



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: February 1, 2024 Item Number: 24-03	From: Robert (Bob) Bronkall, LS, PE, TE, Humboldt County, CTCDC Member
Sponsored By: Robert Bronkall, CTCDC Member	Presented By: Robert Bronkall, CTCDC Member
Description: Legislative template letter approval, formation of legislation subcommittee, and subcommittee report	

Recommendation:

1. Consider the adoption of a template letter to inform legislators of the CTCDC's purpose and advisory function.
2. Consider adding a recommendation to the "Legislative information for session year 20xx-20xx" standing agenda item to "Identify legislation that would benefit from CTCDC involvement and request that Caltrans notify the legislation sponsors about the CTCDC."
3. Consider the formation of a subcommittee to advise and coordinate with state legislators.
4. Consider the composition of the subcommittee.
5. Consider the nomination and appointment process of CTCDC members to the subcommittee.
6. Consider adding a subcommittee report section in the "Legislative information for session year 20xx-20xx" agenda item.

Agency Making Request/Sponsor:

Robert Bronkall, CTCDC Member

Background:

Since legislators and their staff craft policies affecting traffic control devices, opportunities should be available for them to obtain technical information more easily. This may help streamline the legislative process and implementation into relevant manuals.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Draft CTCDC letter to legislators



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The California Traffic Control Device Committee (CTCDC) is an advisory body to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Several key purposes of the CTCDC are: to promote the uniform and functional design and application of traffic control devices; gather, disseminate, and exchange information among stakeholders; serve as a forum to review and evaluate proposals of responsible agencies concerned with traffic control devices; and encourage research and development of traffic control devices. The CTCDC has a diverse membership that includes the Automobile Club of Southern California, California State Automobile Association, California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS), Department of California Highway Patrol, California State Association of Counties with their representatives from southern and northern California counties, and League of California Cities with their appointed representatives from southern and northern California cities, a CALTRANS appointed member to represent non-motorized road users, and a CALTRANS appointed member to represent all road users. The diversity of this group brings a well-rounded approach to traffic engineering through their varied experiences in urban and rural settings as well as through the lenses of their respective organizations.

When the legislature passes legislation that affects California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA-MUTCD), the CTCDC is then tasked with approving changes to the CA-MUTCD to incorporate the will of the legislature. In some circumstances, the CTCDC has had challenges in the past of implementing the will of the legislature leading to delays or questions in the implementation of legislation that is important to both the legislature and residents of the State. The CTCDC believes that early consultation with a team of technical practitioners may help to provide perspective and additional knowledge when crafting legislation that can smooth the path to implementation. The CTCDC has identified that the above legislation could benefit from this kind of consultation prior to being passed. While the CTCDC only meets several times each year, we recognize that time is of the essence in crafting legislation. To be proactive, CTCDC has specifically formed a sub-committee for this legislation that can provide technical comment on the implementation of the proposed legislature, should the legislature wish to consult on this or any other matter related to the CA-MUTCD.

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On behalf of the CTCDC,

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Executive Secretary