

Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee

March 9, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Marion County Public Works
Salem, Oregon

Members Present: [Randall Wooley](#), Chair, City of Beaverton; [Alan Hageman](#), Vice-Chair, OSP; [Brian Barnett](#), City of Springfield; [Ed Fischer](#), Secretary, ODOT State Traffic Engineer; [Robin Lewis](#), City of Bend; [Joel McCarroll](#), ODOT Region 4; [Joseph Marek](#), Clackamas County; [Eric Niemeyer](#), Jackson County; [Charles Radosta](#), ITE/Kittelton & Associates; [Cynthia Schmitt](#), Marion County

Others Present: Doug Bish, Debby Corey, Katie Johnson, Chris Rowland, Greg Stellmach, ODOT Traffic-Roadway Section; Angela Kargel, ODOT Region 2 Tech Center; Tamera Abbott, Rick Braden, Oregon State Parks (retiring); Ed Chastain, Lane County; Orville Gaylor, Retired ODOT; Kevin Hottmann, Lyle Misbach, City of Salem; Tom Larsen, City of Eugene; Ian Amweg, Mark Needham, Washington County; Massoud Saberian, City of Lake Oswego; Jerilyn Wen, Marion County

Introduction – Approval of Minutes – Additional Agenda Items

Chairperson Randy Wooley, retiring chairperson, called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves. There were two additional non-agenda items. Cindy Schmitt then moved to accept the January 26, 2007 meeting [minutes](#), Ed Fischer seconded and they were approved.

Thanks to Randy Wooley and Election of New Chair, Vice Chair

Ed Fischer thanked Randy Wooley who is retiring after 6½ years of service to the OTCDC. Randy was presented with a plaque and a letter of appreciation. The committee then agreed to advance Vice Chair Alan Hageman to Chair and elect Cindy Schmitt to Vice Chair for the remainder of the term. 

OLD BUSINESS

[Sign Policy & Guidelines Update](#)

Greg Stellmach introduced the latest segment of [proposed changes](#) to the publication and reviewed proposed changes in Chapter 5. The committee acted as follows:

- Remove Section 2D.6 as proposed to rely instead on MUTCD Section 2D.6.

- Edit Section 2D.08 as proposed to delete metric references and to do a better job of clarifying the intention of the last sentence.
- Hold off on editing of 2D.11 until a future meeting. Oregon Parks Department wants to be able to keep using the smaller shield sizes within guide sign designs. 
- 2D.34 was approved as edited with a slight edit to indicate that all destinations in a given direction shall “share” rather than “have” one directional arrow. The number of destinations on a conventional road guide sign was changed from 3 to 4.
- Edit Section 2D.35 language on the location of signing at intersections as proposed in accordance with earlier changes to rely instead on the MUTCD.
- The segment on Intersection Guide Sign Guidelines will have continuing discussion about 3 items:
 - 1) Consider further definition and information on placement of Advance Guide Signs.
 - 2) Revisit discussion on the maximum number of destinations per sign.
 - 3) Check on the reference to Table 5-189 to see if there are inconsistencies with regard to interstate signing.

Two changes were accepted as proposed. Maximum number of destinations on an intersection guide sign was changed from 6 to 4 destinations. Revisions to information under number 4 were accepted as written.

- The segment on Recreational-Cultural Interest Area signs will be held for review by the Travel Information Council.
- Section 2D.45 approved as proposed.
- Section 2D.48 approved as proposed.
- There weren't any changes in the Rural Fire District Section.
- Section 2D.49 approved as proposed.
- The General Information section found directly under Section 2D.49 is confusing because it doesn't relate to Section 2D.49. The changes there will need to be reviewed by the Travel Information Council and brought back for discussion and approval at a future meeting.
- Deletion of the final paragraph regarding signs for private drives off state highway right of way was approved as proposed.
- The committee agreed that the whole segment on Radio Weather Information Signing Guidelines was obsolete and could be deleted.
- The segment on Banners Located on State Highway Right-Of-Way Guidelines was proposed by the committee to have the whole section deleted and leave the guidance



Dedication of Veterans Memorial Highway on November 11, 2000

to state "Procedures and rules pertaining to banners located on state highway right-of-way are defined in OAR 734-057-0020(4)(b)" with the caveat that the items in the policy would be reviewed with the current OAR to make sure that there isn't anything that would be left out by deleting it from the sign policy.

- Edits to the Policy for Private Drive Signs on State Right-Of-Way were approved with one change to have the 5th stipulation be changed to read "The permit shall specify the maintenance agreement".
- Edits to the Policy on Recreational Symbol Signs on the State Highway System were approved as proposed with the exceptions that it should go back to the same minimum sign sizes used for other locations and that the Region Traffic Section should have responsibility for approving the signs.
- The Policy on Recreational Symbol Signs on the Interstate System on page 5-185 was deleted as proposed because it was a repetition of the information on page 5-11.
- Edits to the section on Historic Trails Signing Guidelines were approved as proposed.
- Edits to the section on Historic Trail Marking were approved as proposed with the exception of a typo.
- Edits to the section on Sign Installation Detail Guidelines were approved as proposed.

✓ Action Item – Greg Stellmach will continue to consult with the [Travel Information Council](#) and other interested parties regarding Welcome and Information Center signing in preparation for revisiting the issue at the May 18th OTCDC meeting.

