

TCOC Minutes  
WSDOT Kent Maintenance Facility  
January 13, 2015  
12:30- 4:00 PM

Agenda Item	Facilitator	Purpose (Discussion, approval, info sharing)
12:30-12:45 Introductions	Ernst Stahn	Info sharing
12:45-1:00 Minutes Reviewed, Approved (10-14-14)	Ernst Stahn	Approval
1:00-2:00 – Seattle parking garages and flagging streets	Debra Kellard/Sue Smith	Info sharing
2:00-2:15 Break	Sue Smith	Action
2:15-2:45 Voting electronically/conference call	Ernst Stahn	Approval
2:45-3:00 WAC 296 155 305 notification update	Robin Smith	Info sharing
3:00-4:00 Roundtable.	All	Discussion
Adjourn		
Set-up next meeting. April 14, 2015		

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Introductions – Call to order 12:30 by facilitator Ernst Stahn, Roster was taken by Ernst.  
Attendees – David Conley, Debra Kellard, Eric Tofte, Ernst Stahn, John Bair, Michael Flangan, Michelle Bemis, Mike Warren, Peter Lahmann, Rich Bunker, Rob Carrington, Semilla Sanchez, Steve Haapala, Steve Heist, Sue Smith, Tina Bacon.

Meeting Minutes 10-14-2014 reviewed– Question and discussion about buffer space and using the word Minimums. They are not minimums. Should be recommendations. Suggested that the word minimum on last line of the second page be deleted. Change to language of the recommended Federal MUTCD. Motion to accept as amended. Motion carried.

Discussion – Seattle parking garages and flagging streets – Sue Smith, talked about the article in the papers about flagging at Commercial flaggers. There was a reaction to the articles and they took the flaggers off the street. Discussion by LNI about letting non construction people know that if they are doing flagging, they need to follow the MUTCD. Question about what happens when there is an event and a spike in traffic, how do we react to this. There is sometimes a cost to traffic control for events. Cities will sometimes do what they want to do outside of normal traffic control procedures.

What about private flagging for events, parades, school crossing guards, Special events, emergencies that relate back to Standards.

Temporary Traffic Control only? How about guidance to the employers as well as L&I. Letters of interpretation. Notice of Temporary Traffic Control. Did you know you need to follow these rules? Event Temporary Traffic Control. School districts. Non Construction Traffic Control. OSPI has their own course for School crossing guards. Some stop traffic to allow busses to get out. Is there a way to notify what the regulations are?

Purpose – Draft article, publish on L&I site, these are the rules that one needs to follow. Possible link at WSDOT website. Who would it be distributed to, what list. Construction Advisory Committee, Special event coordinators could disseminate the information. If you want to affect traffic at a special event, here is what you need to do.

Outcome of discussion: Create an alert bulletin with how employers could be cited and give information on possible cures? Generate a list of means of Notification? Discussion about minimum standards for Traffic Control. Subcommittee will be created to address.

Subcommittee members –Steve Heist, Steve Haapala, Semilla Sanchez, John Bair, Dave Conley (Chair of Committee).

Voting electronically / Conference calling – This item was taken care of previously, conference calls and electronic voting will be allowed.

WAC 296 155 305 – Dave Conley talked about the update of 305 and concerns. Possible areas to address, people that set up traffic control zones, update and keep in construction or a horizontal standard. Update part E 305? Make a new section in 800? What would a safety standard for non-construction look like? Event flagging, there is a Federal webpage on this topic. You currently need to follow what is in the MUTCD and general duty clause. Initially focus on the education piece.

Notification update – will table, Robin was unable to be here today.

Round table – Rich Bunker discussion about voting membership of this committee. Steve Haapala discussed updated M54-44. New version on webpage. Steve Heist asked about proposed rule changes. Discussion of having multiple rules on the same topic. If the rule exists i.e. MUTCD, refer to the rule. Temporary traffic control is any traffic control, not just construction. Mike Warren will advocate for a transportation budget.

Tina Bacon asked about the MOU that they had submitted. Dave Coneley talked about the MOU. He passed out the latest version of the MOU he had received. We learned that it wasn't the latest revision. Ernst will send out the latest updated version to everyone. Eric Tofte – Let revisions to rules reflect the latest MUTCD. Sue Smith – talked about Motorcade company that conducts funerals. The state patrol wants them to have a flagging card, have cones, have a flag paddle. You have to apply 31 days before the event (funerals), wonder why the State Patrol is giving them difficulty on this. Steve Haapala said that these people are out there performing special event traffic control. And they do need a permit to perform. They have white motorcycles and wear badges but are not law enforcement. DOT has a special events coordinator that they should talk with. Deanna Brewer, HQ Traffic is the contact. Michael Flanagan talked about non-compliant devices and what is being used. What about the use of aluminum or roll up? Local agencies can modify their project specs to allow use of aluminum or roll ups as long as they are crash worthy.

Is there a current reciprocity agreement?

Ernst will look into. Reciprocity agreement with Montana? When was the last reciprocity meeting between the states?

Next TCOC meeting - April 14, 2015, Kent Facility