

TRCC Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Webex

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

a) Virtual roll call/sign-in sheet and introductions

Larry Krantz called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

b) Remarks from TRCC Chair, Michael Chacon, P.E., TxDOT-Traffic Safety Div.

Michael Chacon thanked everyone for joining the meeting. He expressed hope that the next meeting can be held in person, at the new TxDOT building.

c) Remarks from Letty von Rossum, TxDOT-TRF-BTS

Letty Von Rossum stated that she was looking forward to voting on FY23 traffic record projects during the meeting today. She also reminded the group that FY23 program modifications are due to Larry on Friday, April 8th. Additionally, organizations that are currently funded should review their budget and if an underrun is anticipated, please submit an amendment. TxDOT is currently under NHTSA management review; TxDOT staff is working with NHTSA to ensure the review goes smoothly.

d) Remarks from TRCC Moderator, Larry Krantz

Larry Krantz thanked the group for attending and echoed Ms. von Rossum's reminders.

e) Remarks from NHTSA, Exzentrius Sturdivant

Exzentrius Sturdivant introduced himself to the group and expressed excitement about the forthcoming conversation.

f) Remarks from FHWA, Ed Burgos

Ed. Burgos reminded the group that Steven Ratke has changed positions; Mr. Burgos will be fulfilling his role with this group. He acknowledged that some meeting attendees are awaiting determination on the SHIP and safety performance measures, which are currently delayed (prior deadline was end of March). Mr. Burgos will let everyone know when he receives an updated timeline.

g) Approval of January TRCC Meeting Minutes

Lt. Jodie Tullos motioned to approve the meeting minute; Angie Suarez seconded the motion. All approved. No opposed. Minutes were approved as presented.

2) TRCC Member Roundtable

- a) **Angie Suarez, Driver's Licensing.** The team is continuing to work on programming for SB 15 and SB 181 bills that impacted their area. They don't anticipate any programming changes until 2023. They are working with AAMVA in preparation for State to State (S2S) in April of 2023, it will allow for state to report electronically convictions on DL's and ID's that occur in their state if they participate in S2S. Currently only CDL information is reported and captured electronically. Therefore, there is a lot of manual data entry that occurs.
- b) **Jia Benno, DSHS.** DSHS is working on data-related projects with the EMS project registry. DSHS has been providing TxDOT with reoccurring data, including total EMS unique patient records, total EMS runs, traffic-related requests, median response times and median transport time, monthly and annually. DSHS also just provided a 2020 data file for linking EMS registry with TxDOT CRASH data. They also just presented EMS trauma data at the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council, looking at fatal and non-fatal injuries at all ages.
- c) **Cpt Tullos, HSOC.** HSOC personnel just returned from the LifeSaver Conference in Chicago. A major takeaway was in regard to the lack of data available about distracted driving; their team is exploring how they can strengthen this area. The HSOC team met a few weeks ago with the TxDOT Traffic Safety team to discuss doing a speed analysis in conjunction with the enforcement study occurring on I-35. The Highway Patrol division is currently adopting a new records management and CAD system, which they are hoping will go live in October. Analysts are involved in configuration meetings to ensure it will meet the department's and partner's needs. The agency has also acquired a Tableau enterprise license and will begin to put citation data into public facing dashboard for citation and arrest data.
- d) **Larbi Hanni, TxDOT**

TxDOT has engaged in multiple efforts to improve utility of crash data. They are exploring location processes and trying to pivot it for use by peace officers to pinpoint crash locations. TxDOT is also trying to tap into crash report narratives using AI to pick out keywords and information. Four new public facing dashboards have been posted to TxDOT website.
- e) **Roland Luna, TxDMV**

The DMV is working on a number of initiatives to improve record flow/exchange between the DMV and law enforcement, not just in regard to title and registration but more for research and analysis to further investigations.

