



# FOREWORD

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Welcome to the second issue of the NUTCD's Journal of Traffic Control Device Research (JTCDR). As you may be aware, the current mission of the JTCDR is to increase the dissemination of findings from traffic control device research and evaluations to inform recommendations for changes to the MUTCD. Within this issue of the JTCDR, you'll find papers that are written by practitioners and researchers that are intended to advance traffic control device practices in the United States. Not surprisingly, the style and scope of our papers will differ from those found within a typical academic journal, with an increased emphasis on results. The editors will ensure that these papers are readable and understandable by a broad practitioner audience.

The JTCDR editorial board is currently preparing a strategic plan to help guide development of future issues. This plan will consider the Journal's mission and will identify the goals of the Journal, publication schedule, review process, and distribution plan. The editorial board understands the challenges associated with producing a high-quality journal. Journals are competitive, and we have no intentions of competing with the Transportation Research Record (TRR) and other journals designed for academic-style papers. However, as several editorial board members serve in various leadership capacities within the TRB Standing Committee on Traffic Control Devices (ACP55), there is likely an opportunity for liaison.

Most importantly, in order for the JTCDR to be successful, we would like to see more NCUTCD members involved in the journal development. Our organization is collaborative, which makes it easy to reach out to leadership on the Research Committee, the Executive Board, or any Technical Committee Chair with your ideas and questions.

In closing, I'd like to thank the efforts of the three original members of the editorial board: Bryan Katz, Scott Kuznicki, and Mike Tantillo. Without their efforts, neither the first nor second issues of this journal would have happened. And I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that the Journal exists today thanks to the vision and leadership of NCUTCD Chair, Gene Hawkins. As a newcomer to both the NCUTCD and the JTCDR editorial board, I look forward to working with these talented folks as we shape the plan for future issues.