



TRAFFIC SIGNAL COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2005

ATTENDEES

Jerry Kotzenmacher	MnDOT	Roger Plum	S.E.H
Bryant Ficek	Bonestroo	Marc Culver	Maple Grove
Ben Osemenam	MnDOT	Rachel Guan	Mn/DOT
Joe Gustafson	Scott Co.	Suzanne Danen	Dakota Co.
Jon Krieg	SRF	Brandon Bourdan	Kimley - Horn
Kristi Sebastian	Dakota Co.	Nick Erpelding	RLK – Kuusisto
Jerry Smrcha	Hennepin Co.	Linda Taylor	Mn/DOT
Steve Misgen	Mn/DOT Metro	Steve Manhart	Howard R. Green Co.
Adrian Potter	SRF	Todd Foster	
John Maczko	City of St. Paul	Wayne Sandberg	Washington County
Dave Abbey	Parsons	Leif Garnass	SRF
Paul Zager	Parsons		
Special Guests in Attendance: None – Jerry Smrcha was our honored guest for the day			

LOCATION

SRF – Lake Superior Room

HANDOUTS

National Traffic Signal Report Card – copy of slides from the NTOC talks on February 23, 2005
 NTOC National Traffic Signal Report Card – Rollout of results schedule and Media information for public agencies.
 Legislation related to Transportation being introduced in the 84th legislative session (2005-2006)

Main Topic – National Traffic Signal Report Card

ITE in corporation with other agencies, develop a traffic signal survey that was distributed last fall. The National Traffic signal report Card is now being rolled out to participants, professionals and the media. ITE will do a national press event and expects this to generate local interest. The NCITE signal group discussed the survey and how this committee could be proactive and work together to present information on our signal systems as a whole that could be disseminated to the media.

Both Mn/DOT Metro and the other districts (as a whole) responded to the survey along with some cities/counties within Minnesota. The group discussed results and decided to put together a one page signal system summary that captured both the things we has a group are doing well and areas for improvement. A small group consisting of Kristi, Bryant, John M. , Marc C. and Steve Misgen will prepare/review the document. Once prepared, the information can be posted on our web page and will be part of the Mn/DOT packet for the media to respond to inquiries.

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Kristi – Inquired as to the status of MnDOT’s LED approved list with respect to Dialite. Dakota County is letting six signal projects this year and is concerned for pricing with limited vendors able to bid on the equipment. Jerry K. explained that Mn/DOT will discuss and plans to make a determination regarding the Dialite LEDs at their April 13, 2005 TEO meeting. Steve Misgen noted that Mn/DOT has let projects this year and noticed higher bids but, it is not known if the Dialite issue, increase in raw material costs (aluminum/steel) or a combination of both contributed to the cost increase. Jerry K. has had no problems reported to him from districts regarding the LEDs in the last several months and the test sights had only one failure.

Steve Manhart announced that a new project engineer, Jonette Kaunau would start with Howard R. Green on March 14, 2005.

Wayne S. – Provided information on the state legislator: three issues related to transportation were being discussed, these include EVP actuation, school speed zone issue and driver feedback signs. The intent of the EVP legislation would be to make use by unauthorized vehicles a misdemeanor. The current school speed zone issue passed the safety committee – this legislation is proposing a mandatory 25 mph in school zones with the authority to modify the school zone speed being with the school and not the highway authority.

John M. – Suggested the group discuss RR signal crossing detection at an upcoming meeting. St. Paul is working on a detection issue.

Other Topics: Tech Memo on Ped Crossing – Follow-up discussion on this memo and the process to disseminate new policies. Mn/DOT has a process for developing and distributing new policy. It includes having selected representatives from counties. Mn/DOT believes the process works and is not anticipating a change to their current practice. MnMutcd committee has representation from all groups for setting policy. After discussion, the committee concluded that they hope key memos can be discussed with the Signal Committee group either through a member from NCITE on the MUTCD committee or current members bringing the information forward prior to the memo being finalized and distributed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be: April 6, 2005 from 8:00 – 10:00 am at Mn/DOT – Central Office, Room G 14

** Note change in meeting location! Meeting will be on the ground floor next to the cafeteria. We made this change so people could attend the transportation rally at 9:30 on the Capitol steps.

Topic – Assessing use of Temporary Signals when replacing or reconstructing an existing signal

Addition Topic – Railroad signal crossing detection issue

ATTACHMENTS None