TRCC Executive Committee Meeting Notes

1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 23, 2024
MS Teams

1) **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2) **Opening Remarks**

   a) Remarks from TRCC Chair, Michael Chacon, P.E., TxDOT Traffic Safety Division Director

      i) Not present

   b) Remarks from TxDOT – Traffic Safety, Cathy Kratz, TxDOT – Traffic Safety Division Deputy Director

      i) Not present

   c) Remarks from TxDOT - Behavioral Traffic Safety, Letty von Rossum, TxDOT - Behavioral Traffic Safety Section Director

      i) Not present

   d) Remarks from NHTSA, Becky Walker, Regional Program Manager, Region 6

      i) Not present

   e) Remarks from FHWA, Ed Burgos-Gomez, Safety/Traffic Operations Specialist

      i) Not present

   f) Remarks from TRCC Moderator, Larry Krantz, TxDOT Traffic Records Program Manager

      i) Thanks for joining us for the 1st of 4 quarterly TRCC meetings that will be held this year. We're excited to introduce some new material today.

   g) Approval of July 2024 TRCC Meeting Minutes

      i) TRCC-MinutesFY24-4.July.docx

         (1) Jim Markham motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Lt James Taylor seconded the motion. All approved. No opposed. Minutes were approved as presented.

3) **TRCC Member Roundtable**

   a) Citations Database (Lt James Taylor, TxDPS)

      i) Working on the automation and modernization of data sources and reporting. They are building dashboards that automatically update from data sources and sending scheduled deliveries to user base. It is combining crash data, citation data, and other enforcement data. They are also exploring data and doing trend analysis on enforcement data.

ii) Standing up more system support level positions and personnel management software to look at when Troopers are working, where, etc.

iii) Larry thanked the HSOC for providing the mapping platform for FY25 STEP for the last 8 or so years.

b) CRIS Database (Jim Markham, TxDOT)

i) Just completed semi-annual processing and reprocessing of spatial data. Location-based analysis are back online. Moving forward with next step of updates:

(1) DIR rollout for new vendor for payments processed through Texas.gov. True roadbed rollout was planned but that may be postponed, depending on the heftiness of lift of new payment system.

(2) There is big push to get details of CR-4 ironed out. Next step is to take crash examples and put that into the new form. Form will be distributed to LEO stakeholders for review

(a) The CR-4 will be shorter, more concise, and printout will be a printed report of what was entered, and blank/non applicable fields will not be included (e.g., you won't have CMV section if CMV wasn't involved)

(i) Highlights: unit information will be sequential; diagram will be a full page width and be located near the narrative.

c) Driver License Database (Valery Wakefield, TxDPS)

i) Annual program review with FMCSA recently completed. Improved over the last two years. Conviction reporting timeline has reduced. Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse has been rolled out. State-to-State is going into phase 2, working on retention periods.

d) EMS & Trauma Registry (Jia Benno, DSHS)

i) 2023 EMS and Trauma Datasets were closed. Huge improvements from prior years and expect those improvement to continue

(1) Analyzing data to provide support for regional advisory councils (administrative body responsible for trauma systems in TX) with projects

(2) Getting people caught up on 2024 data submissions

(3) The Unique ID (UUID) project was presented at NEMSIS meeting and will be on a panel for post-crash care.

(a) A lot of interest in goals and details of the project both within the state and nationwide. There is still a desire from EMS that the wristband number be linked into the crash records.

(b) Jim asked about presenting on this project at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting and the Association of Traffic Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) Traffic Records Forum

- (i) Emily responded that an abstract was not submitted for TRB 2025 due to how the abstract dates aligned with the project dates (data not analyzed in time to submit) but that it is on the radar for TRB 2026.
- (ii) Eva stated that TTI/the UUID team plans to submit an abstract for ATSIP

e) Roadway Database (Jeremy Rogers, TxDOT)
- i) End of Year data sets for 2023 are released. Links:
  - (1) https://www.txdot.gov/data-maps/roadway-inventory.html
  - (2) https://gis-txdot.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/TXDOT::txdot-roadway-inventory/about
- ii) RiVAL update: Selected top vendor and all documents except for the final one have been agreed upon and signed. Vendor has stated they will have the data collected within a year. Likely will move around the state by TxDOT district.

