

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, October 28, 2022
10 am – 12 pm

The Regional Safety Advisory Committee met via Microsoft Teams at 10 am on October 28, 2022.

Please see page 5 for Member and NCTCOG staff attendance.

Meeting Summary Outline

1. Introduction of new RSAC Chair and Vice Chair
2. Approval of July 22, 2022, Meeting Summary
3. TxDOT Step Grant Program
4. TxDOT Fort Worth District Traffic Safety Systems Activities
5. TxDOT Dallas District Safety Plan
6. Regional Safety Plan Goals Update
7. 2023 Regional Safety Target Development Activities
8. Update Items
9. Safety-Related Reference Items, Topics or Training Courses
10. Upcoming Safety-Related Events and Training Announcements
11. Other Business
12. Next RSAC Meeting: February 24, 10 am – Format to be Determined

1. Introduction of new RSAC Chair and Vice Chair – Rob Severance and Chad Marbut

Sonya Landrum introduced Chief Rob Severance, City of Cleburne as the new Chair, assuming the position vacated by Rama Dhanikonda who has left the City of Richardson. Chad Marbut, City of Weatherford, is stepping into the position of Vice-Chair.

2. Approval of July 22, 2022, Meeting Summary – Rob Severance, Chair, City of Cleburne

The July 22, 2022, meeting summary was accepted as written.

3. TxDOT Step Grant Program – Larry Krantz, TxDOT

Mr. Krantz, Police Traffic Services Program Manager with TxDOT, presented on the Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). He explained the goal, strategy, and methods of STEP. He explained how the data was used to locate crash and crime hotspots, allowing agencies to deploy law enforcement to the higher crash/crime locations more often to deter crimes. Grant-funded training is available for law enforcement to learn how to build STEP grants and administer the program.

The presentation can be found on the [RSAC web page](#).

4. TxDOT Fort Worth District's Traffic Safety Systems Activities – Teresa Poer, TxDOT Fort Worth District

Ms. Poer is the Director of Transportation Operations for the TxDOT Fort Worth District. She shared their 2022 Safety Plan. Each TxDOT district is requested to prepare a presentation of safety plans once a year to be shared with their administration in Austin. The Safety Plan is an overview of what each district is doing to combat fatalities and crashes on roadways in their respective district.

Ms. Poer provided TxDOT Fort Worth's system safety stats, trends, heat maps; the systemic and targeted evaluations; project lists; traffic management strategies; speed reduction strategies; and district-specific strategies.

The presentation can be found on the [RSAC web page](#).

5. TxDOT Dallas District's Safety Plan – Brandi Bush, TxDOT Dallas District

Ms. Bush is the District Transportation Operations Engineer for the TxDOT Dallas District. She presented on TxDOT Dallas' Safety Plan. The Plan is a comprehensive, ever-evolving document each district creates to keep track of crash trends and countermeasures used to address them. She provided an overview of the district plan and the annual reduction goals. Based off the SHSP, emphasis areas and the countermeasures were listed. Comparisons between 2021 to 2022 statistics were provided.

The presentation can be found on the [RSAC web page](#).

6. Regional Safety Plan Goals Update – Michael Misantonis, NCTCOG

Michael Misantonis provided an update on the roadway safety plan goals. He reviewed the four current goals presented at the July meeting. Feedback from members at that meeting were incorporated into the goals. The updated goals were presented with suggestions incorporating, resulting in clarity in some of the goals and two new goals added.

Michael also presented updates to high-injury network analyses. Members commented and asked for a change in language for the second and fifth goals.

The presentation can be found on the [RSAC web page](#).

7. 2023 Regional Safety Target Development Activities – Kevin Kroll, NCTCOG

Kevin Kroll gave an update on regional performance measures and target-setting for 2023 – 2027. New safety performance targets for 2023-2027 will be presented to STTC and RTC in early 2023. TxDOT retains the 2022-2027 SHSP safety performance targets to reduce fatalities, fatality rates, and bike/pedestrian fatalities to 50 percent by 2035 and zero by 2050; and serious injuries, serious injury rates, and bike/ped serious injuries two percent reduction. NCTCOG chose to support a two percent reduction across each of the five performance targets by year 2022. When TxDOT updated fatal injury targets, NCTCOG chose to continue with two percent reductions by 2022 for all five targets. NCTCOG has the option to support the State's targets or can adopt a different approach in the future. The question is, whether as a region if there is a preference for realistic or aspirational targets.

At the beginning of this process, FHWA emphasized that targets needed to be realistic and achievable, but have since softened that stance. Texas and several other states have adopted more of the Vision Zero targets that are aspirational, rather than immediately realistic.

Kevin shared observed and projected fatalities and serious injuries; fatal and serious injury rates; bike/ped fatalities and serious injuries (2017-2027), and the estimated percentages of reductions of the above. Lastly, the preliminary safety performance target numbers for 2023-2027 were listed. The target numbers would be presented to STTC and RTC for adoption in early 2023. There was no objection to the proposed Safety Performance Target Setting for 2023-2027 by committee members.

8. Update Items – NCTCOG Staff

a) State Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects – Kevin Kokes
Due to time constraints, the State TA Call for Projects was not presented to the committee but information can be [found here](#). Kevin will also send a link to the information via email to the committee.

9. [Safety-Related Reference Items, Topics or Training Courses Website](#)

10. Upcoming Safety-Related Events and Training Announcements

a) Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course

- November 3, 2022 (10 am – 12 pm) TxDOT Dallas District Office
(DalTrans Bldg., 4615 E Hwy 80, Mesquite)
- b) State Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects Workshop
 - December 9, 2022 (9 am – 12 pm) NCTCOG
- c) Traffic Incident Management First Responder and Manager Course:
 - [December 12-13, 2022](#), NCTCOG Office

11. Other Business

The next RSAC is scheduled for February 24, 2023, at 10 am. Meeting format has yet to be determined.

Members in Attendance at the October 28, 2022, RSAC meeting:

Agency	Name
City of Allen	Asma Tuly
City of Arlington	Daniel Burnham
City of Carrollton	John Romberger
City of Cleburne	Rob Severance
City of Dallas	Joseph Marchione (for Gus Khankarli)
City of Denton	Brett Bourgeois
City of Euless	Major L. Jones
City of Fort Worth	Michael Landvik (for Martin Phillips)
City of Frisco	Curtis Jarecki
City of Garland	Paul Luedtke
City of Grand Prairie	Aaron Long (for Caryl deVries)
City of Grapevine	Elizabeth Reynolds
City of Irving	Cody Owen
City of McKinney	Pamela Alummoottil
City of Mesquite	Eric Gallt
City of Plano	Matt Tilke
City of The Colony	Ron Hartline
City of Waxahachie	Jim Lockart
Collin County	Bridell Miers
Dallas County	Anthony Smith
FHWA	Amelia Hayes
Hunt County	Chris Bosco
Lee Engineering	John Denholm
Rockwall County	Claud Elsom
Town of Flower Mound	Matthew Hotelling
Trinity Metro	Jessica Powers
Texas Transportation Institute	Jason Wu
TxDOT Fort Worth District	Paula Meyer
Wise County	Chad Davis

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance at the October 28, 2022, RSAC meeting:

Thomas Bamonte	Kevin Kroll
Natalie Bettger	Sonya Landrum
Camille Fountain	Michael Misantonis
Kevin Kokes	Barbara Walsh