

# **TRCC Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

**1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb 26th, 2025  
MS Teams**

## **1) Roll call and introductions**

## **2) Opening remarks**

- a) Remarks from TRCC Chair, Micheal Chacon, P.E., TxDOT Traffic Safety Division Director
  - a. Not present
- b) Remarks from TxDOT – Traffic Safety, Cathy Kratz, TxDOT – Traffic Safety Division Deputy Director
  - a. Cathy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.
- c) Remarks from TxDOT – Behavioral Traffic Safety, Letty von Rossum, TxDOT – Behavioral Traffic Safety Section Director
  - a. Retirement announced.
- d) Remarks from NHTSA, Becky Walker
  - a. Reviewing annual reports, will be sending out letters soon
- e) Remarks from FHWA, Ed Burgos-Gomez, Safety/Traffic Operations Specialist
  - a. Not present
- f) Remarks from TRCC Moderator, Larry Krantz, TxDOT Traffic Records Program Manager
  - a. Great to see so many people in the meeting today.
- g) Approval of October 2024 TRCC Meeting Minutes
  - a. All approved, none opposed, Motion by Jia Benno, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Markham.

## **3) TRCC Members Roundtable**

- a) Citations Database (Lt James Taylor, TxDPS)
  - a. The team integrated Postgres and SQL databases with Tableau, creating real-time dashboards for evidence-based policing. Regional commanders have mandated their use for targeted traffic enforcement. An interface now provides stakeholders access to enforcement data, with ongoing efforts to integrate TxDOT crash data and expand into school safety initiatives.
  - b. All data analyst positions are now filled, including a new hire for commercial enforcement, funded by a motor carrier grant. The goal is to unify enforcement data under a single framework, incorporating traffic violations, commercial compliance, and other key areas to improve decision-making.
  - c. A bill has been introduced to standardize traffic citations statewide. While it does not yet propose a statewide citation database, it lays the groundwork for consistent data entry. If passed, TCOLE will oversee

citation data fields. The team will track legislative progress and align data standardization efforts with potential policy changes.

- b) CRIS Database (Jim Markham, TxDOT)
  - a. Moving to a new vendor for DIR and statewide Texas.gov credit card processing. The initial timeline for the transition has experienced delays, pushing the expected launch date to June 22nd.
  - b. CR-4 update will have auto-linking features, allowing crash reports to more accurately categorized without displaying blank data fields.
  - c. AASHTOWare Safety Software – allows visualization of crash data across the state quickly. Any county or local agency has access to license and upcoming training sessions in March and April will educate agencies on using this new software efficiently.
- c) Driver License Database (Vallery Wakefield, TxDPS)
  - a. Highlighted ongoing automation efforts aimed at improving the accuracy of the driver's license database. The introduction of a web-based reporting system for courts is expected to streamline conviction reporting and significantly reduce delays in updating license records. Further developments include working closely with judicial agencies to ensure proper integration of case dispositions into the system, which will improve the efficiency of tracking license suspensions and reinstatements.
- d) EMS & Trauma Registry (Jia Benno, DSHS)
  - a. Provided an update on EMS data submissions, which have reached record highs due to proactive outreach initiatives. The team is actively working on data quality improvements, and launching new dashboards for tracking EMS response times and trauma cases.
  - b. The introduction of a non-fatal drug poisoning dashboard, expected to launch soon, will provide critical insights into EMS responses to overdose incidents.
  - c. Jia also emphasized ongoing efforts to enhance collaboration with emergency response agencies to ensure accurate and timely data reporting.
- e) Roadway database (Jeremy Rogers, TxDOT)
  - a. Provided updates on the roadway inventory, focusing on finalizing the 2024 data sets. The team has shut down the database for the year-end quality control process, ensuring accuracy before publication. Additionally, preparation is underway for the federal submittal.
  - b. A contract has been executed with a vendor for street-level imagery and LiDAR data collection. Jeremy anticipates sharing updates on this initiative at the next meeting.
  - c. Another key point discussed was the MIRE initiative, which requires the submission of intersection points, approaches, and geometric data by September 2026. The mapping branch manager, Chris Bardash, has been developing scripts to generate these intersection points, with some sample data already published. Plans are in place to present an update on these efforts at the next meeting.

