



EDITOR'S WELCOME

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It is my pleasure to introduce you to our third volume of the *Journal of Traffic Control Device Research*. This journal is a product of the Research Committee and fulfills our goal to bring practical-based knowledge about traffic control devices to members of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD) as well as the traffic engineering practitioner community at large.

Launching this Journal has been one of my goals as the Research Chair of the National Committee. With the help of an incredible team of people, we have set up a system to receive submissions, review them, assist with formatting, and ultimately publish the Journal itself with posting of the link on the ever-improving NCUTCD website.

You will note that this issue of the journal includes a combination of case studies, state-of-practice information, and research papers. While the contents and formats vary, all contributions to the journal help to disseminate knowledge related to Traffic Control Devices. As we continue the publication of the journal, it is my vision that we will maintain a variety of paper formats. In addition, it is also my vision that we expand our base of authors and that we have more papers that are developed by authors who serve as practitioners in public agencies. You will see that this is already happening to a degree in current and past issues, but I believe there is much benefit to be gained through the publication of the many studies and evaluations conducted by public-sector traffic operations practitioners.

As you read the papers in this issue, I invite you to think about topics that you would like to hear about and encourage colleagues to submit papers for the next edition. In 2026, we will accept submissions beginning in January and expect we can continue to publish this journal annually in the years ahead. The success of the journal comes from our amazing volunteers who take the time to contribute papers and review the submissions. I am very appreciative of the time and effort taken to write papers for publication in our journal. I look forward to being a part of its continued success!