

OTCDC Meeting Minutes September 18, 1998

1. Lew Garrison, City of Salem presented a study regarding the use of flashing yellow lights in school zones during crossing hours. Before and after speed measurements indicated that speeds were reduced at many of the locations.
2. The FHWA is accepting comments on most of the signing chapter for the new version of the MUTCD, which is expected in 2000 or 2001. The proposed chapter is available on the web at www.ohs.fhwa.dot.gov/devices/mutcd
3. Now that yellow-green signs are permitted as an option for pedestrian related crossing signs, some agencies in Oregon are using them and some are not. ODOT will not use them unless they are specifically requested. The City of Salem indicated they will install them on a replacement basis. The City of Bend is replacing all of their crossing signs with yellow-green. The City of Portland has not yet adopted a policy.
4. A new version of the traffic line manual and a proposed warning sign for steel plates on the roadway will be discussed at the next meeting.
5. ODOT's sign policy, including drawings of all ODOT's traffic signs, is available on the web at:
www.odot.state.or.us/traffic/publicat.htm
This site also has the Oregon Supplements to the MUTCD, the Traffic Signal Guidelines, and other information.

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