Regional Operations and Safety Advisory Committee
Draft January 30, 2018 Meeting Notes

Attendance: Mike Doody (NYSDOT Region 1), Brian Kirch (NYSDOT Region 1), Chris Wallin (City of Schenectady), Bill Trudeau (City of Albany), Tom Werner (Saratoga County), Brent Irving (CDTA), Rich Cordero (CDTC), Tracy Mance (Albany County Sheriff’s Office and Albany County TSB), Maureen Kozakiewicz (NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee), Wendy Holsberger (VHB), Alanna Moran (VHB), Margaret Irwin (River Street Planning), Brian Stewart (Cambridge Systematics), Sandy Misiewicz (CDTC), Chris O’Neill (CDTC), Jacob Beeman (CDTC), Ami Parikh (CDTC).

1. Introductions

2. VHB Overview of Consultant Role

   Alanna Moran presented an overview of the consultant role in developing the Regional Safety Action Plan. She said an important goal is to make sure it is implementable. She introduced the consultant team. Margaret Irwin will be facilitating the outreach efforts for the plan.

   The consultant team will evaluate six years of accident data and provide quantifiable measures/recommendations to mitigate fatal and serious injury crashes. They will follow the patterns to provide specific recommendations for each emphasis area.

3. Presentation of Baseline Data by Emphasis Area- by CDTC staff

   Jacob Beeman gave a presentation on the baseline data by emphasis area. See the slides in the attached Power Point file.

   He said that further work is needed to ensure that Capital District intersection crash data is being calculated using the same methodology that the State uses. Sandy Misiewicz said that one reason that CDTC crash numbers are increasing while statewide numbers are decreasing could be that New York City statistics are showing significant improvements. While New York City is different in many ways than upstate New York, there may be strategies that are being used in New York City that could be implemented in the Capital region.

   Sandy commented that since we are an Interstate crossroads, there may be more crashes from “outsiders” or visitors.

   Chris Wallin asked if we could map crash rates, that is, crashes per volume. Sandy said this is possible but will take time since we are still working on joining AADT data to crash data.

   Tracy Mance said that law enforcement can use crash data to identify the most effective locations to station law enforcement efforts.
4. **Planning for Stakeholder Meetings and the Regional Safety Summit**

Margaret Irwin led a discussion on this topic. It was suggested that stakeholder meetings could focus on one county at a time. The county Traffic Safety Boards (TSBs) would provide a good forum. NYSDOT Resident Engineers for each county could be invited to the county meetings. The next Albany County TSB meeting is March 19.

Sandy said the Regional Safety Summit would be an invitation only event, and would last about three hours. It will include sharing of information, a keynote speaker, small breakout groups for input and possibly exhibitors. A meaningful amount of data will be presented, enough to engage people in discussion. Tom Werner suggested presenting a case study. Maureen Kozakiewicz suggested that it is important to talk about funding. A fifty year graph of fatalities would show how after many years of steady progress, we are starting to lose ground in the last few years.

5. **Review of committee role for Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) project applications**

Sandy reviewed the schedule for the PSAP project applications. Applications are due March 1. She said that this committee and the CDTC Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee will be asked to provide input on the applications prior to the Planning Committee making recommendations.

6. **Traffic Safety Culture**

Ami Parikh gave a presentation on Minnesota’s approach to traffic safety culture. Members agreed that a survey for the Capital region on safety issues could be valuable. A key question is “Does the public see traffic enforcement as a quality of life issue?” Tracy Mance said that the slogans that Ami presented were very good, because they represent a positive for a positive such as “Buckle up because you love me.” Sandy said staff will follow up with a review of the educational component of the Route 5 targeted enforcement safety campaign.

7. **Schedule of Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27 at 1:00 PM. *It was subsequently changed to April 17 at 1:00 PM.*