

# Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee

[February 5, 2021](#)

TEAMS-Only Meeting (due to Covid-19)

## Meeting Minutes

*Present via TEAMS:* [Joseph Marek](#), Chair, Clackamas County; [Janet Hruby](#), Vice Chair, City of Bend; [Mike Kimlinger](#), Secretary, ODOT State Traffic-Roadway Engineer; [Laurel Byer](#), Benton County; [Nathan House](#), Oregon State Police; [Patrick Marnell](#), Q-Free; [Jeremy Morris](#), Klamath County [Jeff Wise](#), ODOT Region 5 [Karl MacNair](#), City of Medford

Members Absent: [Brian Barnett](#), City of Springfield

*Others Present via TEAMS:* Nick Fortey, FHWA; Fahad Alhajri, Brendan Baggett, Frank Belleque, Roger Boettcher, Scott Cramer, Rodger Gutierrez, Kevin Haas, Adrianna Isbell, Katie Johnson, Cory Jucius, Angela Kargel, Marie Kennedy, Justin King, Eric Leaming, Kathi McConnell, Sarah McCrea, Christina McDaniel-Wilson, Gary Obery, ODOT Traffic/Roadway Section; Scott Miller, Jamie Schmidt, ODOT Region 2; Dan Dorrell, Scott Parker, ODOT Region 3; Kristie Gladhill, ODOT TPAU; Scott Beard, Kittelson Associates; Wendy Cawley, Jamie Jeffrey, Peter Koonce, Matthew Machado, Charles Radosta, City of Portland; John Fasana, Sarah Owens, Washington County; Steve Gallup, Lane County; Terry Hockett, Kevin Hottmann, City of Salem; Andrew Kading, City of Eugene; Jabra Khasho, City of Beaverton; James Philp, Jackson County; Massoud Saberian, TAI

### **Policy Bullets for Further Dissemination:**

[Highlights from 2021 Legislative Bills ODOT Traffic-Roadway is Tracking](#) - Update

[MUTCD 11\\_Changes](#) – ODOT’s Highlights of Proposed Changes to MUTCD,

[ODOT Bulletin - Location of Crosswalks on State Highways](#)

[Effect of Residential Street Speed Limit Reduction from 25 to 20 mi/hr on Driving Speeds in Portland](#)

### **Introductions/TEAMS Orientation/Approval of Minutes**

Chair Joe Marek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He introduced the new member, Jeremy Morris for the Association of Oregon Counties. Attendance was taken via TEAMS. Patrick Marnell moved, Karl MacNair seconded and the meeting minutes for [November 20, 2020](#) and [January 6, 2021](#) were voted approved.

## **Business from the Audience/NOA Topics**

None

## **Highlights from Legislative Bills Traffic-Roadway is tracking**

Eric Leaming gave a [presentation](#) on Legislative bills ODOT Traffic-Roadway is currently tracking. Delegation of speed zoning authority to cities and some counties was among those getting more attention. Clackamas County has asked to be included in the counties. If passed, ODOT will need to adjust current OAR to facilitate this. Flashing yellow beacons and driver response to beacons was also discussed.

## **MUTCD review, ODOT leads to give highlights on changes in the new MUTCD**

Eric Leaming and ODOT Leads for each section of the 2011 MUTCD Draft gave a [presentation](#) on highlights of what's been reviewed thus far. Eric said we are currently in the comment period of the MUTCD update process, which was recently extended to 5/14/21.

Following this, FHWA will review comments received, prepare a rule and publish it. Then States have two years to adopt with their supplements. Through the OTCDC, Teams have been assembled to review all nine parts including people from ODOT, cities, counties, consultants, and one university representative. Specific review guidelines limit the scope of the comments we will be submitting to FHWA in late March-early April.

The group leads who reviewed each chapter went over some of the major changes in were Eric Leaming for Parts One and Nine, Marie Kennedy for Part Two, Frank Belleque for Part Three, Scott Cramer for Part Four, Kevin Haas for Part Five, Justin King for Part Six, Gary Obery for Part Seven and Katie Johnson for Part Eight.

A few highlights the [link](#) discussed were the minimum line width for normal lines increasing from 4-6 inches, Part Five as a new chapter covering automated vehicle issues while the old info on low volume roads has been dispersed throughout the Manual. Kevin Haas noted ODOT will need to produce a new [OTTCH](#) publication in parallel with the Oregon Supplements to the 2011 MUTCD.

Decision: Jeff Wise moved and Mike Kimlinger seconded to cancel the March 5<sup>th</sup> OTCDC Meeting and start the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at 8:00 a.m. The committee approved.

Eric Leaming asked for any further agency comments to be sent to him by the end of next week (by 2/12/2021).

**Continuing Agenda Item: brief reports from committee members relaying whether or not their local traffic control device meetings feel ODOT, through the OTCDC is helpful to their local operations**

Mike Kimlinger said what comes out of the interaction of processing the new MUTCD will be a good test. If we get good feedback from folks who are concerned about the proposed changes to the MUTCD, that's very relevant. Karl MacNair said he appreciated Mike's question and responded to strengthen feedback from Southern Oregon jurisdictions. Janet Hruby said reaching out to 'all of the above' would be helpful. It was suggested getting feedback from the APWA might be of help in getting feedback from cities. Kevin Haas said we've always had good interaction from counties and through OASIS but the cities have been more problematic with the exception of city members of the committee and cities which attend. Anything we can do to increase this would be helpful. Jeremy Morris said he would send out information on the MUTCD changes to the OASIS Board for input. Joe Marek said he's working to get information out to local jurisdictions in his area.

Further discussion was had as to what needed to be looked at in a new Oregon Supplement to the new MUTCD. Members were asked to think about how we incorporate those standards and policies at the local levels of governments, in local publications.

**Roundtable**

Janet Hruby asked if Mike Kimlinger has update on ODOT's review of crosswalks on state highways. Eric said ODOT has just come out with a bulletin on [Location of Crosswalks on State Highways](#).

Results of the wildfires brought up the question of appropriate signing being used by local jurisdictions during the aftermath. Massoud Saberian offered to send an example of one he's used in the past. Jeremy Morris discussed using ROADWORK AHEAD signing. Kathi McConnell said this kind of signing is in her area.

Scott Cramer noted the availability of certification or recertification training. Links to the [Traffic Signal Inspector Certification](#) and [Traffic Signal Inspector Re-certification](#) virtual courses through I-learn. Additional info about certification and the two virtual courses is on the [main construction inspector certification webpage](#).

### **Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- Update on Speed Zoning/Other Legislative Action
- MUTCD- [Timeline](#) of Further Review
- Evaluation of going from 25 MPH to 20 in Portland area. [PSU](#) did one [report](#)

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** March 19, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. by [Microsoft Teams](#)