

NCUTCD Technical Committee – Parts 8 and 10
Railroad & Light Rail Transit (RR LRT) Committee
Meeting Minutes:

Date: January 09, 2008
Location: Crystal City, Virginia (Washington, DC)
Time: 13:15
Quorum: Yes

Safety Briefing by Mel McNichols

Introductions:

Chairman: Rick Campbell, Rio Grande Pacific
Vice-Chairman: Darin Kosmak, TX DOT
Secretary: Danniell MacDonald, BNSF Ry Co
FHWA Rep: No FHWA Representative for RRLRT

Welcome by the Chairman.

Administrative Issues:

Discussion on Membership

Three members are attending first meeting – they will be considered for approval tonight by executive board:

Susan Aylesworth – MN DOT Rail
Roger Figard – Lincoln Nebraska
Bonnie Johrendt – Ohio PUC

Pete Rusch – FHWA retired, we don't have an FHWA liaison for RR&LRT Committee. Concern on not having a liaison was expressed.

Public to Private Ratio: RR LRT has dropped two public agency members and added back three.

Discussion on obtaining new light rail members.

Other Items:

Discussion on up-coming highway-rail grade crossing conferences.

Chairman's report:

The chairman provided a report of the morning NCUTCD Technical Committee Chairman's meeting.:

All current Chairs and Vice Chairs have been re-appointed by the National Committee Chairman, Lee Billingsly; Technical Committee members, have also

been reappointed by the Technical Committee Chairs for a two year term. The NCUTCD Executive Committee will meet tonight to take action on this item.

The schedule for this meeting was discussed:

Technical Committees would meet today from 13:00 to 22:00 ; Thursday from 08:00 – 12:00 (and possibly after the National Committee meeting, if time permits); all day Friday (08:00 to 22:00).

National Committee would meet Thursday from 13:00 to 17:00 (FHWA to provide an hour long overview of the NPA) and Saturday from 08:00 to close of business.

NOTE: The June meeting may be extended by extra day due to the NPA. Summer meeting will be in Mobile, AL

It was discussed that there will be four categories for NPA comments by the Technical Committees back to the national committee: editorial, concur (as proposed), revised, and new for every item in the NPA as published. We hope to have by general session tomorrow all edits in Parts 8 & 10 identified and provide comments on concurrence/disagreement.

We also have four items out for sponsor comments. The National Committee wants our four items advanced tomorrow, if possible.

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes for the June 2008 meeting were previously distributed.

Upon motion made, duly seconded, and passed, it was resolved that: the minutes from the June 2007 meeting in State Line, NV, be approved as amended.

Committee Reports:

No Committee Reports were received. These will be discussed as part of the NPA review and response to Sponsor comments.

Old Business:

Review of sponsor comments

Pedestrian Pathways – Chapter 8F

Discussion of RRLRT W2008-03 sponsor comments.

Discussion of proposed changes to 8F.04

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept Section 8F.04 as revised.

Discussed proposed changes to 8E.05

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept Section 8F.05 as revised.

Discussed proposed changes to 8F.06

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept Section 8F.06 as revised.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: reconsider the previous question.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept 8F.06 as revised.

The revised RRLRT W2008-03 proposal for Chapter 8F will be presented to the National Committee for consideration on Saturday.

New Business:

Review of NPA

Extensive review of the Proposed NPA for Chapters 8 and 10. This included identification of items in other Chapters of the manual which the technical committee will need to review. All items were identified in Part 8 per the standard set forth at the Chairman's meeting this morning.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: Adjourn until the following morning at 20:45.

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Time: 08:15
Quorum: Yes

Safety Briefing by Mel McNichols

Old Business:

Continued review of RRLRT items with regard to sponsor comments

RRLRT W2008-01:

Extensive discussion on Section 8D.07 was undertaken.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept the changes to 10MPH in Section 8D.07, second STANDARD.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: reconsider the previous question.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept the revisions to Section 8D.07 to revert back to the original language in the manual.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept the revisions to the Guidance statement on “fail-safe” as proposed

RRLRT W2008-02

Discussion on definitions related to Section 8D.07 to be located in Section 8A.01: The definition of “Pre-signal” was considered.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept the revisions to 8A.01 for the definition of “Pre-signal” as proposed.

RRLRT W2008-01

Further review of section 8D.07 was undertaken as a result of the modified definition of “Pre-signal”.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: delete proposed changes to 8D.07 as revised.

