

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Detector Clearinghouse Quarterly Status Report

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Following is an update on the status of the VDC:

- Attended ASTM 2001 Committee week in Dallas, Texas and participated as Chair of the E17.52 Subcommittee on Traffic Monitoring Devices Task group and subcommittee meetings on December 3rd and 4th. The group discussed the negative vote from Richard B. Rogers on the revisions to E1318 (WIM standard), which were submitted for ballot in July 2001. Dr. Clyde Lee resolved the negative prior to the meeting and the negative was withdrawn. Also, Dr. Larry Klein presented a draft of the "Standard Specification and Test Methods for Highway Traffic Monitoring Devices." The group made comments and Dr. Klein will make the necessary changes to the draft to address the comments. Plans are to submit a ballot for the first draft of this standard in January 2002 at the subcommittee level then in March 2002 at the main committee level. Working on the write-up of the minutes for the meeting, which will detail other items discussed.
- Working on the write-up of a report to document VDC activities and accomplishments since its establishment in 1996. The report will be showcased at NATMEC 2002 in Orlando, FL in May 2002.
- Working with VDC consultants John Hamrick & Perry Kent and VDC web master to update the State Contacts database on the VDC web site. This task is about 70% complete.
- Working with SWTDI staff member, Gabriella Cisneros to revamp the VDC web page to make it easier to navigate and increase the overall quality and quantity of its contents. A draft of the new web page can be temporarily accessed at <http://solar.nmsu.edu/gaby>.

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