

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2006

8:00 – 9:30 AM

ATTENDEES

Marc Culver	City of Maple Grove	Craig Vaughn	SRF
Roger Plum	SEH	Lynn Kiesow	WSB
Pete Sorenson	Bolton & Menk	Tom Foley	City of Richfield
David Kuebler	City of St. Paul		

LOCATION: City of Maple Grove

▪ 1st TOPIC - Need to inject new ideas into committee discussions

- Encourage new people to attend meetings (specifically MnDOT).
 - Talk with State Aid about getting MnDOT more involved.
 - MnDOT has a pedestrian and bicycle section that's involved with these types of issues – contact Bob Works to discuss this groups involvement. (Craig Vaughn to contact Bob Works).
 - City of Minneapolis' Jon Wertjes is the head of the pedestrian and bicycle division – talk with him regarding someone within the City getting involved or speaking about what the City is currently working on to address their safety issues (Craig Vaughn to contact Jon).
- Need higher volume roadway issues heard.
- Attempt to get speakers/experts on specific topics to attend the meetings.
- Create and disseminate technical memos about our topics to all NCITE members in an attempt to spark discussion among others.
- Use MnDOT's Toward Zero Deaths initiative as an impetus to get them involved.
 - The TZD initiative does not cover pedestrians and bikes as part of the 15 key steps to accomplish this goal.

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▪ 2nd TOPIC - ADA Draft Guidelines for Public Rights-of-Way

- Reviewed the top 10 issues/changes that have been addressed by this document, with discussion of each one.
 - Crosswalk width - no specific rule of thumb being used by local Cities and Counties (Engineers judgment in many cases). Side note - may want to attempt to work with smaller Cities and Counties that do not have a traffic presence in dealing with their pedestrian, bicycle and traffic issues.
 - Walking speed - ADA has set the walking speed at 3.5 ft/s versus the more recent 4 or 4.2 ft/s being used.
 - Work zones/alternate circulation routes - use care when determining alternate routes for pedestrians in work zones and include people with disabilities in the thought process.
 - Placement of detectable warning pads - how exactly should this be handled to ensure the pedestrians or users with disabilities are accommodated properly? Lengthy discussion on this issue without a clear determination. This topic could come up for further discussion.
 - Placement of audible/tactile pedestrian crossing indications - when and where to place (new construction or retrofits?). Side discussion of countdown crossing indications and when to implement these.
 - Pedestrian signals at roundabouts and channelized rights - this discussion branched off on the need for pedestrian signals at roundabouts, but still maintained an understanding that people with disabilities need a clear idea when to cross.

▪ Recap meeting

- Marc Culver will follow up on what the next steps are for the draft ADA guidelines.
- Marc Culver will attempt to get a MnDOT representative to attend next months meeting.
- Ted Shoenecker will review the MUTCD for ADA topics.
- Discussed new ways to get more people involved or ideas to diversify our representation in other areas.

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- Reviewed the ADA guidelines.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Thursday May 20, 2006 at Bolton & Menk in Burnsville.**

Meeting Agenda – ADA Design Elements