

# **TRCC Executive Committee**

## **Meeting Notes**

**1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2020 - Webinar**

### **1) Call to order and distribution of sign-in sheet**

- a) Rollcall and introductions
- b) Remarks from TRCC Chair, Michael Chacon, P.E., TxDOT-Traffic Safety Div.
  - i) Thank everyone for calling in despite the circumstances.
- c) Remarks from George Villareal, P.E., Deputy Director of Traffic Safety Div.
  - i) Thank you for accommodating by calling in.
- d) Remarks from Terry Pence, TxDOT-TRF-BTS Section Director
  - i) Thanked everyone. We will talk about projects for FY21. We are postponing campaigns. Distracted from April to Oct. Click it or Ticket to Nov. Heat Awareness from June to Aug. HSP is still due July 1. TxDOT is continuing to work on it.
- e) NHTSA update
  - i) Becky Walker
    - (1) We are working with state partners as we all adapt to new work conditions and can respond to any requests going forward.
- f) FHWA Update
  - i) None
- g) Remarks from TRCC Moderator, Larry Krantz
  - i) Thanked everyone.
- h) Approval of January 2020 TRCC Meeting Minutes
  - i) Approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **2) TRCC Member Roundtable – Midyear Updates**

- a) DPS – Maj. Lawson
  - i) New Chief and Asst. Chief. She is working with Capt. Tullos to be brought up to speed on the HSOC.

**ii) Capt. Tullos**

**(1)** Prior to Covid HSOC was very busy including a big project for Houston PD regarding Click-it-or-ticket. University of North Texas is doing a validation study of racial profiling which looks at three years of data. Doing several big data pulls for internal projects. Work has diminished due to Covid, but requests are starting to pick back up. GIS specialist is assisting TDEM with monitoring Covid. Trying to hire another GIS analyst and crime analyst but there is currently a hiring freeze. Developing a new strategic mission and plan for HSOC to assist external and internal partners. This will be shared with TRCC when complete.

**iii) Dan Dao and Pierce Baumann**

**(1)** DSHS is working from home. DSHS purchased 7,000 laptops. DSHS was not set up to work from home but DSHS is adapting with VPNs and webinars. DSHS has seen a downtick in EMS runs the last few weeks. Pierce Bauman is the new EMS Trauma Registry Manager. DSHS has been in talks with NEMSIS about tracking Covid with EMS and Trauma data. Will help track patient movements.

**iv) Jim Hollis and Larbi Hanni**

**(1)** Jim - Release of enhancements will be pushed this weekend. We are still working to get 100% electronic submission. 32 remaining agencies. Working now with partners to enhance timeliness and accuracy. Working with LE partners to help get reports submitted if they are having issues with the business rules.

**(2)** Larbi – Did notice a decrease in external data requests.

**v) David Freidenfeld**

**(1)** Have started thinking about performance measures. Wrapping up 2019 dataset. Mostly local roads and new construction remaining. On-system is largely solid. Regarding intersections – TxDOT has developed a crowd sourcing tool that will hopefully be rolled out soon. The plan is to use TxDOT district staff to do the crowd sourcing but may expand to other trusted individuals/organizations if necessary. Long term TxDOT is looking

to purchase a third party tool to manage the data. Compared Friday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> Texas saw a 30% reduction statewide and a 40% reduction in Austin in traffic volume.

### **3) FY21 Proposals Discussion (Pence)**

- a) The TxDOT commission usually meets at the end of June to approve HSP. We have typically used the March TRCC meeting to discuss potential projects and the May TRCC meeting to vote on the meeting. The Commission is now meeting in early May so we would like to vote today. If we don't vote today, we will need to schedule a meeting. Group agreed to vote today.
- b) CRIS Help Desk
  - i) Jim – Will be a continuation of previous year's efforts.
- c) LEADERS
  - i) Larry - Will continue to add LEAs. Work on security enhancements and a cloud-based platform.
- d) HSOC
  - i) Capt. Tullos – HSOC has mostly fulfilled internal request but is now expanding to respond to external requests too. DPS is using SPURS for reporting. It works well to report but doesn't work well to pull data and analyze. FY21 will be working to improve analytical processes and training with SPURS.
  - ii) Lt. Taylor – Want to get out of their silo and identify state partners which will help HSOC and hopefully other partners. Will start issuing a survey with all requests to solicit feedback from partners to identify what they do well and what they can improve.
- e) DSHS
  - i) Dan – Similar problems to DPS in that they have a large data set that is hard to work with. Working to improve their analytical capability. Working to build more reports for the public to understand the medical outcomes of vehicle crashes.
- f) TTI – Improving Crash Records

- i) Larry – Project will take a deep dive into CRIS and find ways to improve the accuracy. New project.
  - ii) Jim – We have a user support team that does some of this as well including CRIS User Group, but do not consider it a duplication of effort since this issue deserves a deeper look and more resources.
- g) TTI – TRCC technical assistance
- i) FY21 will continue many of the FY20 efforts including assisting with TRCC meetings, updating the strategic plan, and assisting the subcommittees. The major new item is a feasibility study using Texas A&M’s data center to integrate traffic records data sets.
- h) IADLIST – DDACTS
- i) Terry – In FY20 this project was funded through 402 funds. Would like to look at again for 405 funds for FY21. IADLIST enhanced the proposal for FY21 to hopefully meet NHTSA’s standards for 405 funds.
  - ii) Larry – IADLIST is working with LE to focus on the completeness, timeliness, and accuracy of the data and how that can benefit the LEA. STEP agencies showed a reduction in KA crashes and STEP plus DDACTS agencies showed an even larger reduction in KA crashes.
- i) Terry – Assuming a comparable level of funding there is enough funds to cover all the requested projects.
- j) Project list were approved by voice vote unanimously.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>eGrants ID</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>FY2021 Recommended Awarded</b>
TxDOT	TBD-CRIS	CRIS Help Desk	1,375,000.00
Texas Municipal Police Association	2021-TMPA-G-1YG-0016	Law Enforcement Advanced DWI Reporting System (LEADRS)	902,156.51
Texas Department of Public Safety	2021-TDPS-G-1YG-0107	State Traffic Records System Improvement and Expansion of Crash Data Analysis	1,000,391.37
Texas A&M Transportation Institute	2021-TTI-G-1YG-0064	Improving Crash Records through Identifying Barriers and Training Law Enforcement Officers	108,223.81

Texas A&M Transportation Institute	2021-TTI-G-1YG-0035	Providing Technical Assistance to the Texas Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC)	104,216.09
Texas Department of State Health Services - ISG	2021-TDSHS-IS-G-1YG-0113	Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Registry Data Transition	957,960.05

International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training	2021-IADLEST-G-1YG-0151	Using Data Driven Strategies and Agency and Analytical Training to Reduce Crashes and Social Harms	395,000.00
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**4) TRCC Technical Assistance Update (Graber)**

- a) Currently working with every TRCC agency to update the strategic plan before May so it can be included in the HSP and working to develop performance measures for each member agency.

**5) Adjourn**

- a) Next TRCC Meeting is 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2020

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