

TRCC Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 26, 2021 – Webex

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

- a) Distribution of sign-in sheet and introductions
 - i) Eva Shipp called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM and facilitated attendee introductions
- b) Remarks from TRCC Chair, Michael Chacon, P.E., TxDOT-Traffic Safety Div.
 - i) Michael Chacon welcomed everyone and expressed that he was looking forward to hearing updates from everyone and seeing how the Division can help projects move forward.
- c) Remarks from Jim Hollis, Interim TxDOT-TRF-TS
 - i) Jim echoed Michael. Traffic safety is about to close out FY21. Letty is finishing up final report that will report. Looking forward to FY22. Will be releasing FY23 RFP soon.
- d) Remarks from TRCC Moderator, Larry Krantz
 - i) Larry Krantz stated there have been exciting developments since the last meeting in May and he looks forward to discussing them today. Welcomed everyone and thanked for them for coming.
- e) Remarks from NHTSA
 - i) Becky Walker thanked group for invitation. NHTSA is hosting a Traffic Safety initiative on November 7, 2021 and their team is all hands on deck with that. There are a lot of events happening during this time of year. They are also working on plans for FY22.
- f) Remarks from FHWA
 - i) Ed Burgos thanked everyone in attendance and expressed excitement for hearing what everyone shares today.
- g) Approval of May 2021 TRCC Meeting Minutes
 - i) Eva Shipp referenced the meeting minutes being attached in the calendar appointment
 - (1) Jim Hollis made motion to approve the meeting minutes
 - (2) James Taylor seconded the motion
 - (3) All voted to approve; no opposed
 - (4) Larry Krantz stated the motion had passed

2) TRCC Member Roundtable

- a) Clint Thomson – TX DMVP – Implemented capturing component parts started in June. Not requirement – need statute.
 - i) Appropriations from legislature to make enhancements to web-based application
 - ii) Implementing other legislative items
 - iii) Larry Krantz asked if there are any other legislative implications. Clint stated that Senate Bill 876 goes into effect March 1, 2022 and that allows for owners to apply for title and renew registration in any county in the state willing to accept it. This is a new form of data sharing for vehicle and driving license records. Larry asked the ramifications of this bill and Clint stated that it benefits the owner. It does not impact the inspection. Fees and inspection requirements are based of the requirements in the county of residence.
- b) Michael Spenser – DSHS Updates – Michael stated the past legislative session left their registries unscathed, which he was pleased about. The registry has encountered performance issues over last 4 - 5 weeks. It started with security patch that degraded the performance of registries. Staff have been catching up on que that resulted from these issues. They are wrapping up reports and working through fulfilling data requests. Michael stated they have received an increase in data requests from internal and external partners. They are also working on Motor Vehicle reports that will shared with this group in FY22. Eva mentioned that TTI and DSHS met this morning to discuss incorporating more EMS data into the online tool.
- c) James Taylor – Highway Patrol awarded a contract to get a new in-car computer ticket writing system and CAD that troopers uses. It is a more modern, cloud-based data collection system for citation information. It is anticipated to rollout in 2022 or 2023, once everything is configured, built, tested, and troopers are trained. They also have a data sharing map project that this system update will affect in positive ways. The new system will have ESRI, API and other modern features. There are also new codes for the ticket writing system and database as result of session.
- d) Angie Suarez – Driver's License – They are continuing to work with courts on the importance of timely reporting. Making selves available virtually to assist. They are also working on an RFP for management solution system that will help with that process.
- e) Jim Hollis – Continuing to work on CRIS data and real time dashboards. They have had that access internally for some time (good reviews and feedback) so working on same type of outward facing Dashboards through Tableau. Will be available on TXDOT website, without having to have CRIS access. Dashboards include general crash data, pedestrians, bicycle, fatality analysis, etc. Will add additional components and views once additional feedback in

received from stakeholders. Annual reports have been published on website (2011 – 2020 now available). They are also refreshing crash information system to keep current with modern technology and make updates in identified areas. Six additional interpretative fields were added to capture info from officers –including pedestrians, pedicyclists, scooters, and autonomous units. There is also an added notification for TABC to be contacted in certain crash situation so they can do an investigation if crash meets certain criteria. Lastly, they have been working to develop and enhance *On the Road to Zero* virtual law enforcement training which trains and refreshes officers and others on how to complete crash reports. It is available on Tuesdays and Fridays. If anyone is interested Jim can get you information on how to join.

