "to channelize road users"

- line 32: add "on roadways already prohibited to bicycle travel" after "direction"

- needs TTC concurrence - *TTC DID NOT CONCUR - will not bring forward*

- 6F.76 Temporary RPMs

- Add wording from Part 3 re no use on right edge lines

- future action by BTC after rulemaking

- Figure 6F-4

- Add W11-1, W11-2, W16-1

- TTC concurs

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Break w/refreshments

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MUTCD review by BTC (cont).

Part 6:

- 6D.01 Pedestrian Considerations

- page 954, lines 18-19: Retain (do not delete) first deleted sentence: "When pedestrian movement through or around a worksite is necessary, a separate usable footpath should be provided."

- needs TTC concurrence - *TTC: Already fixed in wording changes to 6D.01 approved by Council in January 2008*

- Other items identified by Bill Fox: will need to wait for next rulemaking cycle (out of scope)

Part 7:

- 7A.02 School Routes

- page 1069, line 47: change "off-roadway sidewalk areas" to "other pedestrian routes" (ped issue)

- 7A.04 Scope

- page 1070, line 33: add "contains" (typo - no verb in sentence)

- 7A.05 Grade-Separated School Crossings

- page 1071, lines 8-20: Delete section entirely - not a TCD issue
- Which committee takes ownership of this?

Other Issues Affecting BTC

- Santa Cruz, CA - Lane Use Warning Sign
 - Considered R4-11 BMUFL, but rejected
 - CTCDC proposing warning sign with non-standard symbols
 - Will submit to FHWA as Federal experiment

MUTCD review by BTC (other identified items)

- 2L.06 Gates
 - Page 791, line 19: Add "sidewalk" to "roadway or pathway" - RWSTC concurs with minor additional changes

6:00 PM

Wrapup

Next Meetings:

- January 7-9 2009 - Arlington, VA
- June 18-20 2009 - Manchester, NH
- January 2010 - Arlington, VA

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Adjourn

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BTC Group Dinner (fish place)

Friday, 20 June 2008

7:00 AM*

Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM*

NCUTCD General Session (Moeur, LaPlante, Colety, others)

- Mike Colety recognized as new BTC member
- Council voted to request a comment extension period and a supplemental NPA to fix problematic items
- Edit Committee: many items approved, including adding requested references
- Canadian MUTCD report: Canadian TOMSC Report 258 (now final) dealt with bike + car sign very similar to Santa Cruz warning sign - also dealt with colored BLs in conflict areas & SLMs
- Temporary TC Committee: Finish Part 6 review with some changes - approved
- Bicycle Technical Committee:
 - Part 9 Changes:
 - Add half-size (6" x 18") Type 3 object markers to 9B.26 Object Markers - approved

- Delete "Roadway" size for W5-4a in Table 9B-1 - approved
- Change Figure 9C-8 callout - approved
- Changes in both Part 9 and other Parts:
 - Figures 2C-11 and 9B-3 - New W11-15 bike/ped combo sign - replace with revised sign based on study - approved
- Recommended changes by BTC in other Parts:
 - Change Section 2B.59 - approved
- Reconsidered items:
 - Revert use of FYG color for bicycle signs back to Option - Council reverses January 2008 vote & approves

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RWSTC Meeting - present Bicycle TC items

- 7A.02 - approved by RWSTC, but changed to "other pedestrian walkways" - will bring forward in RWSTC presentation
- 7A.04 - approved by RWSTC - will bring forward in RWSTC presentation
- 7A.05 - approved by RWSTC - will bring forward in RWSTC presentation
- 2L.06 - approved by RWSTC with minor modifications - will bring forward in RWSTC presentation

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Celebrate Mobile Parade (Royal St)

Saturday, 21 June 2008

7:00 AM*

Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM*

NCUTCD General Session (Moeur, LaPlante, others)

- RRLRT TC: Add 12" x 9" W10-9B NO TRAIN HORN plaque to Table 9B-1 and Figure 9B-3 - approved
- RWSTC: Included 2L and Part 7 changes in their items - approved
- Temporary TC: Council agreed to editorial changes suggested by BTC (but not 6F.70)
- Other discussion & votes until 6:15 PM (no direct impact on BTC)

Turned in revised complete Part 9 docket comment list to Bob Garrett for submittal to FHWA