

Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee

[March 19, 2021](#)

TEAMS-Only Meeting (due to Covid-19)

Meeting Minutes

Present via TEAMS: [Joseph Marek](#), Chair, Clackamas County; [Mike Kimlinger](#), Secretary, ODOT State Traffic-Roadway Engineer; [Brian Barnett](#), City of Springfield; [Laurel Byer](#), Benton County; [Patrick Marnell](#), Q-Free; [Karl MacNair](#), City of Medford

Members Absent: [Janet Hruby](#), Vice Chair, City of Bend; [Jeremy Morris](#), Klamath County; [Jeff Wise](#), ODOT Region 5

Others Present via TEAMS: Nick Fortey, FHWA; Fahad Alhajri, Brendan Baggett, Frank Belleque, Roger Boettcher, Scott Cramer, Rodger Gutierrez, Kevin Haas, Katie Johnson, Angela Kargel, Marie Kennedy, Justin King, Eric Leaming, Kathi McConnell, ODOT Traffic/Roadway Section; Dean Chess, ODOT Project Delivery; Jamie Schmidt, ODOT Region 2; Wendy Cawley, Jamie Jeffrey, Peter Koonce, Charles Radosta, City of Portland; Ed Chastain, Retired; John Fasana, Sarah Owens, Shaun Quayle, Washington County; Dan Hazel, City of Hillsboro; Terry Hockett, Kevin Hottmann, City of Salem; David Hurwitz, OSU; [Michael Iwai](#), Incoming OSP Panel Member; Bret Jones, Andrew Kading, City of Eugene; Jabra Khasho, City of Beaverton; Scott Miller, City of Springfield; Haregu Nemariam, Nemariam Engineering; James Philp, Jackson County; David Pope, Unknown Affiliation; Massoud Saberian, TAI

Policy Bullets for Further Dissemination:

[ODOT/OTCDC Comments - FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2020-0001 National Standards for Traffic Control Devices](#)

Introductions/TEAMS Orientation/Approval of Minutes

Mike Kimlinger asked Eric Leaming to give his Legislative update shortly after 8:00 a.m. in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair. The introductions and approval of minutes was covered below after Joe Marek arrived on-line.

Highlights from Legislative Bills Traffic-Roadway is tracking

Eric Leaming gave an update on Legislative bills ODOT Traffic-Roadway is currently tracking as follows. [HB 2019](#), [HB 2530](#), [HB 3357](#) (first three might be combined), [HB 2744](#), [HB 3055](#), [HB 3134](#), [HB 3319](#), [SB 395](#), [SB 548](#), [SB 574](#). Each link is to a substantive legislative collection of documentation for each bill, including text and action thus far on each, including early amendments.

National Transportation Infrastructure Conversations

Professor of Transportation Engineering David Hurwitz of Oregon State University [outlined](#) recurring themes from his participation in and what he heard during the ASCE [Legislative Fly-in](#) of 2021 and as a Biden-Harris Domestic Policy Volunteer last summer. The ASCE recently released their 2021 infrastructure [report card](#) covering needs vs available resources in various fields. He discussed what's coming out of Congressman DeFazio's office and of Senator Merkley's office.

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After arrival of the Chair, member attendance was taken via TEAMS. Later, during the MUTCD agenda item, the committee went back to get a decision on approving the February meeting minutes. Patrick Marnell then moved, Karl MacNair seconded and the meeting minutes for [February 5, 2021](#) were voted approved.

MUTCD Comment Review

Joe Marek thanked all who have participated in reviewing the draft MUTCD. He said he hoped to get through all the comments in this meeting and to avoid a lot of wordsmithing. Any controversial items the Committee can't come to consensus on may require the commenter to send in their own comment under their organization's aegis.

Eric Leaming then gave a [presentation](#) on MUTCD comments to FHWA received from ODOT and OTCDC review committees for information, discussion and recommendation for approval. He had highlighted a select few for more attention by the committee. These have previously been available to members for review. They include some flagged as not going to FHWA, being reserved for address in the subsequent Oregon Supplement.

Towards the end of the review, the committee returned to Section 4D.02 and discussed whether a "shall" statement needs to replace the "should" regarding the placement of pedestrian signals at signalized intersections.

Decision: Pat Marnell moved, Karl 2nd the committee include a statement in Section 4D.02 indicating countdown pedestrian signal heads shall be required for the placement of pedestrian heads at signalized intersections. The committee voted 5-2 in favor

Beyond this, committee consensus was approval with some changes, additions to all the comments in the draft document. The committee then reviewed the draft cover letter and agreed to minor changes, additions to the document. The OTCDC Chair and State Traffic-Roadway Engineer will e-sign this document after Eric has made all changes agreed to by the committee.

The changes have since been finalized to the comments and the cover letter. The letter was signed and the combined document has been entered in the NPA docket on the Federal Register. They can be reviewed at [OTCDC/ODOT MUTCD 11 Comments](#).

Mike noted there will be a need for committee help after the new MUTCD is adapted to come up with new Oregon Supplements to the Manual.

Continuing Agenda Item: brief reports from committee members relaying whether or not their local traffic control device meetings feel ODOT, through the OTCDC is helpful to their local operations

Should ODOT get more involved nationally in traffic control device conversations and committees such as AASHTO and the NCUTCD, report back to the committee? Mike suggested this as a future agenda item for further conversation.

Roundtable

None

Business from the Audience/NOA Topics

Joe asked about changes to leadership and organization initiatives in ODOT. Mike reviewed [current leadership](#) for the committee. He also noted new initiatives such as greenhouse gas strategy under [Oregon Sustainable Transportation Initiative](#) (OSTI)

Peter Koonce suggested the OTCDC might benefit from having a younger person as a part of the committee. Joe said something like this would come under bylaws review and revision. Mike said as an ODOT advisory committee, it would involve changes in administrative rules, which takes months. This should be discussed in greater detail as a future agenda item.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Discussion on Rail Diagnostic Teams
- Should OTCDC recommend ODOT become more involved in national forums on TCD's/new research and sharing this information through the OTCDC?
- Membership Diversity and either OAR/bylaws changes or something more informal

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 21 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by [Microsoft Teams](#)