



Safer Drivers and Passengers

Meeting Summary



Date/Time: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Chair: Dr. Shashi Nambisan, UNLV Transportation Research Center

Vice Chairs: Nick Nordyke, Office of Traffic Safety; Judith Mata, Office of Traffic Safety; Amanda Brandenburg, Office of Traffic Safety

Facilitator: Lindsay Saner, Kimley Horn

Attendees

- See attached attendance sheet.

Data Update

- See attached Monthly Fatality Report (as of 01/31/23).
- Statewide crash data available at www.nevadacrashdata.com.

Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) (Chair: Kevin Tice, DPS-OTS)

- Focus on implementing AB 116 (civil citations) and coordination with Enforcement Mobile (previously Brazos).
- Jay Park presented on using AI technology to improve data quality, pulling from the officer narratives on crash reports.
- Emily Strickler (UNLV) presented on the STOP project (SB236, racial and ethnic demographics of citations)
- The next TRCC meeting is on Tuesday, March 7 at 1:30 PM.

Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety (NVACTS) Update:

- The most recent NVACTS meeting was December 2022. The next meeting is March 9. You can review the meeting minutes and view the recordings here: [Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety - Zero Fatalities \(zerofatalitiesnv.com\)](http://NevadaAdvisoryCommitteeOnTrafficSafety-ZeroFatalities.zerofatalitiesnv.com)
- The Traffic Safety Policy Priority Working Group meets bi-weekly to discuss traffic safety priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session. They group is developing fact sheets for each policy priority, with a focus on AB93 Automated Traffic Enforcement in School Zones.
- The next NVACTS meeting will be March 9. If you would like to be added to the meeting announcement list for future NVACTS meetings, email lindsay.saner@kimley-horn.com.

Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Updates:

- The Letter of Interest (LOI) submittal window for 2024 Grants is open. LOIs are one-page descriptions to notify OTS you want to do a traffic safety project and therefore apply for a traffic safety grant. If approved, subrecipient then prepares a full application for submittal. LOIs are reviewed by mid-March. Funding is available in all program areas.

- OTS is also working through new funding opportunities from the infrastructure bill (BIL).
- Tracking traffic safety-related legislation for the 2023 session.

Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Updates:

- The Speed Management Action Plan is published on the NDOT website: [Speed Management Action Plan \(SMAP\) | Nevada Department of Transportation \(nv.gov\)](#)
- Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) for CAMPO is about to get started, and the next one will be for Elko County ([Local Road Safety Plan | Nevada Department of Transportation \(nv.gov\)](#)).
- Safety Management Plans - East Flamingo Road completed a road safety audit (RSA) on 2/7/23. The South Virginia Street RSA will be in March.
- The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) On-Call is going to the Board for approval in April. Two RFAs will be ready to release once the contract is final.

Plans, Strategies and Action Item Updates (see attached)

- Occupant Protection (Vice Chair: Judith Mata):
 - Joanne Arballo presented on Car Seats for Christy, a volunteer based organization that provides car seats for those in need and raises awareness.
 - Joanne has authored a number of books to generate conversation with young kids and help with the struggle to get kids in car seats. The books will be read to Clark County students for Nevada Reading Week (Feb 27-Mar 3). Joanne's books include:
 - Goodnight Car Seat
 - Trusty the Car Seat
 - Three Little Passengers
- Older Driver (Vice Chair: Amanda Brandenburg):
 - Working with action step leaders and others to initiate action steps and gather best practices. There are services available for older drivers, working on communications and distributing information.
 - Action: If you would like to volunteer for one or more of the Action Steps under Older Drivers, please contact Lindsay (lindsay.saner@kimley-horn.com)
- Young Drivers (Vice Chair: Nick Nordyke):
 - Outreach to 10,000 students since July 1. Cars and Cops, Drivers Edge, other outreach.
 - New driving simulator at UNR, utilized to measure driver activity. Additionally, UNLV has 2 simulators.
 - Traffic Safety Policy Priority for GDL Additions is not currently a BDR.
 - Jeff Payne presented on the Driver's Edge program, free to young drivers through a grant from OTS. The program started 21 years ago, teaches rules of the road, and is the only (free) program of its kind in Nevada. The program is for ages 21 and under, with permit or license. 75 participants in ½ day program, parents also attend.
 - All staff are professional drivers, defensive/stunt drivers, connect well with youth.
 - Drivers experience lane change maneuvers, how ABS brakes feel, skid control, Zero Teen Fatalities presentation.

- Program survey of participants before and after they attend, with 12 month and 24 month follow-up.
- Looking to expand program offerings, currently 1300 on the waiting list.

Decisions

- Occupant Protection, Older Drivers, and Younger Drivers Action Update Meetings – **April 20**
- Next meeting of the Safer Drivers and Passengers Key Area is **Thursday, May 11, 2023**

Actions

- Send ideas to Shashi for “Other States Best Practices” for future meetings. Could include lessons learned.
- Reach out to Shashi Nambisan or Lindsay Saner if interested in volunteering as an Action Step Leader.

Attachments

- Monthly Statewide Fatality Data
- Strategies and Action Steps

Links/Resources

- www.nevadacrashdata.com
- [STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN - Zero Fatalities \(zerofatalitiesnv.com\)](http://STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN - Zero Fatalities (zerofatalitiesnv.com))
- [Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety - Zero Fatalities \(zerofatalitiesnv.com\)](http://Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety - Zero Fatalities (zerofatalitiesnv.com))
- [Speed Management Action Plan \(SMAP\) | Nevada Department of Transportation \(nv.gov\)](http://Speed Management Action Plan (SMAP) | Nevada Department of Transportation (nv.gov))
- [Local Road Safety Plan | Nevada Department of Transportation \(nv.gov\)](http://Local Road Safety Plan | Nevada Department of Transportation (nv.gov))
- [Car Seats for Christy – Keeping kids safe – one seat at a time. \(wordpress.com\)](http://Car Seats for Christy – Keeping kids safe – one seat at a time. (wordpress.com))
- [Driver's Edge - A Charity Dedicated to Saving Young Lives \(driversedge.org\)](http://Driver's Edge - A Charity Dedicated to Saving Young Lives (driversedge.org))