



State Traffic Records Advisory Committee (STRAC)

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, August 15, 2013
Colorado Department of Transportation
4201 E. Arkansas Ave.
Denver, CO 80222

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Aurora PD, Jeff Turner
Aurora PD, Kevin Dischler
CDOT, Alisa Babler
CDOT, BoYan Quinn
CDOT, Bruce Sheetz
CDOT, Charles Meyer
CDOT, David Bourget (*Secretary*)
CDOT, Glenn Davis

CDOT, Paul Matzke
CDOT, Phyllis Snider
CDOT, Rahim Marandi
CDOT, Tara Mundt (*Minutes*)
CDPHE, Jan Hart
CDPHE, Tamara Hoxworth
CDPS, Barry Bratt (*Chair*)
Denver PD, Mike Farr

Denver Public Works, David Digiaromo
DOR, Cheri Urda (*Co-Chair*)
DOR, Justine Gonzales
DRCOG, Greg MacKinnon
JeffCo, Scott Burton
NHTSA, Leslie Nelson Taullie
NHTSA/USDOT, Gary Coe
OIT, Dianna Anderson

action items in red

- I. “White Paper” that was due back to us on the TARS initiative from Don, is done, Barry (Dave) will send it out
- II. Dianna Anderson – Colorado Information Marketplace Website
 - a. Available today, Secretary of the State has funded \$ 2 million “ to make data mobile”
 - i. <https://Data.Colorado.gov/>
 - ii. It was suggested that everyone take some time to explore this website before our December meeting
 - iii. **Dianna will give 30 minute presentation next meeting with 15 minutes for questions and answers, will also send link (above) which will give everyone time to review the site and figure out what data would be appropriate. Dianna will also go to DOR to demo the platform.**
- III. There were Bylaws changes from last meeting – **David Bourget to send the new Bylaws.**

Agenda:

- 1. Review of past Meeting Minutes (slight changes from the copy sent in June)
 - a. Change to the amount of the grant to Castle Rock
 - b. Motion to approve last meeting minutes
 - i. Motion approved
- 2. Overview of two phone conferences (7-22 & 7-23) (Barry – DPS & Dave - CDOT) & NHTSA Funding overview (Leslie Nelson-Taullie):
 - a. Questions in regards to funding, amounts that we were expecting. We are now getting \$800k

- b. Leslie –With MAP-21 there is \$38 million available to the states for FY 2013. This was distributed based 2009 402 allocations. Colorado is receiving \$612,729.56
 - c. FY 2014 there is \$39 million available to the states, again, based on 402 allocation, and once congress passes the budget
 - d. FY 2013 application was due in March; FY 2014 application was due in July. From now on, all applications will be due in July (CDOT to NHTSA)
 - i. In between FY 2013-2014 there was extra incentive money – Colorado \$190k
 - ii. Total for FY 2013 in 405C for Colorado is \$803,418
 - 1. Grant money to agencies for electronic reporting, including DOR.; We don't want to overwhelm DOR with sudden influx of e-crash reports.
 - 2. Judicial hiring another employee– they are interested in grant \$ for electronic citations, but will have to get ready for the project. Judicial wants CSP to get on electronic citations; CSP is not ready yet.
 - iii. Any other ideas for grant money –
 - 1. Jan (CDPHE)– Emergency Medical Services - main software (Image Trend), wanting to purchase more software.
 - a. EMS agencies, crash reports, it would influence the transportation
 - b. Leslie - Proportioned Share; not all EMS is traffic related. – as long as it accessible to traffic agencies, DOR, CDOT, CSP, etc.
 - 2. Cheri – money towards the Go-Team assessment
 - 3. Cheri – may have a need for the collaboration through higher education
 - 4. Barry – look at our own agencies – where can we improve traffic records?
3. Go-Team Application to NHTSA (Cheri - DOR)
- a. EARS system is a “vintage” application (2005). Time to invest in revising the application. Leslie has submitted the Go-Team application to Washington DC, has not heard back from them yet.
 - i. **Could get results back from Washington by our next meeting**
 - b. Go-Team is only assessing DOR database, not CDOT's
4. Discussion on 2014 NHTSA 405C Traffic Records Assessment. Due by 9/30/14. (Barry & Leslie)
- a. Requirements to receive 405C (data) money, you have to have an assessment every 5 years
 - b. Colorado's Assessment for FY 2015 is September, 2014
 - c. New assessment process:
 - i. A part of the TRIPRS system; Formal request to set 3 month assessment; will forward series of questions to Rahim; Rahim will divide them amongst the group; Assessment will look at the management of the program, how you solicited the grantees. Will also look at the timeliness and accuracy of the crash data and roadway file, EMS (trauma system, emergency department information, mortality data), citations, Driver's License and vehicles (titles and registration) (6x6 analysis)
 - ii. Recommendations occur within the 3 month window.
 - 1. Depends on response on questions, could be shorter than 3 months
 - 2. Could we start it in June 2014?
 - a. Yes, but DOR prefers October through December
 - 3. **Decision: will put in for our assessment for October 1, 2014**
 - 4. Formal request needs to be signed by governors highway safety representative
 - a. NHTSA is paying for the traffic records assessment
5. NHTSA's Regional LEL Presentation - use of data and the Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) (Gary Coe, NHTSA)
- a. Nationwide Business Model “Management Philosophy” where crime and traffic are mapped based on location, time, dates, and day of the week. These areas are then flooded with high visibility traffic patrol officers. Results: crime traffic accidents/incidents rates decrease.