f) Registration & Titles System (Clint Thompson, TxDMV)
- i) Providing implementation updates on bills passed last session and evaluating changes related to vehicles operating fully autonomously.
- ii) HB 718 (replace temp tags) will take rules to board tomorrow for adoption
  - (1) Looking to obtain centralized vendor and separate inventory management system to support implementation of this HB
- iii) HB 3297 – eliminating state safety inspections
  - (1) Finalizing requirements and programming
- iv) Continued effort to modernize and replace existing system. Seeking to eliminate batch processing and automate processes to integrate records
- v) Currently undergoing check of temporary tags for on-road motorized vehicles. There have been 1.6 million transactions checked against the national database to ensure TX does not have any junk or salvaged vehicles with issued tags.

4) TRCC Business

a) LEADRS (Jerard Collins)
- i) Undergoing most significant update since 2017 and are in the processing of rolling out to agencies by end of quarter 1 in 2025. The legacy LEADR system will be phased out.
- ii) Recently partnered with Salesforce and Tableau to put data on display to users and stakeholders in a secure way. This will include spinning up an additional site with single sign-on for users.
  - (1) Proof of concept slated for February

b) STRAP Process (Shipp)*

   i) Roadway database will undergo the STRAP assessment this year. TxDOT will kick off the process through NHTSA.

c) Letter of Authorization process (Shipp)

   i) Emily will send an email to the custodians of the databases with a Qualtrics link that will allow for electronic signature of the letter.

      (1) Post meeting update: all have been received

d) TSIS Timeline/Process Reminder (Shipp)*

   i) Individual agency meetings for performance measure review will begin around February

   ii) This process should be very similar to recent years

e) Impaired Driving Database (Martin)

   i) TRCC and the Texas Impaired Driving Task Force are working together to stand up an impaired driving database for Texas. TTI has been funded to provide support for this database, establishing the essential elements of the database and meeting the needs of stakeholders from the data perspective, as well as being user-friendly for those providing the data. TRCC stakeholders will be engaged throughout this process.

      (1) Jim Markham stated that the executive committee of the Texas Impaired Driving Task Force has become aware of a current process where DWI arrests are being reported by a filled-out form and emailed (ALR forms for DIC, which Licensing receives). We are trying to figure out how to get the right folks to share the right data rather than reinventing the wheel. We will try to ensure the reporting process is streamlined and user-friendly for those reporting. DIR will be contacted to get information on how to get a sandbox set up so that data can be linked in a secure location without having to be fully integrated.

         (a) DPS would encourage exploring bulk submission rather than individual forms for each incident

f) Unique ID Pilot Project (Shipp/Martin)*

   i) FY24 Results

      (1) Overall, the team was very happy that 88% of crash reports had a usable call number. The stakeholder engagement was significant and consistent and the support from DPS and DSHS was crucial to the success of the project.

   ii) Future support of FY24 project and groups involved

(1) DSHS is helping to spread in the word in the EMS community

(2) TTI is spreading the word among other TRCCs through NHTSA and will provide RAC A&B with deidentified datasets so they can use that to justify funding, inform training, etc.

iii) FY25 Tasks

(1) Develop proof of concept for how to develop a linked dataset with data from each of the core traffic records databases

g) Reminder: TRCC Newsletter (Shipp)*

i) Communication channel for success stories to push out to a public audience (approx. 150 recipients). They can be shared with Eva Shipp (e-shipp@tti.tamu.edu) and Emily Maritn (e-martin@tti.tamu.edu)

5) Adjourn

a) RFP for FY26 will be released on November 8 and close in the first week or two of January.

b) The 2025 Association of Traffic Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) Traffic Records Forum will be held July 6 – 9 in Boston. More information can be found on their website: https://www.atsip.org/trf/

c) Next TRCC Meetings is February 26th at 1:30 pm

i) Lt James Taylor motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim Markham seconded the motion. All approved, no opposed.

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