

Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee

[September 17, 2021](#)

TEAMS-Only Meeting (due to Covid-19)

Meeting Minutes

Members 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; [Janet Hruby](#), Vice Chair, City of Bend; [Patrick Marnell](#), Q-Free; [Karl MacNair](#), City of Medford

Members Absent: [Michael Iwaj](#), Oregon State Police; [Jeremy Morris](#), Klamath County; [Jeff Wise](#), ODOT Region 5

Others Present via TEAMS: Nick Fortey, FHWA; Fahad Alhajri, Frank Belleque, Doug Bish (Retired ODOT), Roger Boettcher, Scott Cramer, Kevin Haas, Angela Kargel, Marie Kennedy, Justin King, Eric Leaming, Christina McDaniel-Wilson, Jiguang Zhao, ODOT Traffic/Roadway Section; Peter Schuytema, ODOT TPAU; Scott Beaird, Kittelson & Associates; Jordan Cole, Brian Worley, Association of Oregon Counties; Christopher DeLorto, HDR; John Fasana, Washington County; Steve Gallup, Sarah Owens, Lane County; Kevin Hottmann, City of Salem; Matthew Machado, City of Portland; Bret Jones, City of Eugene; Jabra Khasho, City of Beaverton; Scott Miller, City of Springfield; Haregu Nemariam, NE&A; James Philp, Jackson County; Lani Radtke, Marion County

Policy Bullets for Further Dissemination:

[FHWA;s ACTION: Load Rating for the FAST Act's Emergency Vehicles](#)
[Update on New OAR for Delegated Authority Speed Zoning by Cities and Counties](#)

Note: All links to documents on our FTP site need to be opened via Internet Explorer

Introductions/TEAMS Orientation/Approval of Minutes

Chair Joseph Marek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members introduced themselves. Other attendees logged in to Teams chat as their introduction. The [July 16, OTCDC minutes](#) were approved after motion by Patrick Marnell, second by Laurel Byer.

Public Business from the Audience/NOA Items

None

Membership Diversity, amending Bylaws

Eric Learning gave an [update](#) on proposed change to OTCDC Bylaws. Adding to friendly amendments from the committee at the last meeting, Eric said we consulted with ODOT's Office of Social Equity and received feedback from Assistant Director Nikotris Perkins with suggested modifications of the wording to add a new member to increase diversity on the committee.

The committee discussed the changes and came to agreement on [new Bylaws](#) moving forward.

Decision: Brian Barnett moved, Karl MacNair seconded and the committee voted in favor of the new Bylaws.

Guidelines for STOP signs at low-volume side roads

Marie Kennedy [updated](#) signing guidelines for STOP signs at low volume side roads. She did more research on the matter, developed by including US Forest Service guidance on this kind of road. She asked for any feedback on the policy document. It will be in the [Sign Policy and Guidelines](#) in the Regulatory Signs section. Criteria for the ADT and extended crash records were discussed. Marie asked if anyone has more input to [contact her](#). This will come back to the committee after further review within ODOT.

Emergency vehicle weight limit signing

Marie Kennedy [shared](#) proposed new signs for emergency vehicles in addition to other heavy vehicle weight limit signs. The committee agreed these were needed.

Decision: Karl MacNair moved, Janet Hruby seconded and the committee approved the new signs with ODOT having liberty to add appropriate text and additional verbiage around the signs.

Speed zone OAR update

Doug Bish [updated](#), on progress towards new speed zoning law allowing cities and some counties to do their own speed zone investigations. He included draft changes to [OAR 734-020-0014](#) and [OAR 734-020-0015](#). Doug asked for comments on what the new process will look like, how it will work in practice. It's likely the process will not be completed until March, after which local jurisdictions can start setting their own speed limits.

Angela Kargel announced Kathi McConnell's replacement has been hired. Laura Prusakiewicz will be onboard October 1st.

National Meetings

Mike Kimlinger didn't have a lot to report given COVID but some of the meetings are starting to be scheduled in person. More will be revealed, possibly an AASHTO meeting in November. National meeting on the MUTCD may be in January.

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.

Mike Kimlinger said he was especially interested right now in spreading the word on changes in speed zoning to other jurisdictions. Brian Worley said information hasn't yet been brought up at OASIS meetings yet. Joe Marek will send something to Brian to pass on. Janet Hruby said it was important to let folks know there will be a process to follow in line with how ODOT does the investigations and orders.

MUTCD Update from FHWA

Nick updated the MUTCD Rulemaking is still in progress. It's still a priority, still in process. It will just take a while to get through this process. He can't give further details or timeline yet.

Roundtable

Karl MacNair had roundtable item – Bird Scooters in Medford wants to come into Medford market, he wondered if anyone has had experience. Brian Barnett suggested Karl MacNair give him a call.

Karl MacNair had another roundtable item on bollards K-71, asking for feedback on them. Janet Hruby said they did a project using them last year. She said she can give Karl MacNair further information on them. Brian Barnett said Springfield has used some by [QWICKKURB](#).

Mike Kimlinger gave a head's up: Providing temporary pedestrian routes must be looked at carefully, regarding enforcing and maintaining them, insuring what's required for navigating around work zones.

NOA Topics

See MUTCD Update above – Nick Fortey

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- None suggested

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by [Microsoft Teams](#)