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FOREWORD

This document uses only metric units.

The purpose of this publication is to identify and define the common object definitions that may be supported by devices that are NTCIP-compliant. This document is an NTCIP Data Dictionary Standard. Data Dictionary Standards provide formal definitions of data elements for use within NTCIP systems.

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INTRODUCTION

This publication provides definitions of data elements for use with various transportation devices. The data is defined using the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) object-type format as defined in RFC 1212 and the defined NTCIP format defined in NTCIP 8004. This data would typically be exchanged using one of the NTCIP 1103 recognized Application Layers (e.g., SNMP).

This standard defines requirements that are applicable to all NTCIP environments and it also contains optional and conditional clauses that are applicable to specific environments for which they are intended.

The following keywords apply to this document: AASHTO, ITE, NEMA, NTCIP, global, data, data dictionary, object.

In 1992, the NEMA 3-TS Transportation Management Systems and Associated Control Devices Section began the effort to develop the NTCIP. The Transportation Section's purpose was to respond to user needs to include standardized systems communication in the NEMA TS 2 standard, *Traffic Controller Assemblies*. Under the guidance of the Federal Highway Administration's NTCIP Steering Group, the NEMA effort was expanded to include the development of communications standards for all transportation field devices that could be used in an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) network.

In September 1996, an agreement was reached among NEMA, ITE, and AASHTO to jointly develop, approve, and maintain NTCIP Standards. In late 1998, the Global Object Working Group was tasked with the effort to update the Global Object Definitions document. The first meeting of this working group was held in January 1999.

The first version of this document was published as NEMA TS 3.4-1996; however, in 1997, both AASHTO and ITE adopted the standard. Thus, in order to provide an organized numbering scheme and to reflect the joint approval of AASHTO, ITE, and NEMA, the updated document is now numbered NTCIP 1201. The reformatted version was developed to reflect lessons learned and to add new features from the approved amendment.

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Section 1 GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

The messaging between Transportation Management and field devices is accomplished by using the NTCIP Application Layer services to convey requests to access or modify values stored in a given device; these values are referred to as objects. The purpose of this publication is to identify and define these objects definitions that may be supported by multiple device types (e.g., actuated signal controllers and variable message signs). The grouping of objects for a given device type is performed in the device-type-specific object definition standard.

1.2 REFERENCES

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The following standards (normative references) contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Standard. Other documents and standards (other references) are referenced in these documents, which might provide a complete understanding of the entire protocol and the relations between all parts of the protocol. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standard listed below.

1.2.1 Normative References

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ISO/IEC 8824-1:1995 *Information Technology—Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of Basic Notation*

ISO/IEC 8824-2:1995 *Information Technology—Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Information Object Specification*

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RFC 1155 *Structure and Identification of Management Information for TCP/IP-based Internets.*
K. McCloghrie; M. Rose; 05/10/1990

RFC 1212 *Concise MIB Definitions.* K. McCloghrie; M. Rose; 03/26/1991

1.2.2 Other References

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NEMA TS 2-1992 *Traffic Controller Assemblies*

NTCIP 1101:1996 *National Transportation Communications for ITS Protocol – Simple
Transportation Management Framework*

NTCIP 2001:1996 *National Transportation Communications for ITS Protocol - Class B Profile*

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ISO/IEC 8824-3:1995 *Information Technology—Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Constraint
Specification*

ISO/IEC 8824-4:1995 *Information Technology—Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1):
Parameterization of ASN.1 Specifications*

ISO/IEC 8825-1:1995 *Information Technology—ASN.1 Encoding Rules: Specification of Basic
Encoding Rules (BER), Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished
Encoding Rules (DER).*

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RFC 1213 *Management Information Base for Network Management of TCP/IP-based
Internets: MIB-II.* K. McCloghrie; M. Rose; CP/IP-base

RFC 1157 *A Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).* M. Schoffstall; M. Feder; J.
Davin; J. Case; 05/10/1990

1.3 TERMS

Conformance level: Each of the defined Profiles have one or more layers specifying the protocols that must be implemented in a device to correspond to a particular level of NTCIP support.

Profile: Refers to a set of protocols, each of which operates independently on one of the seven (7) OSI Layers, if this layer is utilized. Different protocols are utilized at the same layer within different profiles.

1.4 ABBREVIATIONS

The abbreviations used in this standard publication are defined as follows:

CRC—Cyclic Redundancy Check; polynomial algorithm performed on a specified range of data resulting in a 16 or 32 bit value.

MIB—Management Information Base; a collection of objects defined using Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) that can be accessed via a network management protocol.

NVT-ASCII—Network Virtual Terminal – American Standard Code for Information Interchange as defined in RFC 854.

PMPP—Point-to-MultiPoint Protocol, a new protocol under development that will enable the standardized, simultaneous communications between multiple devices on the same communications line/channel.

STMP—Simple Transportation Management Protocol, part of the newly developed NEMA standard called Simple Transportation Management Framework (STMF) that used the well known Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) besides the STMP.

1.5 OBJECT TREE

