

Minnesota Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
Sept 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes
12:30 – 3:00
MnDOT WE Room 403

Member	Attendance	Guests
Chris Byrd	Unexplained Absence	Jeff Morey
Diane Colton	x	Ken Johnson
Joe Gustafson	x	
Tiffany Kautz	x	
Jon Krieg	x	
Mike Martinez	Explained Absence	
Tim Plath	Explained Absence	
Scott Poska	x	
Howard Preston	x	
Ron Rauchle	x	
Mark Sehr	Unexplained Absence	
Tom Sohrweide	x	
Will Stein	Explained Absence	
Josie Tayse	x	
Scott Thompson	x	
HunWen Westman	x	

1. Introductions

2. Corrections/Updates to the Minutes

HunWen Westman’s name was incomplete in the August minutes.

ACTION ITEM: Diane will correct the August minutes.

3. Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

All action items from 8-14-19 meeting were complete.

4. Updates

a. FHWA

None

b. Request to Experiment

- U of M and City of St. Paul - gateway installation of in-street pedestrian signs was approved on 9/9/2019.

c. Membership

All membership was confirmed, except:

- Chris Byrd will no longer be on the committee but would like the position to remain a rural county representative.
- Mark Sehr is willing to stay on the committee or another County representative could be appointed.

ACTION ITEM: Tiffany will advertise for rural county representation with the Minnesota County Engineers Association.

5. **Section 2B.13 Speed Limit Sign (R2-1) – changes made with regard to new [MN Statute 169.14 subdivision Subd. 5h](#)**Tiffany Kautz

Tiffany discussed the language change with the MnDOT State Traffic Engineer and MnDOT Chief Counsel’s Office. Conclusions reached were that the MMUTCD should not interpret statutes and a simple reference to statute MN Statute 169.14 could be included in Section 2B.13 as a support statement.

The committee discussed the wording for the reference to MN Statute 169.14.

Current Support statement:

Minnesota Statute 169.14 sets forth speed limits to govern all roadways and alleys in the state. Any posted speed limit greater or less than the statutory speed limits must be authorized by the Commissioner of Transportation. Any alteration of statutory speed limits on any public road or street shall be based upon the results of an engineering and traffic investigation.

Minnesota Statute, section 169.14, subd. 5, states that:

When local authorities believe that the existing speed limit upon any street or highway, or part thereof, within their respective jurisdictions and not a part of the trunk highway system is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under existing condition, they may request the commissioner (of transportation) to authorize, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, the erection of appropriate signs designating a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat, which speed limit shall be effective when such signs are erected.

Revised Support statement

Minnesota Statute 169.14 sets forth the processes to establish speed zones and speed limits on all roadways and alleys in the state.

VOTE:

The Revised Support statement listed above was voted on and passed. No members were opposed.

ACTION ITEM: Diane will update this section in the next revision of the MN MUTCD.

6. **Section 2H General Information signs – proposed changes to Minnesota Language (see attached).....**Tiffany Kautz

Tiffany went through Chapter 2H explaining proposed changes and updates. Minnesota only Sections 2H.2.1, 2H.2.2, 2H.2.3, and 2H.7.1 will be deleted. Other sections will be revised. See attached for details.

VOTE:

The 2H changes discussed in the attached were voted on and passed. No members were opposed.

ACTION ITEM: Diane will update this section in the next revision of the MN MUTCD.

**7. Continued review of revised Part 6, Chapter 6J. Long Term TTC Zone
LayoutsKen Johnson**

Ken presented changes/updates to Chapter 6J of the MN MUTCD. Review will continue at the next meeting.

8. Round Robin

Joe

Future topics for discussion - contractors' use of intermittent flagging and flagging at red flashing signals.

Ken

The flagger law has passed. [Session Law Chapter 35, Section 1](#) Subd. 4a. (f) and (g) authorizes a peace officer to issue citations based on a report from a qualified work zone flagger. The work zone flagger has to have completed training in order to report. MnDOT requires flaggers be trained by a MnDOT qualified trainer.

Info on MnDOT Flagger training can be found here:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/const/wzs/flagger.html>

**Next Meeting:
October 9, 2019
12:30 – 3:00
MnDOT Water's Edge Conference Room 323**