

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
GUIDE AND MOTORIST INFORMATION SIGN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES: June 20, 2007, Lake Tahoe, Nevada

Committee Chairman: Barry Warhoftig, West Virginia DOT
Committee Vice-Chairman: Rick Werts, South Carolina DOT
Committee Secretary: Robert Hull, Utah DOT

Technical Committee Members present:

Barry Warhoftig	Rick Werts	Robert Hull
Tom Aber	Bill Anderson	Meg Moore
Harold Smart	Ernie Huckaby	Linda Brown
Geno D'Ippolito	Kerry Ferrier	Russell Yaffee
George Townsend	Wes Dean	Kathy Falk
Mark Wilson	John Hansen	Maurice Palumbo

Visitors:

Kenneth Frantz	Floyd Williams	Jonathan Upchurch
Ed McCarthy	Jim Renner	Sue Chrysler
Roxane Mukai	Carl Heard	Everett Stewart
Bill Lambert	Aaron Weatherholt	Kevin Sylvester
Lee Holmes	Ed Courville	Richard Rendon

Barry began the meeting by introducing him and other committee leaders. A sign-up sheet was distributed for members and visitors. Barry covered current business issues with the committee including welcoming new members, update on latest effort with NPA.

The first portion of the meeting was dedicated to Linda Brown, FHWA, providing an update to the NPA process and current FHWA issues.

Linda provided information on current timeframe for the NPA process. There will be a six-month comment period followed by a six-month review of the submitted information. Linda's presentation focused on the changes to the Specific Services signing section. Much of the information contained in the NPA was based on the comments provided by the GMI Specific Services task force and a comprehensive study by Kimley-Horn and Associates.

Linda's presentation ended with information relating to major items contained in the NPA. This list led to the formation of additional task forces. The list follows:

Use of Pictographs on Guide Signs
Arrow Design and Location
Destination Signs at Roundabouts
Wayfinding Signs
Acknowledgement Signs
Toll and Managed Lane Signs
Interstate Oasis Signs
Changeable Message Signs
Update and expand the R&CI Signs
Tsunami Evacuation Route Sign
Object Markers moved to new Chap. 2L
Variety of Signs from the Sign Synthesis Study (<http://tcd.tamu.edu/documents/rwstc/>)

The next section provided each task force a brief update to the work completed over the past six months.

The following task force leads reported:

Specific Services - Rick Werts
CMS – Robert Hull
Option Lane – Robert Hull
Managed Lanes/Toll Facilities - Kerry Ferrier
Freight Connector – Robert Hull
Interstate Oasis Program Signing – Ernie Huckaby
Wayfinding – Robert Hull

All of the reports focused on work associated with the NPA and/or policy statements developed by FHWA.

The following special task force reports were made:

Pedestrian - Bill Anderson

The main discussion of the committee centered on roundabout concerns and how to address signing and pavement markings for pedestrians.

Edit Committee – Ernie Huckaby

Discussion focused on new guideline for submittals to the main council.

Human Factors - Bryan Katz – no report

The following items were covered during the task force discussions:

1. Specific Services – Rick Werts. Rick led the discussion on the work completed by the task force. First item discussed was the need to provide FHWA questions for a Request for Information (RFI) on how to improve the Specific Service Signing chapter in the MUTCD. The task force prepared a list

of questions we would like to propose to be included in this RFI. Rick presented the items contained in the forwarded document and each was discussed. The RFI document is included at the end of this document. Further discussion has held on the RV Friendly symbol. New guidance was provided to FHWA based on concerns about the interim approval.

Action: Task force to review FHWA recommendations when released later this fall. Rick will report to GMI on review and prepare submission to Council if necessary.

Meeting adjourned.

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MEETING MINUTES: June 21, 2007, Lake Tahoe, Nevada

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Committee Vice-Chairman: Rick Werts, South Carolina DOT
Committee Secretary: Robert Hull, Utah DOT

Technical Committee Members present:

Barry Warhoftig	Rick Werts	Robert Hull
Tom Aber	Bill Anderson	Meg Moore
Harold Smart	Ernie Huckaby	Linda Brown
Geno D'Ippolito	Kerry Ferrier	Russell Yaffee
George Townsend	Wes Dean	Kathy Falk
Mark Wilson	John Hansen	Maurice Palumbo
Kenneth Frantz	Jonathan Upchurch	Jim Renner
Ed McCarthy	Roxane Mukai	Carl Heard
Ed Courville	Lee Holmes	Bill Lambert

Visitors:

Sue Chrysler	Floyd Williams	Everett Stewart
Richard Rendon	Kevin Sylvester	

Barry began the meeting by introducing the new members of the committee who were approved by the Executive Board. A sign-up sheet was distributed for members and visitors.

Barry announced he will be leaving the chair position and introduced Bill Lambert as the next chair. Barry will continue to participate on the GMI committee.

Barry welcomed the new GMI members that were approved by the Council the previous night. The new members are Kenneth Frantz, Jonathan Upchurch, Roxane Mukai, Jim Renner, Carl Heard, Ed Courville, Ed McCarthy, Lee Holmes.

Task force reports continued.

1. Managed Lanes/Toll Facilities – Kerry Ferrier. Kerry led a discussion on the task force work completed since January. In February, Kerry responded to Linda Brown, FHWA, with comments concerning the recent technical document addressing toll facilities. The main concern is the area of managed lanes is progressing very quickly and standards for signing are non-existent.

Sue Chrysler presented examples of the different methods of signing used throughout the country on managed lane and toll facilities. Kerry will continue to organize a joint meeting with other NCUTCD technical committees on this item.

Action: Task force to review FHWA recommendations when released later this fall. Kerry will report to GMI on review and prepare submission to Council if necessary.

In response to Linda Brown's presentation on the NPA and the addition of new GMI members, GMI task forces were reformed. The following is the list of task forces with the lead member.

CMS –Tim Crouch
Specific Services – Rick Werts
Option Lane signing – Wes Dean
Managed lanes/Toll facilities – Kerry Ferrier
Wayfinding signs – Mark Wilson
Interstate Oasis – Ed McCarthy
Freight connectors – Mark Wilson
Recreational & Cultural Interest – Russell Yaffee
Acknowledgement signs – John Hansen
Pictographs, Symbols, and Arrows – Roxane Mukai
Tsunami Evac Route signs – Kathy Falk

A complete listing of the task forces is included in pdf format.

Action: Each task force will be prepared to review FHWA recommendations for these specific areas when released later this fall. The lead of each task force should be prepared to present comments and recommendations for the GMI and Council in January.

Other discussion topics:

Ernie Huckaby suggested that GMI review the list of FHWA Interim Approvals and Experimentation Approvals in between meetings. Ernie can review the list or members can view these items on the ATSSA link: <http://www.atssa.com/cs/roadway-safety-innovation> .

Meeting adjourned.