What is the California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC)?

The CTCDC is an advisory body to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). It is through the CTCDC that Caltrans fulfills the requirement of California Vehicle Code Section 21400, to consult with local authorities in developing uniform standards for all official traffic control devices to be used on California streets and highways. The CTCDC has operated since 1968.

Does the CTCDC do anything beyond advising Caltrans?

Yes. This committee encourages the research and development of traffic control devices by considering proposals from responsible agencies that wish to pilot projects with non-standard traffic control devices. Pilot projects that are approved are then monitored and evaluated by the CTCDC. The CTCDC also serves as a forum to disseminate and exchange information among state, national, and local agencies having responsibilities relative to traffic control devices.

What is the significance of State standards for traffic control devices?

Any device that guides, warns, or regulates motorists on a public street or highway in California is required by Vehicle Code Section 21401 to conform to the standards promulgated by Caltrans. These devices include signs, pavement markings, signals and delineators. The basic standards are prescribed in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Who is on the Committee?

The Committee consists of ten members appointed by the organizations that they represent. There are two representatives from both the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties. There is one representative each from the Automobile Club of Southern California, the California State Automobile Association, and the California Highway Patrol. Caltrans designated three members and three alternates, one of whom represent road users and two of whom represent active transportation road users. The names of current Committee members are shown on the back page of this brochure.

When and where does the Committee meet?

The Committee meets three to four times per year; the meetings are open to the public. In order to facilitate attendance, the meeting locations typically alternated between northern and southern California sites. The Committee may also meet, at the request of Caltrans, for technical consultation. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

If I have an idea, how can I get it considered by the Committee?

If you would like to propose a revision to a State standard or propose a pilot project with a non-standard traffic control device, consult http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/engineering/ctcdc/index.htm for the Experimental Process with New Traffic Control Devices, then contact the Committee's Executive Secretary to discuss your ideas. The Secretary may be reached at (916) 653-1816. One of the members of the CTCDC, shown on the back of the page, would have to sponsor the proposal.

How can I get more information about Committee meetings?

Please visit the CTCDC website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/engineering/ctcdc/index.htm for the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda for the next meeting. The agenda for the upcoming meeting, date and location of the upcoming meeting, minutes for the previous meetings, and the annual reports of the accomplishments of the Committee are available at the CTCDC website.

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