
DRAFT
Standard Development Report
for
NTCIP 1201 v04.08
Global Object Definitions

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The following Standard Development Report (SDR) is made in accordance with the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) procedures for the National Transportation Communications for ITS Protocol.

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1 Latest Version of the Draft Proposed Standard

This Standards Development Report (SDR) references Recommended Standard (RS) NTCIP 1201 v04.08 *Global Object Definitions*. When Jointly Approved, NTCIP 1201 v04.08 will be a major update to the current NTCIP 1201 v03.15, dated March 2011. Jointly Approved means that the standard is formally balloted and approved separately by the three cooperating standard development organizations (SDOs): the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA).

2 Summary Status

NTCIP 1201 v04.08 has been accepted as a Recommended Standard of the Joint Committee on the NTCIP. The standard was updated as a part of the Infrastructure Standards Security Implementation (ISSI) project, which is intended to improve the security of NTCIP communications. The standard contains the detailed specifications for the data (known as objects) that are generic to many ITS field devices.

NTCIP 1201 v04.08 is now distributed to the members of AASHTO, ITE, and NEMA for balloting and approval. After all three standards development organizations (SDOs) have individually approved RS NTCIP 1201 v04.08, it is a Jointly Approved Standard and published with the designation (and to be cited as) NTCIP 1201 v04.

3 Status Report

NTCIP 1201 v03.15 was published as a Jointly Approved standard of the Joint Committee on the NTCIP in March 2011. The effort to update NTCIP 1201 v04 is based on the results of the prior effort to define a path to secure NTCIP communications, which resulted in a set of recommendations published in NTCIP 9014. The Infrastructure Standards Security Implementation (ISSI) project was initiated in June 2022 to begin implementing the recommendations in NTCIP 9014; the update to NTCIP 1201 is the first object definition standard to be updated by this project.

The BSP2 WG held a series of fourteen meetings between October 14, 2022 and December 16, 2024 to discuss the proposed changes to NTCIP 1201, 2202, 2301, and 8007, as well as updates to related standards, including RFC 6353, ISO 15784-2, and ISO 26048-1. During these meetings, proposed revisions were explained, and questions were raised to the group on topics of questionable direction. The feedback from the group was incorporated into the subsequent revisions of the document. In addition, comments (written inputs) were submitted and addressed during the User Comment Draft (UCD) stage. Review of the input received by the BSP2 WG during each phase of development led to a successful vote accepting the recommended standard during RS Stage.

A summary of the significant technical changes included in NTCIP 1201 v04.08 as compared to NTCIP 1201 v03 is provided below:

- Conversion of the MIBs from SMIv1 to SMIv2 format
- Incorporation of the NTCIP 1103 MIBs (i.e., per NTCIP 9014, we plan to eventually withdraw NTCIP 1103, but first we need to move the MIBs within it to a maintained location)
- Deprecating all existing objects in previous NTCIP 1103 and NTCIP 1201 MIBs for the following reasons:
 - Most objects were replaced with objects from ISO 26048-1 for one or more of the following reasons:
 - Improved security (e.g., adding an owner index to some tables to allow better access control)
 - ambiguities (e.g., due to SNMPv3 conversion and other issues)
 - invalid use of 32-bit unsigned integers
 - impending time rollover issues coupled with a desire for millisecond resolution for time
 - improving code reuse (e.g., through a shared action table, through a more robust mechanism to handle sensor and actuator data)

- to support improved capabilities and features (e.g., wildcards for conditional triggers)
- The module table was replaced with objects from RFC 3418 and RFC 6933 to be more consistent with IETF standards
- The Logical Names MIB was deprecated and replaced with the SNMPv3 concept of SNMP Targets (RFC 3413) that achieves the same effect
- The Security MIB was deprecated as community names are not used by SNMPv3
- The PMPP, STMP, and SFMP objects were deprecated and withdrawn as these protocols were not conducive to a secure environment
- SNMP Max Packet size was deprecated and replaced with the standard SNMP object from RFC 3411
- Deleted Annex (generic SNMP interface) in favor of the dialog definitions provided in ISO 20684-1

NTCIP 1201 v04.08 was accepted as a Recommended Standard via a vote that closed on **May 3, 2024 with a vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstention out of 13 total members.**

4 Comments Listing

Five comments were received and addressed during the public comment period known as the User Comment Draft (UCD) stage. These were addressed by the BSP2 WG and the decisions implemented as documented in “NTCIP 1201 Comment Resolution.xlsx”.

5 Committee Objectives

The objective of the BSP2WG in this project is to produce a new version of the NTCIP 1201 standard that implements the security recommendations contained in NTCIP 9014. The distribution of NTCIP 1201 v04.08 for formal balloting is a step in this process to ensure consensus among the members of the SDOs.

