



CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEERS (CTE) ASSOCIATION

BI-MONTHLY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER/SELF INTRODUCTIONS

S. Ma called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Self introductions were made. The following members were present:

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Hamid Bahadori	Automobile Club of So. Cal.	Bahadori.Hamid@aaa-calif.com

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2013 meeting was moved by M. Mostahkami and seconded by F. Barnes. Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Hamid Bahadori was present to update the association on the CTCDC's (California Traffic Control Devices Committee) review of yellow change interval times. H. Bahadori chaired a subcommittee to examine the procedures to calculate yellow change intervals and prepare a recommendation to the CTCDC and Caltrans for their consideration. H. Bahadori explained

that Table 4D-102 of the California MUTCD will not change but the speed used in the table may. H. Bahadori also spoke on the other factors involved when making yellow timing decisions such as grade and how the committee might incorporate those factors and make reference to studies by Institute of Transportation Engineers in its recommendation.

M. Miller asked what the subcommittee might recommend in calculating yellow timing for protected left-turn and right-turn phasing. H. Bahadori replied that the committee is still considering that issue and has not come to a final decision. S. Libring questioned whether these new methodologies would be tested before implementation statewide.

H. Bahadori asked members to look for the agenda for the next CTCDC meeting to stay updated and spoke to the inevitability changes in yellow change interval legislation.

H. Bahadori asked the members how bicycle timing legislation has affected them. Several members updated the association on where their cities were at with the implementation of bicycle timing. Several members broached how difficult it is to retime entire cities as new Caltrans directives are released so frequently.

OLD BUSINESS

2013 CTE Workshop

The association had a roundtable discussion of the Traffic Commissioners Workshop and how CTE might improve the workshop in future years. M. Miller thanked the organizers of the workshop. The members discussed expanding the invitees to city council members, planning commissions, and legislators. M. Millers suggested having two question and answer periods at future workshops. The committee also discussed the best timing for the workshop although no consensus was reached.

NEW BUSINESS/SPECIAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

M. Miller discussed the placement of “sharrow” markings in lanes and members discussed best practices with sharrow marking.

A member asked what to do if a City Manager will not approve another speed study and how to conduct studies less frequently than recommended by the California MUTCD. Several committee members suggested documenting conditions and writing a letter or report explaining whether or not conditions have changed as permitted in the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

The City Traffic Engineers Association will have its annual joint meeting with SoCal ITE on January 15, 2014 at Monterey Hill Restaurant in the City of Monterey Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Dunlap
Secretary/Treasurer