Legislative Change to ORS 811.292

Brian Barnett led committee discussion regarding interpretation and operational issues in the current law regarding failure to yield right of way in a multi-lane roundabout. He was hoping for guidance on proposing a legislative change. The law states in



Section 1 that "A person commits the offense of failure to yield right of way within a roundabout if the person operates a motor vehicle upon a multilane circulatory roadway and does not yield the right of way to a second vehicle lawfully exiting the roundabout from a position ahead and to the left of the person's vehicle." The law goes on to state that it

doesn't apply "if a traffic control device indicates the operator of a motor vehicle should take other action." Brian contends that in a properly designed multi-lane roundabout that shouldn't be an issue and that there is therefore no need for ORS 811.292. The committee discussed the fact that vehicles are maintaining their lanes in such cases however there is still the possibility that since those lanes do coincide near roundabout exits, two vehicles can cross paths. Some felt the law may be problematic and run contrary to conventional right of way treatment but it's too late in the legislative session to initiate changes in the law.

New Speed Zoning OAR's Update

Ed Fischer provided the committee a [handout](#) and briefed them on ODOT's progress in updating Oregon Administrative Rules on speed zoning to include a new definitions OAR, another for speed zoning on public paved low volume roads, and another regarding speed zoning on public unpaved roadways. Discussion ensued regarding possible tweaks to the process and Ed said this was the time to bring anything up as the process continues. Copies of the drafts have been sent out to the OTCDC/SZRP task force for review with return due by March 16, 2007.



NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Transportation Issues in 2007 Legislature

Ed Fischer updated the committee with a [handout](#) of transportation-related bills introduced or possibly still bubbling up in the current Legislature. Some highlights: SB 25 would allow any jurisdiction to operate photo radar in highway work zones. SB 386 would allow motorcycles or mopeds to pass vehicles in same lane during traffic slowdowns. SB 709 would allow the Travel Information Council to issue tourist oriented directional signs to community service organizations and religious institutions. HB 2508 would allow cities over 10,000 population to operate cameras designed to photograph drivers failing to obey traffic control devices. HB 2511 would expand crime of criminal mischief in second degree to include tampering or interfering with gates or signs that restrict closed roads. HB 2515 would require mass transit district or transportation districts to install crossing gates at unguarded pedestrian crossings of light rail tracks. HB 2990 would authorize the state police to operate photo radar on state or interstate highway. HB 3020 would direct ODOT to erect and maintain roadside memorial sign for pedestrian or bicyclist killed in motor vehicle accident upon application by immediate family member. Stay tuned for our next installment!



July Meeting Change of Location

Cindy Schmitt advised the committee that Marion County won't have availability for our meeting on July 20th. *Note: Subsequent to the meeting, Alan Hageman arranged for us to use the State Fire Marshal's large conference room (Mt. Hood Room) located at [4760 Portland Road NE, Salem](#).*

Ed Fischer advised the committee that Charles Kettenring of ODOT's [Rail Division](#) would like to implement a protected left turn phasing as part of the clear-out of the leg of signalized intersections that cross railroad tracks as a standard operating procedure. It isn't yet ready for the committee because Gary Obery is working on some diagrams to bring to the committee.

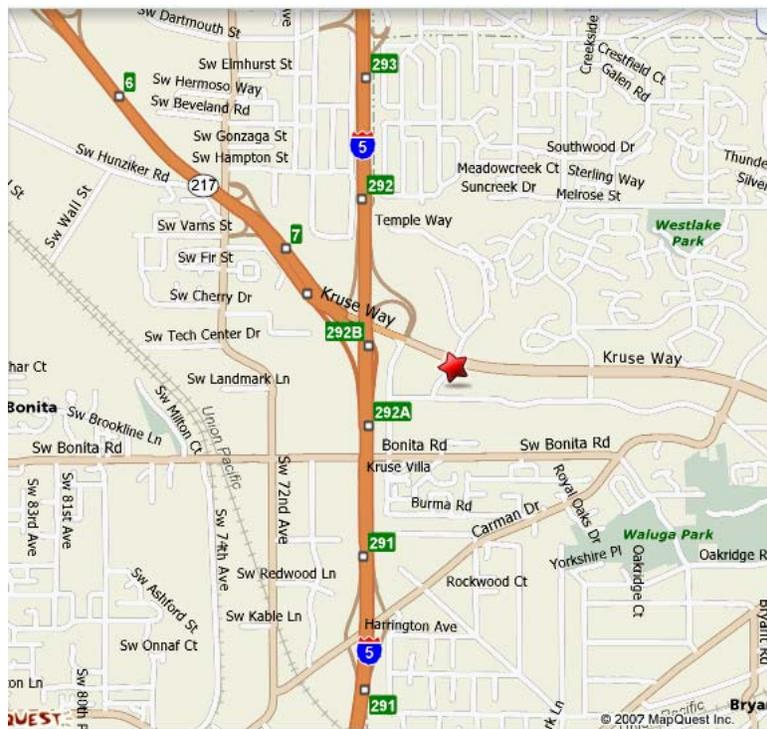
✓ Action Item – Gary Obery will continue working in conjunction with Rail Division to bring this issue to a future meeting.

Ed said there are issues regarding Oregon [Supplements](#) to the [MUTCD](#) that Kevin Haas is working on to bring to the committee in May. Members should contact [Kevin](#) if they have questions or other concerns.

✓ Action Item – Kevin Haas will continue working to complete the proposed changes to the Oregon Supplements to the MUTCD for our May meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Friday, May 18, 2007. It will be at 9:00 a.m. in conjunction with the ITE meeting at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Portland-Lake Oswego, [14811 Kruse Oaks Drive in Lake Oswego](#).



Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned promptly at noon.