



Safer Drivers and Passengers

Meeting Summary



Date/Time: Thursday, January 4, 2024 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm

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: Tim Burrows, Kimley Horn

Attendees

- See attached attendance sheet.

Data Update

- See attached Monthly Fatality Report (as of 11/30/23).
- Statewide crash data available at www.nevadacrashdata.com.

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

- Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) VI edition document is being draft and close to final approval. Find a drafted copy at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/traffic-records/model-minimum-uniform-crash-criteria>.
- Dr. Arteaga and team have completed Phase I of Artificial Intelligence Speech Recognition for Crash Reports projects and have moved to Phase II.
- Dr. Mavegamtango provided an update for five objectives for the Statistical Transparency of Policing (STOP) Data Collection project.
- Noehealani Antolin provided an update on the Nevada Road Users Linked Database.
- Next meeting is on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Agency Updates

- Amy Davey, Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety, updated that working with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) they were able to get the governor to accept the Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) Safety Assessment report.
- There are new opportunities for grant funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), however not all of Nevada's laws are compliant so they do not qualify for full or partial funding.
- Michelin's robust traffic safety data can help secure grants because it goes beyond crash data. Find more information at <https://ddi.michelin.com/en/preventive-road-safety/leveraging-the-infrastructure-bill-and-driving-data-for-safer-roads/>.
- The Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety released their 2023 report ranking states on their factors related to road safety. View the report at <https://saferoads.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023-Advocates-Report-online-interactive-fnl3.pdf>.

Plans, Strategies and Action Item Updates (see attached)

- Occupant Protection (Vice Chair: Judith Mata):
 - Virtual Baby Safety Classes have been scheduled for every month. There has been a lot of support and interest for the classes.
 - Child passenger safety classes are being offered. There are two sessions a month with two classes, it provides education and resources.
 - Upcoming trainings for Owyhee to support local tribe ensuring there are child safety technicians in their community.
- Young Drivers (Vice Chair: Nick Nordyke):
 - There are currently additional changes being asked on GDL districted driving laws to strengthen them. Due to Nevada's current law not being in compliance it was not eligible to receive full grant funding.
 - There is a partnership with Clark County School District Police Department and locals schools to help with young drivers.
- Older Driver (Vice Chair: Amanda Brandenburg):
 - No update provided.

Traffic Safety Policy Priorities

- Dr. Nambisan wanted to remind the group that the priorities are not just legislative so if there is anything someone is passionate about, please bring it to the group.
- If there are recommendations on how identify priorities let Dr. Nambisan know.

Open Discussion

- NVACTS drafted their annual report. Dr. Nambisan provided the key parts that were important to this group.
 - Primary Seatbelt Laws
 - Higher Fines in School Zones
 - Road Safety Cameras
 - Road Safety Cameras in School Zones
 - Currently there is language in Nevada state law that does not allow for automatic traffic enforcement.
- If there anyone from the group wants to invite a guest to present on a related topic let Tim Burrows (tim.burrows@kimley-horn.com) or Dr. Nambisan (shashi@unlv.edu) and they will get it added to the agenda.
- The Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting is happening January 7 – 11, 2024. Dr. Nambisan is going to be presenting.

Upcoming Meetings

- Imp Driving Task Force Meeting – Thursday, January 11, 12:00-1:30 pm
- Occupant Protection Action Update Meeting – Thursday, March, time TBD
- Young Drivers Action Update Meeting – Thursday, March, time TBD

- Older Drivers Action Update Meeting – Thursday, March, time TBD
- Next Meeting – Thursday, April 18, 2024, 1:30-3:00 pm
- Nevada Transportation Conference – Palace Station Hotel/Casino, May 7 & 8

Attachments

- Attendees List
- Summary from 08/17/23 Safer Drivers and Passengers Meeting
- Monthly Fatality Update (Nov '23)
- Strategies and Action Steps