3) TRCC Letter of Authorization process (Shipp)

- i) Eva Shipp presented the options for how to collect required TRCC Letters of Authorization. Options include web-based tools like Qualtrics or Survey Monkey or retain the traditional letter writing process. If a web-based tool is used, it would collect information such as name, email, position, agency, response option to confirm support, etc.
 - (1) Jim Hollis, Michael Spenser, and James Taylor stated they are fine with the virtual process as long as it is in compliance/aligned with protocol.
 - (2) Eva stated she will look into requirements and ensure we are in compliance. She will also explore using DocuSign. Eva will send an update via email about how we will proceed.

4) TTI Technical Advisor Updates and Upcoming Requests (Shipp)

- a) Eva Shipp stated that she would be working with each agency on their TSIS update and strategic plan objectives, including going over updates and necessary changes. Eva will send around the documents for review cycles. All updates need to be made by the end of May. She will also be working with each agency on data quality programs and performance measures, which are also due at end of May.
- b) The TRCC website (<https://texastrcc.org/>) is being refreshed. The TTI Center for Transportation Safety (CTS) is adding a link to the dashboard so you can access the web tool/TxSTORM (Texas State Trend Over-Representation Model) and other resources. The website contains the meeting minutes, assessments, and other meeting materials. If you are looking for specific material that is not listed, please let Eva Shipp (e-shipp@tti.tamu.edu) know and it can be added. If you want to link TRCC to your website then that can also be done. CTS added a new team member with a communication background, Oliva Thomas, who will push out more updates about TRCC to targeted stakeholders.

- c) CTS is creating a database of people who are involved in multiple crashes. They are linking these individuals with census and sociodemographic information to create profiles. They will compare people who have been in multiple with those who have not. CTS is bringing on another Data Scientist to help with that linking. Eva Shipp will keep group updated on the progress of this project.

5) RFP (Krantz)

- a) Larry Krantz stated the FY23 Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Behavior Traffic Safety Program will open on November 5, 2021 and will remain open for 402 and 405 funded projects through January 5, 2022. Visit the eGrants website for more information and look at the *Help* section after they are posed on November 5. TxDOT would like to partner with as many different stakeholders so Texas can get to zero sooner rather than later.
- b) Letty von Rossum added that TxDOT will host a proposal training for General and STEP programs on November 17. Further information on that will be available in the RFP.

6) LEADRS Presentation

- a) Brian Grubbs presented on the Law Enforcement Advanced Data Reporting System (LEADRS). The PowerPoint is attached to the meeting minute distribution email. LEADRS is an online DWI reporting system that allows officers to streamline the DWI arrest process. The system has been funded by TxDOT since 2003. Over the past few years LEADRS has created an electronic blood search warrant capability where judges can sign blood search warrant from their smart phone and LEO gets notified of approval immediately. This process way typically taking about 2 hours and that has been reduced to about 10 minutes. All fields that an officer inputs are now data fields that LEADRS can run analysis on. Review attached slide deck to view available data.
- b) Allison Rousanvall asked where LEADRS is getting the conviction rate data. Brian Grubbs stated the data is retrieved directly from each individual county's court system. LEADRS staff has learned how to access case disposition data and put it into the system. A new staff person has been hired to specifically pull all this data. Clarification question: Is the disposition data available from all counties or just those working with LEADRS? Brain Grubbs responded that they retrieve it from all counties across the state.
- c) Larry Krantz invited Brian Grubbs to give an update on LEADRS integration into San Antonio Police Department (SAPD). Brian stated that when you compare LEADRS usage to DWI crash data, Bexar county stands out. They have a high rate of DWIs but have not utilized LEADRS. They have been working with SAPD to fully integrate with agency RMS system. When an

officer logs into SAPD RMS system, they can automatically access LEADRS with a Single Sign On (SSO) login. LEADRS in process this week of training every officer at SAPD. Command Staff, traffic supervisor and DWI unit have given the directive that all SAPD will use LEADRS to process every DWI (approximately 3,000 per year).

- d) Jordan Smith said he is more than happy to answer any questions or requests of this data via email.

7) Presentation of web tool (Krantz)

- a) Marcie Perez from TTI joined the meeting for this part of the discussion.
- b) Larry Krantz presented on data web tool/TxSTORM. This data model has been set up compare data from different sources to try to identify potential areas for concentrating resources to address traffic safety problems. The model can be applied to any kind of data as long as there is a three year baseline and an active year to which the data can be compared.

8) Adjourn

- a) Next TRCC Meeting is 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2021
- b) Eva Shipp will send out meeting agenda ahead of time. Calendar invite has already been distributed – let Eva know if you need it.
- c) Jim Hollis motioned to adjourn at 5:56 PM.
- d) Allison Rousanvall seconded the motion.