

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, January 28, 2022

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

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Meeting Summary Outline

1. Approval of October 22, 2021, Meeting Summary
2. Statewide Safety Task Force
3. Arlington Entertainment District Advanced Air Mobility Pilot
4. FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures
5. 2021 NCTCOG Blocking Equipment CFP Recommendations
6. 2021 Regional Safety Targets
7. Update Items
8. Safety-Related Reference Items, Topics or Training Courses
9. Upcoming Safety-Related Events and Training Announcements
10. Other Business
11. Next RSAC Meeting: April 22, 2022, 10 am

1. Approval of October 22, 2021, Meeting Summary – Asma Tuly, Chair, City of Allen

The October 22, 2021, meeting summary was accepted as written.

2. Statewide Safety Task Force – Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Michael Morris introduced the TxDOT/MPO Safety Task Force to the committee. The Task Force, created in Fall 2021 by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC), is comprised of representatives from TxDOT and the state’s metropolitan planning organizations. It was created to further identify and fund safety projects from funding allocated to MPOs throughout the state with a relentless focus on reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries on Texas highways.

Commissioner Laura Ryan and Commissioner Alvin New are co-chairs of the Task Force, on which Michael also serves, meets on a monthly basis. Michael is asking all of the TxDOT districts and divisions to join as “friends of the task force” and asked that RSAC as a whole become an official member. Federal Highway Administration and Texas Transportation Institute are already participating. The task force will provide regular updates to the TTC, with a final report delivered at the completion of its initial two-year term.

3. Arlington Entertainment District Advanced Air Mobility Pilot – Ernest Huffman, NCTCOG

Ernest presented on an exciting new program recently established in the Arlington Entertainment District. The future of aviation, drone technology in particular, is needed for use in metropolitan areas in urban canyons. Small drones can be used for package delivery, and larger aircraft for passenger movement to supplement some traditional aircraft in the metro area. Ernest noted some of the problems of integrating technology metrics into an urban environment such as the DFW region. He also listed the many ways drone surveillance can be beneficial, including helping with traffic congestion management, accident response along IH 30, and in conjunction with 911. Types of flights that have been observed in the entertainment district are available on the City of Arlington website.

The presentation can be found on the RSAC web page.

4. FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures – Amelia Hayes, FHWA

Millie Hayes provided updated information on updated proven safety countermeasures. FHWA initially launched the Proven Safety Countermeasure (PSC) Initiative in 2008, with previous updates in 2012 and 2017. The list of PSCs has now been expanded to 28. To be added to the list, a PSC is considered proven by its effectiveness in reducing fatal and serious injury crashes.

FHWA’s Proven Safety Countermeasures website has been updated with new branding and a search and filter tool. You can input road attributes and the system will display some countermeasures that could be considered for that type of roadway.

The presentation can be found on the RSAC web page.

5. 2021 NCTCOG Blocking Equipment CFP Recommendations – Camille Fountain, NCTCOG

Camille Fountain announced the projects NCTCOG recommended to be awarded funding in the 2021 NCTCOG Blocking Equipment Call for Projects (CFP). The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) initially approved \$1 million in regional toll revenue funds to implement this CFP. Staff later requested an additional \$411,979 to be able to fund the recommended projects. Seventeen projects were submitted, including four ineligible projects. Of the 13, 10 scored 70 or above, totaling \$1,411,979 in project cost (80 percent of total cost; agencies awarded funding would provide the 20 percent match) and were recommended by NCTCOG staff to be awarded funding. Staff recommendations would be brought to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee later that day, and to RTC for final approval in February. The projected schedule would have agencies receiving the RTR funding in Winter 2022.

The presentation can be found on the RSAC web page.

6. 2022 Regional Safety Targets – Kevin Kroll, NCTCOG

Kevin Kroll presented on FHWA Safety Performance Targets Update and provided the actual performance for 2020 compared to original targets set in January 2020. Federal legislation requires quantitative performance measures to be tracked and reported by the State and MPOs. The RTC challenged NCTCOG and regional partners to develop project, programs, and policies that specifically work towards eliminating serious injuries and fatalities across all modes of travel, with the goal to reduce the number of deaths on Texas roadways by 50 percent by 2035, and to zero by 2050. NCTCOG met or made significant progress in all five of the safety performance measures.

The presentation can be found on the RSAC web page.

7. Update Items

a) Statewide Safety Task Force Friends of the Task Force Reminder – Natalie Bettger

Natalie Bettger asked members if they were interested in joining the Statewide Safety Task Force as Friends of the Task Force, as Michael Morris had presented on earlier. Members will be surveyed for their availability in February or March to have discussion on some of the items Michael mentioned, so as to summarize them and provide feedback to Michael to take to the State Task Force meeting.

If a meeting is held in February or March, there will not be an RSAC meeting in April.

b) Vision Zero Planning Workshop Interest – Sonya Landrum

Sonya Landrum asked members if there was still an interest in a workshop on the development of Vision Zero plans for local agencies. NCTCOG staff will work with FHWA in arranging a workshop.

c) Vehicle Safety Recall Week – Sonya Landrum

Sonya reminded members that the week of March 7 through 11 is designated as Vehicle Safety Recall week by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

d) National Work Zone Awareness Week Activities – Sonya Landrum

Sonya reminded members that the National Work Zone Awareness Week begins April 11 with Work Zone Safety Training Day and ends April 15 with a Moment of Silence. Promotional materials are available on the website www.nwzaw.org/participate.html

8. Safety Related Reference Items, Topics or Training Courses Website

9. Upcoming Safety-Related Events and Training Announcements

- a) [Traffic Incident Management First Responder and Manager Course](#)
 - o March 24-25, 2022, NCTCOG
 - o April 21-22, 2022, Denton County
 - o June 16-17, 2022, NCTCOG
- b) Vehicle Safety Recall Week: March 7-11, 2022
- c) 2022 Lifesavers National Conference, March 13-15, 2022
- d) Distracted Driving Awareness Month: April 2022
- e) National Work Zone Awareness Week: April 11-15, 2022
- f) Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course: May 5, 2022

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Next Regional Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

The next RSAC is scheduled for April 22, 2022, at 10 am., however if the committee meets in earlier to discuss the Safety Task Force, the April meeting will not be held on its usual date.

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

Asma Tuly, Chair	City of Allen
Rama Dhanikonda, Vice-Chair	City of Richardson
John Denholm	Lee Engineering
Caryl DeVries	City of Grand Prairie
Eric Gallt	City of Mesquite
Roger Harmon	Johnson County
Amelia Hayes	FHWA
Matthew Hotelling	Town of Flower Mound
Curtis Jarecki	City of Frisco
Ghassan Khankarli	City of Dallas
Alonzo Liñán	City of Keller
Jim Lockart	City of Waxahachie
Paula Meyer	TxDOT Fort Worth
Yang Ouyang	NTTA
Cody Owen	City of Irving
Akar Pokhrel	Tarrant County
Elizabeth Reynolds	City of Grapevine
John Romberger	City of Carrollton
Rob Severance	City of Cleburne
Kevin St. Jacques	Hunt County
Anthony Smith	Dallas County
Matt Tilke	City of Plano
Caroline Waggoner	City of North Richland Hills
Jason Wu	TTI

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

Thomas Bamonte	NCTCOG
Natalie Bettger	NCTCOG
Camille Fountain	NCTCOG
Ernest Huffman	NCTCOG
Kevin Kroll	NCTCOG
Sonya J. Landrum	NCTCOG
Michael Misantonis	NCTCOG
Michael Morris	NCTCOG