6 Committee Members

This standard has been developed under the oversight of the Joint Committee on the NTCIP which is made up of representatives from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA). The work in developing this standard was performed by the Base Standards, Protocols, and Profiles (BSP2) Working Group (WG), a technical subcommittee of the Joint Committee.

BSP2 Working Group

- Washington State DOT: Michael Forbis (Co-Chair)
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7 Other Material of Interest

Normative and other documents cited in NTCIP 1201 v04.08 are as follows.

7.1 Normative References

Normative References

Normative references contain provisions that, through reference in the document, constitute provisions of the document.

AASHTO / ITE / NEMA NTCIP 8004 v03	Structure and Identification of Management Information (SMI) published (Pending)
IETF RFC 2578	Structure of Management Information Version 2 (SMIv2), April 1999
IETF RFC 2579	Textual Conventions for SMIv2, April 1999
IETF RFC 3418	Management Information Base (MIB) for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), December 2002
ISO/IEC/IEEE 24765:2017	Systems and software engineering – Vocabulary

7.2 Other References

Other references are included to provide a more complete understanding of this document and its relationship to other documents.

AASHTO / ITE / NEMA NTCIP 2301 v03	Simple Transportation Management Framework Application Profile (Pending)
AASHTO / ITE / NEMA NTCIP 8005 v02	Procedures for Creating Management Information Base (MIB) Files published (Pending)
IETF RFC 854	Telnet Protocol Specification
IETF RFC 3411	An Architecture for Describing Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) Management Framework, December 2002
IETF RFC 3412	Message Processing and Dispatching for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), December 2002
IETF RFC 3413	Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) Applications, December 2002

IETF RFC 3415	View-based Access Control Model (VACM) for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), December 2002
IETF RFC 3416	Version 2 of the Protocol Operations for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) , December 2002
IETF RFC 3417	Transport Mappings for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
IETF RFC 4181	Guidelines for Authors and Reviewers of MIB Documents, September 2005
IETF RFC 5591	Transport Security Model for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), June 2009
IETF RFC 6353	Transport Layer Security (TLS) Transport Model for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), July 2011
IETF RFC 6933	Entity MIB (Version 4), May 2013
IETF RFC 9456	Updates to the TLS Transport Model for SNMP, November 2023
ISO 15784-2:2024	Intelligent transport systems — Data exchange involving roadside equipment communication — Part 2: Centre to field device communications using SNMP
ISO 21217:2020	Intelligent transport systems — Station and communications architecture
ISO 26048-1:– ¹	Intelligent transport systems – Field device SNMP data interface – Part 1: Global objects
NEMA TS 2-2016	Traffic Controller Assemblies with NTCIP Requirements

7.3 Contact Information

7.3.1 IAB and IETF Documents

For Internet Architecture Board (IAB) and Internet Engineering Task Force documents, contact:
 Internet Architecture Board (IAB)
www.rfc-editor.org

7.3.2 NTCIP Documents

Copies of NTCIP documents may be obtained from:
 NTCIP Coordinator
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Draft amendments, which are under discussion by the relevant NTCIP Working Group, and amendments recommended by the NTCIP Joint Committee are available.

7.3.3 National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) Standards

Obtain NEMA standards from:
 National Electrical Manufacturers Association
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 Rosslyn, Virginia 22209
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¹ Publication of this document is expected in late 2024 or early 2025; drafts for commenting purposes are available upon request

8 Declaration Regarding Other Known National and International Standards

This statement confirms that other known national and international standards have been examined with regard to harmonization and duplication of content, and no significant conflicts with other known standards have been identified.

9 Abstract of the Standard

This section is excerpted from Section 1 of NTCIP 1201 v04.08.

Scope

The NTCIP 1200 series defines standardized data elements that can be exchanged between a traffic management center (or any other management station) and a field device. This document identifies and defines data elements that can be supported by multiple types of devices (e.g., actuated signal controllers, dynamic message signs, connected vehicle roadside units).

All data elements defined in this document have been deprecated. Current data elements to fulfill a similar set of user needs can be found in ISO 26048-1.

The data defined in this standard was originally defined using the Structure of Management Information Version 1 (SMIv1) format, as defined in RFC 1212, and intended for implementations using the Simple Network Management Protocol Version 1 (SNMPv1). This document migrates the original data element definitions to use SMIv2, as defined by RFC 2578, to enable its unambiguous exchange when using SNMPv3.

This document does not apply to interfaces using SNMPv1 and the continued use of SNMPv1 is discouraged. New implementations should use data elements defined in ISO 26048-1. This document is intended to allow the data originally developed for SNMPv1 devices to be exchanged via an SNMPv3 interface. Specifically, this document is envisioned to address the interface between a management station and a proxy agent, as shown in Figure 1, and similar environments.

APPENDIXES

Appendix I
Recommended Standard NTCIP 1202 v04.08

