

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CALIFORNIA TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
July 8, 2025

ATTENDEES

Voting Members Present (7 Total):

- Robert Bronkall, County Engineers Association of California (CEAC), Humboldt County Public Works (Chair)
- Jason Welday, League of California Cities (LOCC), City of Rancho Cucamonga (Vice Chair)
- Lt. Kirk Bailor, California Highway Patrol (CHP)
- Bryan Jones, Caltrans Active Transportation (CAT), City of Menifee
- Mike Sallaberry, CAT, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
- Robert Scharf, CEAC, Los Angeles County Public Works
- Mahmoud Zahriya, American Automobile Association of Northern California, Nevada & Utah (AAA-N)

Voting Members Absent (3 Total):

- Pratyush Bhatia, LOCC, City of Dublin
- Marianne Kim, American Automobile Association of Southern California (AAA-S)
- Amjad Obeid, Caltrans

Alternate Members Present (3 Total):

- Johnny Bhullar, Caltrans
- Melainie Boyack, CHP
- Virendra Patel, LOCC

Alternate Members Absent (7 Total):

- Tim Chang, AAA-S
- Michelle Donati, AAA-N
- Andrew Maximous, LOCC
- Rock Miller, CAT
- Richard Moorehead, CEAC
- Tony Powers, CAT
- Wei Zhu, CEAC

Committee Staff:

- Timothy Kong, Caltrans
- Ejaz Shaikh, Caltrans

Presenters:

- Johnny Bhullar, Caltrans HQ

Public Speakers:

- Steve Pyburn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

ORGANIZATION ITEMS

1. Introductions

Chair Bronkall opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

The CTCDC members introduced themselves followed by Alternate Members.

2. Membership

There were no CTCDC membership changes to review.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

No minutes were presented for approval so the meeting could focus on CA MUTCD 2026 topics.

4. Public Comments

No public comment was taken so the meeting could focus on CA MUTCD 2026 topics.

5. Updates on Items under Experimentation

No updates were presented so the meeting could focus on CA MUTCD 2026 topics.

AGENDA ITEMS

6. Public Hearing

6a. Consent Items (minor discussion with vote expected)

None

6b. Action Items (Continuing discussion from prior meetings with vote expected)

25-01: CA MUTCD 2026 - Part 1 (General)

Mr. Johnny Bhullar, CA MUTCD Editor, presented Caltrans' responses to the CTCDC's comments Part 1 (included in the agenda item report). Mr. Bhullar explained the reasoning behind Caltrans' agreement or disagreement with the suggestions made by the CTCDC.

Comments during Johnny's presentation:

- 6. CTCDC Comment – Chapter 1B, Section 1B.03, Paragraph #14:
 - Mr. Steve Pyburn, FHWA, noted that we are sensitive to the fact that, having approved construction plans, budget, time, and project schedule, there is a need to move ahead. That's what led to us supporting this statement. However, there is a risk to agencies if those plans are not in conformance with the revised California Manual. The non-compliant devices will have to be replaced after end-of-service life or sooner if stated in the Manual. We are okay with the language as is at the moment, but the risk should be understood.

MOTION: Vice Chair Welday made a motion to approve CA MUTCD 2026 - Part 1 as presented. Mr. Scharf seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

6c. Informational Items (Continuing or new items that may be brought back as an Action Item in a future meeting)

24-12: CA MUTCD 2026 - Part 7 (School Areas) Finalized

Item was informational for the Committee to review on their own. The proposed CA MUTCD 2026 Part 7 document titled "Traffic Control for School Areas" has been finalized in response to the CTCDC recommendation provided to Caltrans in April 3, 2025 meeting and is being submitted to Federal Highway Administration's California Division for review and determination of "substantial conformance" finding with the National MUTCD 2023 (11th Edition).

6d. Word Message Sign Items

None.

6e. Experimentation Items

None.

CONCLUSION

7. Upcoming Meetings

Chair Bronkall stated the next meeting was scheduled for August 7, 2025. It will be a virtual meeting with no in-person location.

8. Adjourn

Chair Bronkall adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.