- <https://txdot.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=efba8f75e7894e6998d1c8c336bffb4>

- f) Registration & Titles System (Roland Luna, TxDMV)
  - a. No updates were provided due to Roland's absence.

#### 4) TRCC Business

- a) ATSIP Pilot Project (Markham)
  - a. Reported that the ATSIP pilot project application and support letter has been drafted. The final report will be submitted shortly. Custodians of core traffic records databases are asked to consider signing the support letter via DocuSign. The application is expected to be well-received, with a strong foundation in data analysis and traffic safety insights. If approved, the project will provide valuable insights into distracted driving, pedestrian safety, and other critical traffic issues.
- b) LEADRS Update (Collins)
  - a. The transition to .NET Core is complete, improving flexibility, data structure, and user experience. Full migration is expected by June, with smaller agencies automatically switched over.
  - b. Tableau now embedded into LEADRS platform, allowing seamless data access and interaction.
  - c. Salesforce user support portal - user support, training, and knowledge management. AI-driven self-service support reduces direct calls, while Salesforce integration improves agency scalability across Texas.
  - d. Drug Recognition Expert reporting and analysis
- c) Impaired Driving Database (Martin)
  - a. The project is currently focusing on gathering information from core traffic records and newly identified sources to improve data comprehensiveness.
  - b. A TRCC subcommittee is being formed to oversee the initiative, with TTI reaching out to key stakeholders for involvement and input.
  - c. The team will present progress and findings at the Texas Impaired Driving Task Force meeting on March 6, 2025, to discuss the next steps and collaboration opportunities.
- d) Unique ID Pilot Project Update (Shipp/Martin)
  - a. The project assesses available data variables and establishes rules for data-sharing processes to ensure consistent and accurate linkage.
  - b. The initiative aims to create a streamlined approach for integrating various traffic safety datasets using a universal unique identifier (UUID).
  - c. A NHTSA webinar was held on February 5, 2025, engaging TRCC members nationwide to discuss the project's developments and data-sharing best practices.
- e) TSIS Timeline/Process Reminder (Shipp)
  - a. Database custodians: Please schedule review meetings
  - b. TSIS Process
    - i. The Texas Traffic Safety Information System (TSIS) Strategic Plan is updated annually.

- ii. Includes descriptions, STRAP recommendations, objectives, and performance measures.
  - iii. Agencies must show improvement in at least one database for funding.
- c. Timeline:
  - i. March: Agency meetings for performance review.
  - ii. End of April: Updated metrics submitted to TTI.
  - iii. May: TSIS submission to TxDOT.
- f) STRAP Update – Roadway Database (Shipp)
  - a. The STRAP (State Traffic Records Program Assessment) process has shifted to a rolling update, focusing on one or two agencies per year instead of a comprehensive review every five years. A crash records assessment was completed last year, and a roadway data assessment is planned for this year. A training session with NHTSA took place recently, keeping the process on track.
- g) FY26 Project Prospectus Process Overview (Shipp/Krantz)
  - a. Attendees reviewed titles and a brief overview for each of the pending FY26 projects.
- h) ATSIP Conference: Abstract Submission & Attendance (Shipp/Martin)
  - a. Attendees are encouraged to submit abstracts for the upcoming forum, with support available for drafting submissions. Roadway tools and other ongoing projects could be of interest to a broader audience.
  - b. The abstract submission deadline remains open, and the program committee is actively reviewing submissions. Those interested in submitting have about a week to finalize their proposals.
  - c. The forum is highly recommended, as it provides an opportunity for Texas TRCC members to showcase leadership and exchange insights with peers from other states. The event fosters collaboration, problem-solving, and shared learning, reinforcing Texas' role as a leader in traffic records and safety initiatives.
- i) Reminder: TRCC Newsletter (Shipp)
  - a. The TRCC newsletter serves as a platform for sharing key updates, project highlights, and relevant information with stakeholders. Contributions are encouraged, including updates on ongoing work, significant achievements, and new developments. The upcoming issue will feature a spotlight on a selected project or tool, such as the ArcGIS intersection tool, pending further information on its availability.

## 5) Adjourn

- a. Motion by James Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy Rogers, all approved, none opposed.
- b. Next TRCC Meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1:30 pm