- b. This program (Management Philosophy) is completely free, there is no funding needed for this. Agencies that are currently using this philosophy enter in their crime data into CAD which gives them a mapping of where the crime is at. Once they have electronically entered in the traffic data they can then overlay the maps.
 - c. DDACTS needs more data reported electronically in a timely manner; needs current crash and citation data. Gary has about a 30 minute “sales pitch” presentation for agencies.
 - i. “Work smarter, not harder”
 - ii. Once we have the “Big Guns” (larger agencies) on board then we should have 90% of our crash data electronic
 - iii. Alisa Babler (CDOT) would like access to all citations for safety analysis (speeding violations, etc.)
 - iv. Aurora PD is about to try the electronic submission again. Last time it failed with many error messages; now working with Don DeVeux
 - v. Cheri suggests we have a traffic records workshop for Colorado.
 - vi. Leslie (NHTSA) is working hard with the Go-Team and Don DeVeux to get 90% electronic (Denver, Aurora, Colorado Springs, etc.)
6. Discuss pilot project to develop Higher Education partnership (Cheri)
- a. Partnership/Collaboration with higher education in terms of providing data
 - b. Working with Professors Bong Jon and Tom Young (spelling?) from Metro
 - c. Pattern after Louisiana and Mississippi, and use data that CDIP (Crash Data Improvement Program) has provided
 - d. Proposal to provide Pedestrian, Hit and Runs, and Motorcycle accident data in information cubes
 - i. Score card – completion of accident reports
 - 1. CDIP recommendations – when DOR rejects a paper report record the information
 - ii. **Will send the proposal out to everyone in STRAC within the next few weeks, September 1st (will send to Secretary), circulate for discussion**
 - 1. **“Go to Meeting” with voting members in STRAC by end of September**
 - 2. Will be able to start working on it and possibly get a presentation by December
7. Traffic Records Forum (Rahim - CDOT)
- a. Theme of this year’s Traffic Records Forum is: Education Enforcement Engineering EMS, Oct 27-30, 2013
 - b. Question: CDOT was going to pay for it up front? No - Unfortunately everyone will have to make their own arrangements (travel, hotel, registration, meals, etc.) **Rahim will send out the information.** After the forum, invoice (expense report) to CDOT and it will be reimbursed.
 - c. 2-3 additional people approved
 - i. Once we are back, all attendees would create a report
 - d. Invitation was extended to DOR personnel
 - i. Replacement director (hasn’t been hired yet) and Cheri would be their chaperone,
 - ii. Barry will ask if someone from Judicial if they can go
 - iii. Captain Paul Matzke will put on his schedule if someone from Judicial or new DOR director cannot go
 - e. Decision:
 - i. Dianna Anderson (OIT) & Jan Hart (CDPHE) – decided at previous meeting
 - ii. 2 from DOR: Cheri Urda, new director, or if director cannot go: Justine Gonzales
 - iii. 2 from CDOT: Rahim Marandi and ? (after the meeting, Dave B. was chosen to go)
 - iv. Will ask if Judicial can go; if not, Captain Paul Matzke
8. LEC and promoting data issue (Paul Matzke, CSP & Bruce Sheetz, CDOT)
- a. Challenge getting the word out about funding for Electronic Reporting to all agencies
 - b. **David Bourget to send Paul information: what agencies is doing what (electronic reporting and citations)**
 - i. **Paul will need to know: Who do they contact; grant application; funding available (traffic records improvement)**

