Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee

July 19, 2019

Meeting Minutes

ODOT TLC Bldg., Alsea Conference Room
4040 Fairview Industrial Drive, Salem

Members Present: Pam O'Brien, Chair, DKS Associates; Mike Kimlinger, Secretary, ODOT State Traffic-Roadway Engineer; Brian Barnett, City of Springfield; Karl MacNair, Vice-Chair, City of Medford; Joseph Marek, Clackamas County; Jeff Wise, ODOT Region 5

Present via skype: Darrin Lane, Linn County

Members Absent: Janet Hruby, City of Bend; Patrick Huskey, OSP; Tristan Wood, Columbia County

Others Present: Kayla Archer, Doug Bish, Scott Cramer, Katie Johnson, Marie Kennedy, Eric Leaming, Kathi McConnell, Christina McDaniels-Wilson, Bethany Veil, ODOT Traffic/Roadway Section; Jocelyn Blake, AOC; Patrick Brennan, Oregon Legislature Joint Transportation Committee, Kevin Hottman, City of Salem, Matthew Machado, City of Portland

Others Present via Skype: Kevin Haas, ODOT Traffic/Roadway Section

Introduction/Building Orientation/Approval of Minutes

Chair Pam O’Brien called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. She then brought up the question of how extensive meeting minutes need to be. The May meeting minutes are fairly brief due to various circumstances including recording quality, and Mike asked to have a very brief summary without all the detail to see how that appeals to members. The discussion concluded with the plan that the minutes give the links to handouts presented during the meeting, topics discussed, and reports on any decisions made (not how we got to the decisions, just what) was decided. Links to changes made to documents, (hopefully with a track changes version) will also be included as appropriate. Mike will work with Craig Chadwick on how this will be completed moving forward.

Pam then asked attendees to introduce themselves (see above). Then Karl MacNair moved, Joe Marek seconded, and the OTCDC approved the May 17, 2019 minutes.

Business from the Audience/Public Comment

None.
NCUTCD Update

Mike Kimlinger updated the committee on the NCUTCD June 20-21 meeting. Briefly, the Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA) is not out yet. It may be out later this year. No further details were given. This means Oregon may have even less time to review the new MUTCD and be even more constrained on what we can address of any issues we may find with the new Manual. More information will be provided when it becomes available.

Mike also noted that the National Association of City Transportation Officials, (NACTO) has been added to the NCUTCD and will have three votes (beginning after the January meeting of the National Committee). They probably won’t be voting on the MUTCD. There were efforts in subcommittees to address issues they’d like to get into the new MUTCD but given that it’s been drafted for a year awaiting publication of the NPA, it’s not likely that anything further will be changed in the draft.

Mike briefly noted that the AASHTO State Traffic Engineers regarding possible changes to speed zoning procedures when results of national research comes out with guidance. Kevin Haas is on the NCHRP 17-76 committee. That committee is not ready to report anything until early 2020. Further information on the NCUTCD Meeting is available here.

On a separate topic, Mike showed a video on distracted driving that reported on a study of all that’s involved in the issue.

MUTCD Comment Review Planning

Eric Leaming updated on MUTCD review planning. The review teams are pretty well filled out when the NPA comes out. It may be relatively short but there’s not a lot to report as a result of the delay.

Legislative Update

Eric Leaming updated the committee on the final status of bills ODOT’s been watching during the just completed (June 30 adjournment) legislative session.

Sign Policy and Guidelines Update

Marie Kennedy updated the committee on style changes being made to the SP&G. There were no objections expressed by the committee.
**News Speed Setting Process Update**

Doug Bish updated the committee on efforts to date towards modernizing speed zoning processes, procedures in Oregon based upon national and state efforts. Proposed changes to two speed zoning OAR's will be discussed at the next (August 14, 2019) SZRP meeting. Those would be OAR 734-020-0014 (Speed Zone Definitions) and OAR 734-020-0015 (Establishment of Speed Zones on Public Roads) More information will be provided by email when available.

**Red Pavement Transit Lanes**

Matthew Machado reported to the committee on experimental work the Portland Bureau of Transportation has been doing towards using red pavement to help keep other vehicles out of transit lanes and transit/bicycle lanes with their Enhanced Transit Corridors (ETC) plan.

**Roundtable**

None

**Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- Speed Zoning Update
- MUTCD Update
- PBOT - Bicycle Considerations at Traffic Signals at Top of a T-Intersection

**Adjournment**

Pam O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Originally scheduled for September 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the TLC Building in Salem