Links/Resources

- www.nevadacrashdata.com
- [STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN - Zero Fatalities \(zerofatalitiesnv.com\)](http://zerofatalitiesnv.com)
- [Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety - Zero Fatalities \(zerofatalitiesnv.com\)](http://zerofatalitiesnv.com)
- [Michelin Driving Data Information \(ddi.michelin.com\)](http://ddi.michelin.com)

Links/Resources Shared in Chat

- MMUCC
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/traffic-records/model-minimum-uniform-crash-criteria>
- Advocates for Highway Safety – Safe Roads Roadmap Reports
<https://saferoads.org/advocates-roadmap-reports/>

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- Dr. Atiaga presented on using AI technology to improve data quality, voice to crash form to improve efficiency.
- The next TRCC meeting is on Tuesday, September 19th at 1:30 PM.

Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety (NVACTS) Update:

- The most recent NVACTS meeting was June 8th, 2023. You can review the meeting minutes and view the recordings here: [Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety - Zero Fatalities \(zerofatalitiesnv.com\)](http://zerofatalitiesnv.com)
- The next NVACTS meeting will be on Thursday, September 14th. If you would like to be added to the meeting announcement list for future NVACTS meetings, email lindsay.saner@kimley-horn.com.

Traffic Safety Policy Priorities:

- The NVACTS Traffic Safety Policy Priority Working Group meets bi-weekly to discuss traffic safety priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session.
 - Legislative tracking is available here: [Bill List \(state.nv.us\)](http://Bill List (state.nv.us)).
 - Legislative tracking for traffic safety related bills attached (see Excel file)
- Action for Task Force Members – provide ideas for future **traffic safety policy priorities** using the attached template. Please send to Lindsay (lindsay.saner@kimley-horn.com). They will be heard at the next NVACTS meeting on Thursday, September 14th.

Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Updates:

- FHWA special rule for vulnerable road users (VRU), requiring a VRU Safety Assessment, to specifically address the safety of everyone who walks and rolls, with a focus on crash data and equity. The VRU Safety Assessment is due to FHWA on November 15, 2023.
- The Speed Management Action Plan is published on the NDOT website: [Speed Management Action Plan \(SMAP\) | Nevada Department of Transportation \(nv.gov\)](#)

Plans, Strategies and Action Item Updates (see attached)

- Occupant Protection (Vice Chair: Judith Mata):
 - Grant agreement is going out for approval.
 - CPS Classes were scheduled for June, working with tribal groups (Death Valley Indian Reservation).
 - Child Passenger Safety Week.
 - There will be a workshop on Child Passenger Safety at upcoming Safety Summit.
- 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):
 - Zero Teen Fatalities presentations to the High Schools, to encourage teen driver safety at high schools in Nevada.
 - Driver's Edge outreach program will be on September 9th and 10th
 - There will be a Young Driver/Teen Panel at 2023 Nevada Traffic Safety Summit.

Upcoming Meetings

- Occupant Protection, Older Drivers, and Younger Drivers Action Update Meetings – **November 2023 (dates TBD)**
- Next meeting of the Safer Drivers and Passengers Key Area is **Thursday, December 7, 2023**
- 2023 Nevada Traffic Safety Summit is September 12-14, 2023 at Palace Station in Las Vegas. More information here: [2023 Traffic Safety Summit - Zero Fatalities \(zerofatalitiesnv.com\)](https://zerofatalitiesnv.com)
- The Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety (NVACTS) will meet on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

Actions

- Use Traffic Safety Policy Priorities template to send ideas for future policy priorities. Send to lindsay.saner@kimley-horn.com. Recommendations will be heard at the Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety (NVACTS) meeting on Thursday, September 14.
- 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
- Traffic Safety Policy Priority Template (Word file)
- Updated Strategies and Action Steps

Links/Resources

- www.nevadacrashdata.com
- [STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN - Zero Fatalities \(zerofatalitiesnv.com\)](http://zerofatalitiesnv.com)
- [Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety - Zero Fatalities \(zerofatalitiesnv.com\)](http://zerofatalitiesnv.com)
- [Speed Management Action Plan \(SMAP\) | Nevada Department of Transportation \(nv.gov\)](http://nv.gov)
- [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program | US Department of Transportation](http://www.dhs.gov)
- [2023 Traffic Safety Summit - Zero Fatalities \(zerofatalitiesnv.com\)](http://zerofatalitiesnv.com)

