

# OREGON TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES COMMITTEE

## 2003 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003

### Membership Changes

- ✓ Robin Lewis was nominated as 2004 Chairperson for the OTCDC
- ✓ Eric Niemeyer was nominated as 2004 Vice-Chairperson for the OTCDC

### Traffic Control Device Decisions, Discussions and Recommendations

- ✓ Approved revisions to the Sign Policy & Guidelines for the State Highway System ratifying longstanding informal policy limiting maximum recreational symbol signs allowed under guide signs on the state highway system and setting minimal sign sizes; adding new designs on WILDLIFE VIEWING signs, formalizing recreational symbol signs on interstate highways in Oregon and corrections to school signing including corrected text and a note stating that school crossing signs at signalized intersections shouldn't be added unless an engineering investigation indicates they are needed
- ✓ Reviewed local jurisdiction experience with countdown pedestrian signal experimentation
- ✓ Approved a proposed Oregon Supplement regarding crosswalks placed a car length behind Stop and Yield lines at unsignalized turn lanes as an optional use at unsignalized right turn lanes with raised islands to be included in the next revision to the Oregon Supplements
- ✓ Agreed to form a subcommittee to look at crafting language for the next legislature regarding driver response to non-functioning signals
- ✓ Reviewed the provisions of SB 179 regarding school zones; advised and approved sign assemblies in compliance with the new law
- ✓ Discussed the legal definition of the terms, Traffic Engineer and State Traffic Engineer as used in the Sign Policy and Guidelines. Suggested that further clarification be sought from the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS)
- ✓ Discussed legislative tasking in SB 663 for ODOT to conduct a study regarding the feasibility of expanding the number of locations where U-turns are permitted
- ✓ Reviewed proposed changes to the *Traffic Signal Approval Process* OARs which define the traffic signal approval process for locations on state highways. The committee will serve as the advisory committee during the official OAR adoption process

- ✓ Viewed Audible Pedestrian and Bulldog Pushbutton Demonstration
- ✓ Reviewed first draft of the updated Red Light Running (RLR) Camera Guidelines necessitated by changes in the law under SB 764
- ✓ Declined to get involved in a possible policy for marking no-passing striping through the approach of an intersection on county roads
- ✓ Approved the following revisions to the Sign Policy and Guidelines:

SIGN NO.	PAGE NO.	LEGEND/SUBJECT	REVISION
<b>January Revisions</b>			
--	5-11	Recreational Symbols-off interstate	New Policy
ORM-172	5-39	WILDLIFE VIEWING	New Design
ORM-173	5-40	WILDLIFE VIEWING	New Design
ORM-174	5-40	WILDLIFE VIEWING	New Design
ORM-175	5-40	WILDLIFE VIEWING	New Design
--	5-185	Recreational Symbols-interstate	New Policy
--	7-7	School Signing	Format change
--	7-8	School Signing	(metric) Corrected Text
--	7-9	School Signing	(English) Corrected Text
--	7-10	School Signing	Format change
--	7-11	School Signing	Format change
--	7-12	School Signing	Format change
--	7-14	School Signing	Add note on Engineering Study and format change
<b>May Revisions</b>			
OW 15-15	4-79	SNOW ZONE	Corrected dimensions-metric only
OW 20-1	4-110	STOPPED VEHICLES...	Spelling correction
---	5-9	Temporary Event Guidelines	Added provision 8
---	5-15	Historic Trail Signing Guidelines	Added page # references to Note 4
OI5-1	5-95	LEWIS and CLARK TRAIL	Clarified sheeting/legend colors
OI7-5a	5-103	1/4 MILE	Corrected numeral size-Std. Sz. sign
OI7-20	5-155	LEFT (RIGHT) 1/2 MI.	New Sign
OI7-21	5-156	LEFT (RIGHT) 1/4 MI.	New Sign
OI7-22	5-157	NEXT LEFT (RIGHT)	New Sign
OI7-23	5-158	NEXT EXIT	New Sign
CW20-9	6-67	CAUTION 24-HR FLAGGING...	New Sign
---	7-2	School Signing	Added paragraph clarifying use of fluorescent yellow-green color