

PEDESTRIAN ISSUES IN WORK ZONES
TECHNICAL GROUP MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2007

The technical group met on August 22, 2007 at 2 PM in the Traffic Control Conference Room, with the following in attendance:

Attendees

Joseph Ishak, PE - Chair
Jeff Cox, PE
Jennifer Evans, PE
Tris Ford
Bucky Galloway, PE
Ron Hancock, PE
Mitch Hendee, PE
Brad Hibbs, PE
Sharon Lipscomb
Jennifer Portanova, PE
Keith Raulston, PE

Representing

Work Zone Traffic Control Unit
Division of Bike and Peds
Project Development and Environmental Analysis (PDEA)
PDEA - Public Involvement & Community Studies
Traffic Engineering Branch
Construction Unit
Alternative Delivery Unit
FHWA
Office of Civil Rights
Work Zone Traffic Control Unit
Division 9 Construction

The purpose of this meeting was for the smaller groups to present their drafts for Criteria, Procedure, Exceptions, and Education. The drafts and any updates to the drafts are provided at the end of the minutes. The attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments on the drafts. After this meeting, each small group will continue working on the drafts and incorporate the comments from the attendees. As the updated drafts are sent to Joseph, he will distribute them to the entire committee. Below are a few of the comments that were discussed in the meeting:

Criteria

- Evaluate the relationship between detour length and pedestrian counts
- Determine if this applies to all projects and if so, generalize the flow chart
- Work with the procedures small group to determine who uses the flow chart
- Define a “facility”
- Determine the types of projects this criteria will apply
- Evaluate if the PDEA Scoping Meeting is the appropriate time to request pedestrian counts, considering the PDEA Bridge Replacement Scoping Meeting is conducted at the end of the planning process.

Procedures

- Elaborate on the bulleted items
- Discuss revisions to the Feasibility Studies Procedures with Derrick Lewis (Joseph)
- Incorporate the requirements of ADA Section 504 into the community impact questions

Exception

- Evaluate who the appropriate person is to approve the design waiver
- Determine if duration should be a consideration
- Allow room for engineering judgement

Education Plan

- Consider combining with the Work Zone Safety & Mobility Policy Education Campaign
- Consider presenting to the Division Engineers before mass distribution
- Consider education for municipalities and the AGC

Action Items

- Each small group will send finalized working draft to Joseph a week before the next meeting for distribution to the Committee.
- The next meeting is September 17, 2007 at 2 PM in the Traffic Control Conference Room.