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 DATA AS OF: 11/30/2023

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY, DIRECTOR NDOT, HIGHWAY SAFETY COORDINATOR, NDOT TRAFFIC ENGINEERING, FHWA, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
 FROM: THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY, STATE FATAL DATA
 PREPARED BY: ADAM ANDERSON, FARS ANALYST
 SUBJECT: FATALITIES BY COUNTY, PERSON TYPE, DAY, MONTH, YEAR AND PERCENT CHANGE.

Month	2022 Crashes	2023 Crashes	% Change	Month	2022 Fatafs	2023 Fatafs	% Change
JAN	20	25	25.00%	JAN	31	27	-12.90%
FEB	23	15	-34.78%	FEB	24	17	-29.17%
MAR	38	26	-31.58%	MAR	40	26	-35.00%
APR	31	37	19.35%	APR	32	40	25.00%
MAY	36	30	-16.67%	MAY	38	33	-13.16%
JUN	40	32	-20.00%	JUN	40	35	-12.50%
JUL	30	32	6.67%	JUL	31	41	32.26%
AUG	30	33	10.00%	AUG	33	36	9.09%
SEP	32	30	-6.25%	SEP	33	32	-3.03%
OCT	40	34	-15.00%	OCT	43	39	-9.30%
NOV	31	31	0.00%	NOV	35	34	-2.86%
DEC			0.00%	DEC			0.00%
Reporting Period Total	351	325	-7.41%	Reporting Period Total	380	360	-5.26%
Year End Total	383			Year End Total	416		

KNOWN FATAL COMPARISON BETWEEN 2022 AND 2023.

COUNTY	2022 Crashes	2023 Crashes	% Change	2022 Fatalities	2023 Fatalities	% Change	2022 Occupants	2023 Occupants	% Change	2022 Unrestrained	2023 Unrestrained	% Change
CARSON	7	5	-28.57%	7	6	-14.29%	4	3	-25.00%	4	0	-100.00%
CHURCHILL	12	11	-8.33%	12	13	8.33%	6	10	66.67%	3	2	-33.33%
CLARK	213	219	2.82%	232	235	1.29%	98	101	3.06%	34	38	11.76%
DOUGLAS	5	2	-60.00%	5	2	-60.00%	4	2	-50.00%	2	0	-100.00%
ELKO	10	5	-50.00%	12	5	-58.33%	10	4	-60.00%	7	3	-57.14%
ESMERALDA	2	2	0.00%	5	2	-60.00%	5	2	-60.00%	0	0	0.00%
EUREKA	4	0	-100.00%	4	0	-100.00%	4	0	-100.00%	2	0	-100.00%
HUMBOLDT	8	4	-50.00%	10	5	-50.00%	9	4	-55.56%	2	3	50.00%
LANDER	3	1	-66.67%	5	1	-80.00%	5	1	-80.00%	4	1	-75.00%
LINCOLN	5	4	-20.00%	5	4	-20.00%	3	4	33.33%	2	1	-50.00%
LYON	7	6	-14.29%	7	7	0.00%	3	5	66.67%	2	3	50.00%
MINERAL	3	2	-33.33%	3	3	0.00%	3	3	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
NYE	12	17	41.67%	13	29	123.08%	9	27	200.00%	6	5	-16.67%
PERSHING	5	1	-80.00%	5	1	-80.00%	5	1	-80.00%	2	0	-100.00%
STOREY	2	0	-100.00%	2	0	-100.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
WASHOE	52	43	-17.31%	52	44	-15.38%	30	17	-43.33%	9	6	-33.33%
WHITE PINE	1	3	200.00%	1	3	200.00%	0	3	300.00%	0	1	100.00%
Reporting Period Total	351	325	-7.41%	380	360	-5.26%	198	187	-5.56%	79	63	-20.25%
Year End Total	383			416			219			86		

KNOWN COMPARISON OF FATALITIES BY PERSON TYPE BETWEEN 2022 AND 2023.

