



State Traffic Records Advisory Committee (STRAC)

Bi-Monthly Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 2023

9:00 AM to 12:00 AM

Remote Meeting via Google Hangout

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

CDOT-David Swenka (Chair), CDOT-Glenn Davis, CDOT-Mara Strother, CDOT-Alyssa Herrin, CDPHE-Barbara Gabella, DOR-Scott Spinks (Vice Chair), DOR-Vinny Lannutti, DRCOG-Jacob Riger, DRCOG-Erik Braatan, OIT-Amy Bhikha, CDOT-Paul Clayton, DRCOG-Emily Kleinfelter, NHTSA-Kara Mueller, CDPS-John Lynkiewicz, FHWA-Dahir Egal, CDHS-Webster Hendricks, Adams County-Josh Sender, CDPS-Afsoon Ansari, CDPS-Chris Grimsley, Judicial - Jennifer Frale, Stolfus-Matt Brown (TRC), Stolfus-Celeste Shinn (TRC)

Agenda:

1. Welcome

David S. called the meeting to order

2. Roll Call

A quorum was reached based on the following attendance:

- a. David Swenka, present
- b. Scott Spinks, present
- c. Afsoon Ansari, present
- d. Barbara Gabella, present
- e. Jennifer Frale, present
- f. Amy Bhikha, present
- g. Webster Hendricks, present

3. Review & Acceptance of past meeting minutes from May 18, 2023

Motion to accept as presented by Scott S., seconded by Webster H., motion passes unanimously.

4. Fatal & Serious Injury Scoreboard

It was discussed that the experience year-to-date appears to be on trend with the previous year. Scott S. asked whether it makes sense to report a per capita measure to try and capture how the trend looks in light of the considerable growth we've seen in Colorado population.

5. Traffic Records Projects

a. FY 23 projects

It was discussed that FY 23 projects will close out prior to the next STRAC meeting. Any questions or assistance needed related to FY 23 project close out please reach out to BoYan Quinn, CDOT.

Crash Data Consortium will have another meeting 9/28 at 10AM. Zoom link is on the DRCOG website for anyone interested in attending: [Crash Data Consortium Meeting | DRCOG](#)

b. FY 24 projects

There was a special meeting in July that approved three additional FY 24 projects: BESDT Phase 3, Westminster's E-Ticketing project and Denver's geocoding project.

CDOT's procurement team may require intergovernmental agreements for some of the local agency 405C grants. We will continue to monitor this and assist as necessary to minimize any delays due to contracting.

6. STRAC Task Force Reports

a. Citation Project Manager

OIT continues to work to procure the project manager.

b. Crash Manual

Some additional small group meeting work is planned.

c. Fatal Blotter

Moving to live testing (Phase 2)

d. STRAC MOU (new)

Voting members will represent their agencies or delegate a representative.

7. NHTSA / FHWA Updates

NHTSA is working on Traffic Records 101 content. That information is located here: [Traffic Records 101 - ATSIP - Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals](#)

8. Roundtable

A 5-minute meeting break occurred at this time.

9. Strategic Plan Implementation

Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) Conference Report Out. The conference was held July 9-12 in Nashville. There were 3 presentations from Colorado STRAC members (Denver Regional Council of Governments & Traffic Records Coordinator with CDOT and CSP).

Ten Colorado attendees (CDOT, DOR, OIT, Judicial, TRC, CDPS, DRCOG)

Takeaways from the conference included:

- Some states are partnering with universities for geocoding and other traffic records purposes. STRAC members have contacts with CU Denver which is probably the best place to begin exploring a partnership.
- Data integration seems to be a universal challenge that many states are wrestling with.
- Importance of designing electronic crash forms with officers in mind and using the interface as a means of improving data quality. Alyssa H. has contact information for anyone interested in participating in a learning session.
- A vendor has developed an application that can be used to assess problematic curve locations (identified 3000 curves in Colorado meeting that definition).
- Adjudication was a small slice of the conference and most of the related sessions highlighted data sharing complications.
- Importance of reaching out to Colorado tribal nations to determine whether they are interested in participating in the STRAC. From information discussed at the Forum, many states struggle to

obtain good data regarding crashes occurring on tribal lands. Glenn Davis chimed in that the HSO was in the process of reaching out for other purposes and it may make sense to combine the efforts.

- There were lots of great presentations on data visualization, accessibility and timeliness that provided inspiration for CDOT's crash data dashboard project. Wisconsin and Connecticut were two that were specifically mentioned.
- Many states are doing interesting analysis work through the lens of equity. For example, isolating those populations that are disproportionately impacted by roadway fatalities.

Action Items:

- Meet with CSPD to discuss challenges with crash reports (TRC, CDOT, Crash Manual TF)
- Investigate university partnership opportunities (DRCOG, TRC) and reach out to states that have been successful (Louisiana, Connecticut, Iowa were mentioned). CU Denver MURP Capstones was mentioned as a good possibility. Also potentially writing an RFP for the services to be performed by University students. 405C money could be used to offset university costs.
- DOR, TRC and SHO to collaborate on reaching out to Colorado tribal nations. SHO is already planning outreach in January so we should try and capitalize on that. If we want a STRAC representative at the table need to let Glenn Davis know who that person will be.
- Consider ways to link data to provide additional insight into inequities involving severe injury or fatal crashes.
- Participate in learning session related to curve analysis tool

10. Adjourn

David S. adjourned the meeting as chairperson.

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