3) Discussion of FY23 Projects (Krantz/von Rossum)

The group will review the projects and vote on funding them at end of the meeting. Four of the five projects are 405c funded. A Prospectus document with an overview of each proposed project was

enclosed in the meeting invitation and emailed out to the group. TRCC members who proposed projects were asked to give an overview of their FY23 proposed project.

a) **IADLEST**

This project is Using Data Driven Strategies and Agency and Analytical Training to Reduce Crashes and Social Harms. It is 402 project that has a strong influence on quality of traffic records that come in.

b) **TTI**

This project is the provision of technical assistance to the TRCC. The major differentiation between this year and FY23 is that the committee is up for STRAP review in FY23. There are also plans to launch a few new initiatives, including a newsletter.

c) **HSOC**

The project will support merging data systems, maintaining and adding staff, working with the field to ensure that data collection is smooth, and data translation. GIS staff is building more crash and enforcement analysis tools with mapping and analysts are creating public-facing dashboards. Additionally, HSOC is adding SFTP sites and making transfer of large data sets easy. Overall, HSOC is trying to be proactive rather than reactive and is looking for new and innovative ways to do enforcement.

d) **DSHS** – This project is funding DSHS' EMS and Trauma registries. Continues focus on timely reporting and making data readily available to public via GIS and Tableau. The internal team is also transitioning registries to Maven version 3.5, which will be deployed next year. This update will get all the state's EMS agencies on board with the registry.

e) **LEADRS** - DWI Reporting System that cuts DWI reporting time in half for officers in the field. Since project has been moved out of alcohol and into 405c, we've seen a mushrooming affect on type of data they are able to collect and analysis they are able to do. One of biggest initiatives right now it to move from .net to .net core to increase security to protect PII data. Data is now cloud-based and they are working to improve data quality and security.

Cpt. Tullos moved to approve the list as presented. Angie Suarez seconded the motion. All in favor said aye. No opposed. The project list for FY23 is approved.

4) TTI Technical Advisor Updates, Upcoming Requests for TSIS, Letter of Authorization (Shipp)

a) TSIS Update: All agencies have had meetings with the TA team, draft version of TSIS will be sent out next week. TA team will request that any edits are submitted within 3 weeks so that it can be reviewed and voted upon at May meeting.

b) Letter of Authorization: Three letters of authorization are outstanding. Eva Shipp requested that everyone complete the link as soon as possible. The letter can be submitted via this link:

[insert]. Larry Krantz reiterated the importance of this letter to ensure we have updated information and a formal list so we know when the group reaches quorum.

- c) TxSTORM Tool will be updated by Marcie Perez soon. There will also be some updates to the website to improve look and navigation.

5) Update on Driver Linkage Activity (Shipp)

- a) Activity overview: This is an activity in the current FY22 project to create a database of drivers who have been involved in multiple crashes. Crashes from 2012 – 2021 have been pulled from CRIS. TTI has identified the frequency of drivers who have repeatedly crashed. There are over one million drivers who repeatedly crashed (all severities) within the 10-year period. 64,000 drivers have been involved in multiple crashes, with at least one of those crashes being a fatal or suspected serious injury crash. TTI is investigating if there are unique patterns for those involved in multiple crashes and if so, can we tailor messaging/outreach to them?
- b) Discussion amongst TRCC members:
 - i) Are there other datasets we can link with?
 - (1) TTI is working on linking it to Census indicators
 - (a) Also exploring: connecting it to the roadway inventory, major contributing factors, seeing if the severity of crash increase over time, valid license, age, factors associated with drivers in multiple crashes dying in a crash
 - (2) Lt Tullos suggested comparing this dataset to the DPS data to see if drivers have had encounters with enforcement
 - (3) Petra suggested rerunning previous analysis comparing KABCO scores and Injury Severity scores assigned in medical setting with this dataset

6) Adjourn

- a) Larry Krantz thanked everyone for their time and participation in the meeting
- b) Cpt Tullos moved to adjourn. Roland Luna seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.
- c) Next TRCC Meeting is 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2022