COUNTY	2022 Pedestrian	2023 Pedestrian	% Change	2022 Motorcyclist	2023 Motorcyclist	% Change	2022 Bicyclist	2023 Bicyclist	% Change	2022 Other Scooter, Moped, ATV	2023 Other Scooter, Moped, ATV	% Change
CARSON	2	2	0.00%	1	1	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
CHURCHILL	2	1	-50.00%	4	2	-50.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
CLARK	61	75	22.95%	56	47	-16.07%	12	8	-33.33%	5	4	-20.00%
DOUGLAS	0	0	0.00%	1	0	-100.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
ELKO	0	1	100.00%	2	0	-100.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
ESMERALDA	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
EUREKA	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
HUMBOLDT	0	0	0.00%	1	1	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
LANDER	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
LINCOLN	0	0	0.00%	2	0	-100.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
LYON	1	1	0.00%	3	1	-66.67%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
MINERAL	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
NYE	1	1	0.00%	2	1	-50.00%	1	0	-100.00%	0	0	0.00%
PERSHING	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
STOREY	0	0	0.00%	2	0	-100.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
WASHOE	12	16	33.33%	10	7	-30.00%	0	4	400.00%	0	0	0.00%
WHITE PINE	0	0	0.00%	1	0	-100.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Reporting Period Total	79	97	22.78%	85	60	-29.41%	13	12	-7.69%	5	4	-20.00%
Year End Total	91			86			15			5		

THIS REPORT IS A POINT IN TIME COMPARISON

THIS DATA DOES NOT INCLUDE DATA FIELDS MARKED BY THE OFFICER AS UNKNOWN.

2022 DATA IS PRELIMINARY AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY INCLUDE FINAL REPORTS (FORM 5, CORONER, AND/OR TOXICOLOGY).

2023 DATA IS NOT FINAL UNTIL THE END OF DECEMBER 2024.

NOTE: The monthly report will be distributed by the 7th of each month.

Key: Fatalities= Total number of reported fatalities (vehicle occupants, pedestrian, motorcyclist, bicyclist, and other).

Vehicle Occupants = Driver and occupant fatalities in a motor vehicle.

Vehicle Unrestrained = Driver and occupant fatalities in a motor vehicle unrestrained.

Pedestrian = Any person on foot, on a personal conveyance, or in a building.

Motorcyclist= A person riding any motor vehicle that has a seat or saddle for the use of its operator and is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.

Bicyclist= A person on an other road vehicle that can be propelled by pedaling (bicycle, tricycle, unicycle, pedalcar, electric bike).

Other = A person on a scooter, moped, ATV, or other motorized vehicle not captured above on a roadway.

Key Area: Safer Drivers and Passengers (SDAP)

Critical Emphasis Area: Occupant Protection (OP)

Strategy #1: Improve occupant protection use laws.

Description	Action Step Leader
Enact a primary enforcement seat belt law.	Erin Breen (UNLV)
Strengthen child restraint laws for children between the ages of required child passenger safety (CPS) seat use and adult seat belt use.	Erin Breen (UNLV)
Require seat belt use for young drivers and their passengers as a condition of Nevada's Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) system.	Nick Nordyke (DPS-OTS) Erin Breen (UNLV)
Encourage Local Primary Enforcement Seat Belt Use Laws for tribal lands.	Sherry Ely-Mendez (Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe)

Strategy #2: Maximize proper restraint use by coordinating training and checkpoints with enforcement and the medical community.

Description	Action Step Leader
Utilize Joining Forces Coordinators across the state to conduct HVE of seat belt laws in each area (Clark County, Washoe County, and rural areas). Ongoing.	Carrie Krupp (DPS-OTS)

Strategy #3: Create awareness of proper restraint use with public outreach activities.