APPROVED BY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE – June 18, 2008

**Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to:
Adjourn until the following morning at 08:00.**

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Date: January 11, 2008
Location: Crystal City, Virginia (Washington, DC)
Time: 08:04
Quorum: Yes

Safety Briefing by Mel McNichols

Welcome by Chairman.

Discussion of Issues to cover today:

NPA – Quiet Zone

Sponsor Comments

NPA - Part 10, Part 8 completion

New Business:

Upon suspension of the rules by the Chairman, two items of New Business requiring action this morning were addressed by the committee.

Discussion of the NPA for Quiet Zones

An extensive discussion on the status of this issue in the NPA was had. It was recognized that the RR LRT Taskforce had worked extensively to produce this proposed section in support of the FRA Train Horn Rule. It was the consensus of the technical committee that a letter should be sent to FHWA from the National Committee to propose language to convey strong opinion of need ion as approved by the National Committee. The Chair appointed an ad-hoc committee to develop language for consideration and report back to the full committee following the break.

Discussion of the NPA for Section 8C.06

Discussion on Section 8C.06 was undertaken. The Chair appointed an ad-hoc committee to develop language for consideration and report back to the full committee later in the meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept the proposed language for the NPA Section 8C.06 lines 2 and 3.

Old Business:

RRLRT W2008-02

Discussion on definitions in Section 8A.01 related to Section 8D.07 was undertaken (“Pre-signal” and “queue-cutter signal”)

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept the revised definitions for Section 8A.01

New Business (continued)

Discussion of the NPA for Section 8C.05

A discussion on NPA Section 8C.05 guidance statement was undertaken.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept the revised guidance statement in the NPA in Section 8C.05.

Discussion on Quiet Zones

The ad-hoc committee presented the proposed language for the response to FHWA with regard to the proposed Chapter 8E Quiet Zones. The committee discussed and revised the proposed language.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept the text of the motion to be presented to the National Committee on Saturday for reinsertion of the proposed Chapter 8E on Quiet Zones as previously approved by the National Committee and forwarded to FHWA.

The Chair noted for the record, and is specifically noted in these minutes, that Brian Gilleran, FRA, refrained from discussion and adamantly abstained from the vote on this issue.

Old Business:

RRLRT W2008-04

Discussion on the definition of “Fail-safe” to be included in Section 8A.01.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept the definition of Fail-safe as proposed.

RRLRT W2008-03

Discussion on Section 8F.05 was entertained as a result of discussions with the US Access Board.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to approve the re-insertion of the final support statement in Section 8F.05 as revised.

New Business:

Discussion of the NPA on Section 8A.01

Revision to the definition of “Wayside Horn” and creation of a new definition of a “Wayside Horn System” was discussed at length.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, it was resolved to: accept the revised definitions of Wayside Horn and Wayside Horn System as proposed.

Discussion of the NPA on Section 8C

Revisions to Section 8C.06 related to the new definition of Wayside Horn and Wayside Horn System were discussed.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept the revised Section 8C.06 as amended.

Discussion of the NPA on Section 8E.04

The revisions to Section 8E.04 of the NPA as set forth by the Bicycle Technical Committee were discussed.

Upon motion made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to: accept the changes as proposed by the Bicycle Technical committee to Section 8E.04, Line 20, page 1112 and Table 9B-1.

Review of NPA for Chapter 10

Extensive review of the Proposed NPA for Chapters 10 was undertaken.

Discussion of the NPA on Section 10C.21

Extensive discussion related to the fact that the ENS sign color in the NPA is identified as WHITE letters on a BLUE background.

A motion duly made and seconded failed to have the NPA Section 10C.21, page 1140, Lines 3 and 4 changed to refer to BLACK letters on a WHITE background for the ENS sign.

Discussion of the NPA on Section 10C.23

Upon motion made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to accept the language as proposed in the NPA in Section 10C.23, page 1140, Lines 45 – 48.

All items were identified in Part 10 per the standard set forth for this task. The table of NPA items was completed for Parts 8 and 10.

Upon motion made, seconded and passed, it was resolved to: accept the table of NPA comments as prepared for presentation to the National Committee on Saturday.

The Chair concluded the meeting with a brief discussion of the issues to be addressed in June. The importance of the meeting in June is tremendous. ALL members of the Technical Committee are strongly urged to attend.

**Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, it was resolved to:
adjourn until the Summer meeting in Mobile AL.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Danniel MacDonald
Secretary
RR/LRT Technical Committee Parts 8 & 10