I. WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM (PDT) by ITE Committee Chair Brent Ogden.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was held at AECOM, 710 Second Avenue, 10th Floor, Seattle WA. There were three members and guests present at the meeting and two additional persons who participated by phone.

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III. ITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Fontana-Tierney provided the ITE report, key points as follows:

- John Kennedy was elected as the new ITE president.
- A contract has been awarded to a consultant to update the Traffic Engineering Handbook, and work will begin soon.
- A report on the treatment of bicycles and pedestrians at interchanges will be published by the end of the year.
- An ITE traffic engineering primer, consisting of 14 modules, will be finalized by the end of this year. It is a joint product of ITE and FHWA, and will be available free on the ITE website.
- The Traffic Control Devices Handbook was published in February 2013.
- The FHWA announced a decision that the MUTCD will not be split into two or more separate volumes due to comments that were largely in opposition.
- The ITE Recommended Practice on Traffic Signal Clearance Intervals will go out to ballot this Fall; with possible publishing by the end of the year.
- Work on a sustainability handbook is still in progress.
An ITE Informational Report on Speed Management is available on the ITE website.

IV. ITE COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. ITE Grade Crossing Web Page

Brent reported that our railroad grade crossing website, which is part of the ITE site, is up to date.

Brent Ogden stated that the Technical Working Group (TWG) report on traffic control devices at railroad crossings that was produced as a result of the 1995 train-bus collision in Fox River Grove is largely out of date. Most of the material in the report has either been incorporated into other documents or has been superseded, and probably is no longer needed.

To ensure that the available information on railroad crossings is current, the relevant documents must be kept up to date. There will soon be a new MUTCD and a new Recommended Practice. This will create a need for a new Traffic Control Devices Handbook, and a revised Grade Crossing Handbook.

Brent suggested that our committee could update Chapter 11 of the Traffic Control Devices Handbook and distribute it independently if funds are not available for a revision of the entire Handbook.

2. MUTCD Items

Brent Ogden reported that an extensive revision and expansion of the MUTCD Part 8 section on preemption of traffic signals at railroad crossings was passed by the NCUTCD at the June 2014 meeting. The revision was a cooperative effort of the Signals and Railroad/LRT MUTCD Technical Committees. The revision will now be forwarded to FHWA for its approval for inclusion in the next edition of the MUTCD.

A new section of Part 8 regarding traffic control devices for busways was also approved by the NCUTCD at the June 2014 meeting, and will be forwarded to FHWA.

There was a discussion regarding the advisability of including the new NCUTCD preemption material in our railroad crossing website. It would be important to note that the material is subject to review and approval by FHWA, and could be changed substantially before it appears in the next MUTCD. Also, it is not certain whether this material is considered to be in the public domain and would be appropriate to publish on our website.

Brent Ogden agreed to discuss with Bruce Friedman of FHWA the issue of whether we should publish proposed preemption material on our website, and to also obtain the tentative publishing schedule for the next MUTCD. Tom Lancaster agreed to obtain a copy of the proposed preemption material.
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 will now resume based on the passage of the new preemption material approved by the NCUTCD. Even though the material could be changed by the FHWA before incorporation in the next MUTCD, approval of the material by the NCUTCD does provide an indication that it represents what is considered to be appropriate practice.

4. Conference Sessions Update

Brent Ogden reported that on Wednesday morning at the current ITE Annual Meeting there will be a session on railroad preemption. Presentations will be made by Karen Hankinson, Peter Koonce, and Joaquin Siques. A fourth paper was to be presented by Jim Hanks, but Jim had to return home for personal business. Brent said that he would make Jim’s presentation.

There was a discussion of hosting a session at the August 2015 ITE Annual Meeting. Suggestions included presentations on the following items:

- The proposed new material on railroad preemption
- The proposed new material on busways, along with examples of traffic control devices at existing busways
- High-speed rail projects, possible focusing on the Illinois project and on the use of Intelligent Transportation Systems and Positive Train Control applications to high-speed rail crossings
- New rule-making for revisions to the railroad crossing inventory and incident reporting process, and how that could assist safety analyses at railroad crossings

V. OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that long-time member Phil Poichuk of Transport Canada has retired. There was no other business before the Committee.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in January 2015 in Washington DC. The next ITE Annual Meeting will be in Hollywood, Florida, August 2 – 5, 2015.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM by Chair Brent Ogden.