

Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee

[March 20, 2015](#)

Meeting Minutes

ODOT [Technical Leadership Center](#), 4040 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon

Members Present: [Pam O'Brien](#), DKS Associates, Vice Chair; [Bob Pappé](#), Secretary, ODOT State Traffic Engineer; [Brian Barnett](#), City of Springfield; [Mike Caccavano](#), City of Redmond; [Jim Rentz](#), OSP; [Cynthia Schmitt](#), Marion County

Members Present via join.me: [Jeff Wise](#), ODOT Region 5, Chairperson; [Ed Chastain](#), Lane County; [Alex Georgevitch](#), City of Medford

Members Absent: [Joseph Marek](#), Clackamas County

Others Present: Terry Hockett, City of Salem; Jabra Khasho, City of Beaverton; Craig Black, Scott Cramer; Kevin Haas, Katie Johnson, Marie Kennedy, Mike Kimlinger, Justin King, Kathi McConnell, Heidi Shoblom, ODOT Traffic/Roadway Section

Introduction – Approval of Minutes – Additional Agenda Items

Chair Jeff Wise called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and called for introductions from all attending (see attendance above). Mike Caccavano moved, Cindy Schmitt seconded, and the committee approved the [January 2015 OTCDC Meeting Minutes](#). Since Jeff was calling in to the meeting, he then turned the gavel over to Vice-Chair Pam O'Brien.

Business from the Audience/Public Comment on Non-Agenda Topics

None to report.

Red Light Camera Guidelines Update

Craig Black [reported](#) for Doug Bish on the update Doug's been working on. The major revision revised Legislative Report requirement from "Regular Session" to "Odd-numbered year" to reflect legislative change in 2013 since the Legislature went to yearly sessions with the even numbered years being shorter sessions.

Kevin noted the City of Portland has sponsored legislation in the current legislative session to allow permanent photo radar installations. If this legislation passes, ODOT will probably need to develop a similar document to address photo radar installation on state facilities.

It was suggested the section on page 1 at the end of the second paragraph under Supporting Legislation be edited to change the date for the last revision of the law subsequent to 2007. ODOT will check into this and get it changed.

Mike Caccavano moved, Cindy Schmitt seconded and the committee approved the draft as presented with the provision ODOT look at the supporting legislation on page 1.

Signal Policy & Guidelines Update

Craig Black reported on the [proposed changes](#) in [this](#) draft of the document (redline version [here](#)). He wants comments back by Friday, April 24th. He agreed to send out a redline version as soon as possible so the changes are more easy to pick out.

Craig subsequently provided the red-line version for ease in reviewing proposed changes. Remarks should be returned to him by April 24th and a subsequent draft will be brought back to the May OTCDC meeting for discussion.

Forming Subcommittees for Possible Draft of Next Edition of MUTCD Review

Kevin Haas presented the committee a preview of the upcoming activity around reviewing the new edition of the MUTCD. He briefly reviewed the history of revisions to the publication. The draft is expected out sometime in 2015, after the June 2015 NCUTCD meeting. He reviewed Oregon requirements to adopt the MUTCD in ORS 810.200 and OAR 734-020-0005, as well as federal requirements to adopt the Document within 2 years of the effective date of the Final Rule for the changes.

Kevin reviewed possible timelines based on the 2009 history, the controversy over engineering judgement limitations, and the possible date of 2016 for release and need for Oregon Supplements within two years after final ruling. Further discussion was had regarding the previous process in 2009 and expectations regarding the new process. ODOT will try to get FHWA involved in Oregon discussions during the OTCDC review process.

The subcommittees will need to be formed and ready to hit the ground running by then.

Legislative Update

Kevin Haas reviewed current legislation. Further information on bills can be found at the [Oregon ITE Legislative Update](#) website and at the [Oregon Live Bill Tracker](#) website.

Bill	Short Description	Committee Assigned	Activity
SB 533	Allows motorcycles and bikes to go through an intersection on red light	House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development	work session 3/30/2015
HB 2621	Authorizes City of Portland to operate photo radar on urban high crash corridors	House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development	work session 3/30/2015
HB 3035	Allows increased use of flashing lights in certain rural school zones	House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development	work session 3/30/2015

HB 3094	Sets 70 MPH, Interstate & 65 MPH State Highway speed limits, ODOT can only set work zone speed limits via administrative rule	House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development	work session 4/3/2015
HB 3402	Increases speed limit for certain vehicles on specified portions of certain highways	House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development	work session 4/3/2015

Local Jurisdiction Issues - Discussion

Cindy Schmitt noted Marion County is noticing that the County Sheriff department and small community police departments having confusion over when school fines can be higher and how to enforce using E-ticketing software. Fines Higher signs have to be posted to be enforced and aren't allowed without school zone flashers in Marion County. E-ticketing software automatically kicks in the higher fine for school zones when it shouldn't. The result may be the County seeking to get legislation passed. No other jurisdictions at the meeting have seen this issue come up. HB 3035 may affect this issue.

Not On Agenda

Brian said Springfield has a Traffic Operations Engineer position open. Check the Springfield website.

Pam noted she is not expecting to have an ITE meeting in May so the joint ITE-OTCDC meeting probably won't be happening. So ODOT will have the May meeting at the TLC Building as usual. Kevin suggested the joint meeting be moved to another month where the ITE has an event such as July. The ITE Board will consider this.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Signal Policy and Guidelines Draft Review
Legislative Update

Adjournment

Pam adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.