I. WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM (EDT) by ITE Committee Chair Brent Ogden.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was held at the 2015 ITE Annual Meeting at the Westin Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida. There were six members and guests present at the meeting and seven joined by conference call:

- Brent Ogden
- Tom Lancaster
- Doug Bowron
- Gene Russell
- Dee Chapell
- Graduate Student

Conference Call:
- Steve Venglar
- Brian Gilleran
- Karen Hankinson
- Steve Laffey
- Dee Chappell
- Phil Poichuk
- Joaquin Siques

III. ITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Noble (ITE staff) provided the ITE report:

- A proposed Recommended Practice for traffic signal clearance intervals (*Guidelines for Determining Traffic Signal Change and Clearance Intervals*) has been issued, and last Friday (July 31) was the last day for comments. There were comments from 27 individuals and agencies comprising over 100 pages. In particular, clearance intervals for left turns had many comments. ITE will move forward with this RP, and the technical committee will attempt to resolve the comments. Traffic signal preemption timing was not covered in this proposed RP. There will be a session at this Annual Meeting on clearance intervals.

- An Informational Report on *Sight Triangle and Corner Clearance Policies at Intersections and Driveways* has been published. Brent Ogden suggested that it might be applicable to railroad and LRT grade crossings. Doug Bowron stated that Canada has a new document for calculating sight distances at railroad crossings. Doug will compare the Canadian document to the ITE document and report back to this Committee. Brent suggested that a link be added to our railroad crossing web page for both the ITE publication and the Canadian document.

- ITE has published a *Survey of Guidelines Used to Select Sidewalk Locations*. Brent Ogden asked if it included railroad crossings. Doug Noble said that he would check.
• Integration of Safety in the Project Development Process and Beyond: A Context Sensitive Approach has been published by ITE.

• Publication of Recommended Design Guidelines to Accommodate Pedestrians and Bicycles at Interchanges is now on hold due to comments from ITE Board of Direction members.

• ITE is writing a request for proposals for integrating all of the current ITE context-sensitive reports.

• This Committee is now classified as a Standing Committee.

• ITE has re-arranged its website. There is now a library look-up feature that includes reports that have been presented at ITE meetings as well as ITE publications.

• ITE has a task force for reviewing appropriate traffic lane widths for various situations.

• The new executive director of ITE, Jeff Paniati, will begin work at ITE in mid-October.

• A replacement for Peter Frentz, retired ITE Deputy Executive Director, has been hired.

IV. ITE COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. ITE Grade Crossing Web Page

Brent reported that the links are working on our railroad grade crossing website, which is part of the ITE site. Presentations from previous ITE meetings have been posted except for Seattle, but the Seattle presentations are expected to be posted soon. It was suggested that Joaquin post some of the material at appropriate locations within the ITE Community Forum.

2. MUTCD Items

It was reported that the latest advice is that the Notice of Proposed Amendment for update of the MUTCD is “tentative” for June, 2018.

It was noted that links from the ITE Grade Crossing Web page to the proposed revisions to the MUTCD chapters on traffic signal preemption are working.

3. Update of Recommended Practice for the Preemption of Traffic Signals Near Grade Crossings

Tom Lancaster reported that work on the revision of the RP is continuing, and is now awaiting completion of work tasks by some of the committee members. It is hoped that the revised RP will be ready for review and approval of task force members by mid-fall.
4. Second Train Coming Task Force

Brent is leading an MUTCD task force on this topic. He has put together a database, and is considering placing the topic on an ITE Community Forum to obtain additional information.

5. Conference Sessions Update

- Brent Ogden reported that there will be a session this afternoon (August 3) at the current ITE Annual Meeting on busways. The presentations will include MUTCD Busway Provisions by Tom Lancaster, Los Angeles Orange Line Busway by Edward Yu, Miami – South Dade Busway by Isabel Pardon, and Cleveland Health Line BRT by Ken Sislak.

- Doug Noble suggested that a focus could be placed on ITE District Meetings for presentations of local issues.

- A comment was made that light rail transit systems are not required to include their crossings in the FRA database, but are encouraged to do so.

- Possible future presentation topics could include an emphasis on technological issues or enforcement techniques. Potential presentations could discuss the interaction of railroad crossings with positive train control and automated vehicles, and the use of Google maps to highlight railroad crossings.

- Brian Gillaran stated that he would be willing to assist in finding resources for technical presentations, particularly those related to databases.

- By mid-October, ITE wants to have content ideas for the 2016 Anaheim meeting. It was mentioned that there are several crossing-related sites in the vicinity of Anaheim that might be suitable for a field trip. Karen Hankinson suggested a visit to queue detector installations in Orange County. Doug Noble stated that if we want to have a tour as part of the meeting, it should be arranged at an early date in order to encourage maximum participation. It was mentioned that Monica Suter might be of assistance in organizing a tour and finding sites of interest.

- Doug Noble suggested that presentations on Recommended Practices could be made at District meetings during the public comment period.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- Steve Venglar reported that TXDOT has asked TTI to review the Texas preemption policies, which are now more than ten years old.

- There will be a national grade crossing workshop presented by TTI in Arlington, Texas, November 1 – 4, 2015.
Phil Poichuk suggested that committee members should review the proposal for the Synthesis of Traffic Signal Preemption near Highway-Rail Grade Crossings (NCHRP 20-05, Topic 47-15). This $45,000 project is scheduled to begin in fiscal year 2015, and the TRB contact is Donna Vlasak. The topic panel includes:

- Paul Zebell, City of Portland
- Joanna L. Bush, Wisconsin DOT
- Dennis Eyler, SRF Consulting
- Raj V. Ponnaluri, Florida DOT
- Aleksandar Stevanovic, Florida Atlantic University-Civil, Environmental & Geologic Engineering
- Adam Lough, Utah DOT
- Brian Vercruysse, Illinois Commerce Commission
- Eddie Curtis, Federal Highway Administration
- James Dahlem, Federal Highway Administration
- Tarek Omar, Federal Railroad Administration, US DOT
- Richard A. Cunard, Transportation Research Board

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, Washington DC
   Sunday, January 10 – Thursday, January 14, 2016 (at Washington Convention Center)

2. ITE 2016 Annual Meeting and Exhibit, Anaheim, CA
   Sunday, August 14 – Wednesday, August 17, 2016 (at Anaheim Marriott Hotel)

3. Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, Washington DC
   Sunday, January 8 – Thursday, January 12, 2017 (at Washington Convention Center)

4. ITE 2017 Annual Meeting and Exhibit, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
   Sunday, July 30 – Wednesday, August 2, 2017 (at Sheraton Centre)

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM.