

MEETING SUMMARY

REGIONAL SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, October 27, 2017

The Regional Safety Advisory Committee met at 10 am on October 27, 2017 at NCTCOG offices.

Members in Attendance

Rich Larkins, Chair, City of Grapevine; Matt Hotelling, Vice-Chair, Town of Flower Mound; George Barnes, Dallas Area Rapid Transit; John Denholm, Lee Engineering; Rahma Dhanikonda, City of Plano; Tamara Gart, TxDOT Dallas District; Kirk Houser, City of Dallas; Heather Houseman (for Laura Melton), City of Burleson; Brian Jahn, City of Fort Worth; Yang Jin, City of Mesquite; Sholeh Karimi, City of Grand Prairie; Minh Le, Texas Transportation Institute; Alonzo Linan, City of Keller; Brian Moen, City of Frisco; Yang Ouyang, North Texas Tollway Authority; Mohammed Quadeer, TxDOT Fort Worth District; Randy Skinner, Tarrant County; Mark Titus, City of Richardson.

Non-Members/Guests in Attendance

Millie Hayes, FHWA; Mike Johnson, NCTCOG; Sedrick Montgomery, TxDOT Fort Worth District; Andrew Oberlander, TxDOT Dallas District; Gaby Tassin, Alliance Transportation Group; Jon Unger, NCTCOG; Jessica Wilkerson, TxDOT Fort Worth District.

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Natalie Bettger, Camille Fountain, Sonya Jackson Landrum, Kevin Kroll, Barbara Walsh

Meeting Summary Outline

1. Approval of July 28, 2017 Meeting Summary
2. F.A.C.T.S. Traffic Safety Coalition Meeting Update
3. Commercial Motor Vehicle Crash and Congestion Analysis
4. 2018 Safety Performance Targets Recommendation
5. Update Items
6. Upcoming Safety-Related Events and Training Announcements
7. Other Business
8. Next RSAC Meeting: January 26, 2018

- 1. Approval of July 28, 2017 Meeting Summary – Rich Larkins, Chair, City of Grapevine**
The committee accepted the July meeting summary as written.

- 2. Fort Worth Area Coalition on Traffic Safety (FACTS) Meeting Update – Sedrick Montgomery, TxDOT Fort Worth District**

Sedrick Montgomery introduced FACTS to the members. Meeting quarterly, this coalition exists to help reduce deaths on Texas roads, educate and bring awareness for a safer community and commute. They provide safety initiative programs, and visit schools to teach traffic safety. FACTS serves Erath, Hood, Jack, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise counties.

- 3. Commercial Motor Vehicle Crash and Congestion Analysis – Mike Johnson, NCTCOG**

Mike Johnson provided information about commercial motor vehicle (CMV) crashes in the area. Using CRIS data for years 2012-2016, commercial motor vehicle crashes in the 12-county metropolitan planning area were mapped and analyzed to determine if there was correlation between CMV crashes and high congestion “hot spots.” The majority of the hot spots were concentrated in the downtown Dallas area. Mike’s presentation reported the annual hours of delay and the cost of delay. It has been found that previously identified hot spots still exist; and there is a direct correlation between CMV crashes and freight-oriented development. Recommendations are to provide a more efficient truck route network, and offer viable alternate routes; and higher bridge heights and improved roadway geometry will help facilitate oversize/overweight freight, reduce congestion, and increase safety/visibility for the traveling public. The presentation is available on the [RSAC web page](#).

- 4. 2018 Safety Performance Targets Recommendation – Kevin Kroll, NCTCOG**

Kevin Kroll provided updates on the roadway safety performance measure recommendations. FHWA has recently specified four quantitative performance measures which must be tracked and reported annually. He identified the four-step process in monitoring transportation system performance. There are five safety performance targets. Targets are based on a five-year rolling average. FHWA requires evidence-based targets; and aspirational or vision-based targets. TxDOT set their targets in August 2017. MPOs are given 180 days to either adopt the State’s or establish their own targets, but they must be approved by TxDOT. Stakeholder consensus is a two percent reduction in deaths by year 2022 is achievable. NCTCOG is establishing their own safety targets. The deadline to establish targets is February 27, 2018. The presentation is available on the [RSAC web page](#).

- 5. Update Items**

- a) **Traffic Management Group Coordination – Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG**

Natalie Bettger informed the committee that some Traffic Management groups are being established and committee members are welcome to join if interested. Staff from the Dallas’ police and fire departments, LBJ Express, and NTTA have participated in monthly meetings coordinated by TxDOT Dallas. The focus of the meetings are what first responders deal with during roadway incidents, and how could situations be handled differently, to better assist the traveling public. This may include notification to transit agencies so public transportation vehicles can be rerouted; traffic

redirection; dynamic message sign language, and how to remove abandoned vehicles more quickly.

TxDOT Fort Worth has a group which meets quarterly. If anyone on RSAC would like to participate in either group, Natalie can put them in touch with correct person.

- b) Training Opportunities – Camille Fountain, NCTCOG
Camille Fountain directed committee members to the American Traffic Safety Services Association handout. The Association are putting on Traffic Control and Work Zone courses. If there is enough interest in any of these courses, Camille will try to arrange to have training hosted at NCTCOG.
- c) Texas Texting and Driving Ban – Matt Hotelling, Town of Flower Mound
The Town of Flower Mound is taking measures to further educate the citizens of Flower Mound of the dangers of texting while driving, as the State law went into effect on September 1. Measures include inserts in water bills, and information has been added to Flower Mound police department's Facebook page.
- d) SH 161 Interim Lane Use Implementation – Andy Oberlander, TxDOT Dallas District
Andy Oberlander spoke about SH 161 peak hour lane use. TTI has been tasked with preparing an SH 161 peak hour lane before and after assessment. The draft should be completed in the next few weeks. Once TxDOT has completed its review, TTI will present it at a future RSAC meeting.

6. Upcoming Safety-Related Events and Training Announcements

- a) NCTCOG Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course, November 2, 2017
- b) National Drowsy Driving Prevention Week, November 5-11, 2017
- c) Traffic Incident Management First Responder and Manager Courses
 - i. January 25-16, 2018
 - ii. February 28-March 1, 2018
- d) NCTCOG Photogrammetry Training
 - i. Basic: February 12-16, 2018
 - ii. Advanced: February 19-20, 2018
- e) LifeSavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities – April 22-24, 2018, San Antonio, TX

7. Other Business (Old or New)

Minh Le noted that TTI will work on a statewide project for freight, comparing CRIS data for freight against incident data they receive via social media feeds, to see if there is a correlation or something has been missed.

Rich Larkins will contact Grapevine-Colleyville school districts to find out if there are any efforts being made at the school level to help with curtailment of texting while driving. He asked if anyone has experience with school districts to please share that with everyone at the next RSAC meeting. Mark Titus asked if anyone has a media packet. Kevin Kroll suggested AAA might have something available. Matt Hotelling and Minh Le were going to check with their respective agencies for anything that may have been prepared.

8. The next meeting of the RSAC is January 26, 2018.

Chair Larkin concluded the meeting.