- ii. Cheri was talking to Broomfield, they were unaware of STRAC
9. DR2447 update (New Form) discussion (DRCOG request)
- a. Greg (DRCOG) new measurements: Secondary incidents, clearance and duration time
 - i. Time from 1st recordable awareness to lanes are clear and total time (all personnel have left the scene)
 - 1. Cheri – time of accident on the report
 - 2. Denver DP: That is normally the time of the 911 call (approximately 99.99% of the time) then you can get reports from the dispatch for “In Service Time”
 - ii. Secondary Incidents:
 - 1. Could be in different jurisdiction
 - iii. Charles Meyer – MMUCC standards
 - 1. Distractions for drivers and secondary crashes
 - iv. Denver PD – may be able to amend the form rather than re-write it
 - v. Cheri (DOR) would rather have an amendment to the form (last new form created a 2 yr. backlog of crash reports), giving agencies 12 month time-line to enhance the electronic reporting, adapt to the new form ????
- b. Barry – there is no requirement to collect all of the MMUCC
- i. Who is going to use the data, how important is it?
 - ii. How can we better management incidents?
 - 1. Clearance of the crashes (reduce the secondary incidents)
- c. How many vacant boxes do we have? Four (at bottom, left)
- d. Charles – what does it mean to be MMUCC compliant?
- i. Leslie – 405 qualification is MMUCC improvement- would show improvement, which is tied to money,
 - 1. MUTCD is national standard, revised every 3 years
 - a. D16 common definitions national standard
- e. CDPHE – you can only choose one distraction (human contributing factor)
- i. What is the difference between texting and talking on the cell phone?
- f. Aurora PD – if you are adding more fields and asking for data but also asking to clear the scene faster
- i. Barry – some data you can record after the fact, some you cannot
- g. DOR and CDOT are both in favor of amending the form rather than re-creating it.
- i. Cheri (DOR) will talk to Don DeVeux and Aurora PD’s IT to get feedback about what it would take to amend the form, as well as Go-Team and EARS.
- h. Charles Meyer – most important to us is more distracted driving data and secondary crash information
- i. Aurora PD – is there any fields that we can get rid of?
- j. **December meeting:**
- i. **Timeline from IT and Don DeVeux for changes to the form (how much work it would be)**
 - ii. **Barry to send out MMUCC listing/compliance on secondary crashes criteria**
 - 1. **David B.– send to the top agencies (Denver, Aurora, etc.) for their feedback**
 - iii. **Is there any field that we could remove from the form?**
10. State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) (Alisa – CDOT)
- a. Working on updating Strategic Statewide Highway Safety Plan – encompassing other agency’s plans as well (integrate Safety Goals, performance measures). **Multi Stakeholder Plan** – focus on the “worst” areas:
 - i. Data driven decisions?
 - ii. Political and Community Sensitive side?
 - iii. Prioritization
 - b. What do you need from STRAC?
 - i. Statewide Plan need other agencies help
 - 1. Support from management of other agencies

2. Participation – voting on priorities/focus areas: top 10: What is the most important? What performance measures would we use? Do we have the data needed?
 - a. Some of these will be in the STRAC Annual Report
3. Some agencies representatives will be ask to join some committees (see attachment: SHSP Participant Roles and Responsibilities)
 - ii. Focus on 2-year: Long Term/Short Term goals (send STRAC goals and objectives)
 1. Crash Data (from previous plan)
 2. Implementation

Open Forum:

- I. Is CDOT still on track to have TARS available in spring of next year?
 - a. David B. – Project starts on Oct 1st may be available next spring
 - i. If you receive the invitation to this meeting, then you should have received the white paper
- II. Glenn - \$1.4 million to spend in 405C funds
- III. Glenn - Next meeting November 21st? – No
 - a. December 12th 9:00-2:00 at DOR
- IV. Glenn - “Going Away” plaque for Steve Hooper (leaving December 20th)
 - a. **Motion approved – will get a plaque for Steve Hooper**
 - i. Possibly something more
 - ii. **Glenn and Rahim to come up the wording**
- V. Charles Meyer – Crash Records Staff Coders contract is about to expire and looking to make a more permanent “fix” (full time staffing)
 - a. Have asked for STRAC Approval?
- VI. David Bourget – We are not going to solicitation of more grants until next meeting, correct?
 - a. Any opportunity to solicitation would be fine, but won’t send out the blanket email out to everyone until after next meeting
 - b. Barry – would like to have more proposals for the next round for a better choice of projects
 - c. No more e- citations projects until Judicial is on board with receiving them.
- VII. Charles Keep – need to improve location data, GPS, etc.
 - a. Aurora PD – can’t park their car on the evidence, cars are equipped with GPS.
 - b. Action – **need portable GPS units for better location coding**

Action items & next meeting’s agenda (At DOR, December 12th 9:00-2:00):

1. STRAC Annual Report
 - a. Where our focus will be for next year
 - b. Electronic Reporting and Electronic Citations
 - i. How are we using/collecting the data
2. Grant Requests/Application for traffic records improvement
 - a. Cover letter and other documents for solicitation
 - i. Focus on priorities
3. Dianna Anderson – Colorado Information Marketplace Website 30 minute presentation (next meeting and at DOR)
4. David Bourget – New Bylaws sent with this report
5. Go-Team report for next meeting
6. Pilot project Proposal to develop Higher Education partnership (Cheri)
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