

**INTERSECTION TRAFFIC CONTROL  
 COMMITTEE  
 Meeting Minutes  
 November 7, 2007**

**ATTENDEES**

Bryan Nemeth	Bolton and Menk	Kevin Schwartz	MnDOT
Ted Schoenecker	Washington County	Sue Zarling	MnDOT
David Hirsch	Iteris	Jerry Kotzenmacher	MnDOT
Roger Plum	SEH	Tom Bowlin	Bloomington
Kristi Sebastian	Dakota County	Eric Drager	Hennepin Co.
Suzanne Danen	Dakota County		

**LOCATION: MnDOT – MnDOT Waters Edge**

**Topic I – Left Turn Phasing Guidelines**

Kristi S. provided the group with a review of comments to date for the draft guideline changes. The following items were discussed:

Minimum Protected Only Guidelines Section

It was suggested the “recommended” language for railroad preemption be changed to indicate protected phasing. The group discussed the existing reference to “5 or more left turn related accidents”. Specifically, how this number was reached and was it too low for some locations. It was thought the “5” was based off of the MMUTCD.

Sight Distance

The group discussed what should be the basis for determining sight distances. Existing guidelines use 2001 AASHTO. Group discussed need for language discussing truck considerations (height, etc). Committee recommended references to 2004 AASHTO be incorporated into guidelines.

**Action item: Sue Z. to check background on selection by MnDOT of 2001 AASHTO.**

Combination of Protected Only Guidelines Section

The group discussed inclusion of the “Dual left turn lanes of any type with opposing traffic” bullet item. It was thought this item had been previously included at the request of the City of St. Paul for left turn & shared through/left situations. It was clarified that references in this section to “peak hour” were for existing or near future volumes and not forecast volumes since likely working with phasing.

Additional suggestions:

- Remove headers “Minimum” and “Combination”
- Modify language from “collisions” to “crashes”
- Modify bullet on p. 2-5 to read “Speed 45 MPH or higher” to be consistent with text on p. 2-9.

Committee provided recommendation to MnDOT that the proposed changes to guidelines be incorporated into new Signal Design Manual.

**Action item: Kristi S. to update and forward draft version of guidelines to Sue Z.**

**Action item: Sue Z. to forward the Committee recommendation to TEO.**

## **Topic II – Traffic Signal Report Card**

The group discussed whether or not metro area agencies had submitted assessments, scores received, and if any action plans existed based upon assessments. MnDOT, Hennepin County and Washington County all submitted assessments. It was noted that the method for scoring had changed from the 2005 survey and therefore it was hard to directly compare scores received between the two years. Local media inquiries to MnDOT have not yet been received. National media press was approximately two weeks ago on this topic.

### **Round Robin**

Eric D.

- Hennepin County, in partnership with SEH, Inc., to hold kickoff meeting in a couple weeks to determine location of a rural intersection warning system.

Jerry K.

- MnDOT working with City of Burnsville police, at their request, to install white enforcement light at intersection on TH 13 in Burnsville [*Red Light Running bookmark, photos of enforcement light and typical installation, and White Light Training Guidebook included with minutes*].

Kristi S.

- Reminder on NCITE Annual meeting and election voting deadline.

Tom B.

- Bloomington recently received its first request for accessible pedestrian signal. Will be working to develop a policy for installation/use.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **December 5, 2007 at Dakota County, Apple Valley**

Meeting Agenda – Topic: Traffic Signal Cabinet Updates