Description	Action Step Leader
Prioritize outreach and communication activities that support occupant protection-related enforcement efforts.	Jason Stallcop (RPD)
Educate younger teen road users on safe behaviors through high school education programs (Zero Teen Fatalities).	Nick Nordyke (DPS-OTS)
Target outreach efforts that support occupant protection enforcement to low-belt-use groups.	Nick Nordyke (DPS-OTS)
Conduct public outreach on Child Passenger Safety issues throughout Nevada, including tribal communities.	Judith Mata (DPS-OTS)

Strategy #4: [Analyze data and prepare documents to support occupant protection use.](#)

Description	Action Step Leader
Improve the quality, integration, and analysis of occupant protection data.	
Make multi-year Nevada seat belt usage data available online.	Pushkin Kachroo (UNLV)
Collect observational seat belt data and compare with past data.	Pushkin Kachroo (UNLV)
Analyze seat belt attitudinal/observational data to develop systematic implementable feedback-based control countermeasure framework.	Pushkin Kachroo (UNLV)
Create clearinghouse of occupant protection education and analysis; publicize to partners.	Shashi Nambisan (UNLV) Andrew Bennett (CCOTS)

Critical Emphasis Area: Older Drivers (OD)

Strategy #1: Promote and educate older drivers and family members on comprehensive driving evaluations and encourage early planning to transition from driving.

Description	Action Step Leader
Enhance information resources and conduct outreach for older driver safety screening for family, friends, physicians, and law enforcement to report at-risk drivers.	Nick Nordyke (DPS-OTS) Andrew Bennett (CCOTS)
Evaluate the need to expand the use of variable driver s licenses restrictions, or graduated de-licensing (e.g., restrictions on high-speed roadways, night-time driving, within geographic boundaries).	Amanda Brandenburg (DPS-OTS) Nick Nordyke (DPS-OTS)

Strategy #2: Incorporate roadway design features to meet the mobility needs of older drivers.

Description	Action Step Leader
Improve traffic signs, pavement markings, overall lighting, and pedestrian-scale lighting to make the roadway, intersections, and pedestrians/bicyclists more visible to drivers in low light and poor weather conditions.	Jaime Tuddao (NDOT)

Strategy #3: [Expand transportation choices to improve the mobility options for older drivers.](#)

Description	Action Step Leader
Establish accessible and safe mobility options for at-risk older drivers who are seeking to reduce or cease driving.	Rebecca Kapuler (NDOT) Mohammad Farhan (RTCSNV)
Establish an interagency stakeholder team to assess existing programs, services, education, and public outreach that address the needs of at-risk mature drivers. An interagency team would include representatives from licensing, health care, roadway engineering, transit, law enforcement, health care, and aging and transportation stakeholder groups.	Andrew Bennett (CCOTS) Rebecca Kapuler (NDOT)

Critical Emphasis Area: Young Drivers (YD)

Strategy #1: Improve driver licensing for young drivers in Nevada to meet or exceed national Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) best practices.

Description	Action Step Leader
Extend GDL requirements through age 20.	Andrew Bennett (CCOTS)
Add an intermediate GDL step that spans months 6-12 after initial licensure.	
Add a cell phone restriction to Nevada GDL requirements.	
Require seat belt use for young drivers and their passengers as a condition of Nevada's GDL system.	Erin Breen (UNLV)
Develop corrective recommendations and outreach materials for policymakers to rectify AB338 (passed in 2019).	Glen Taylor (DPS-OTS)

Strategy #2: [Improve driver education for young drivers in Nevada.](#)

Description	Action Step Leader
Investigate opportunities for Driver Education and Behind the Wheel training for low-income schools and/or students to improve access to driver education (in coordination with Safe Speed Action Step 2.3).	Rick Mazzoni (Double R Driving School)
Convene a study group to complete a gap analysis of young driver education efforts in Nevada.	Andrew Bennett (CCOTS)

Strategy #3: Support traffic law enforcement of young driver-related laws.

Description	Action Step Leader
Educate officers or law enforcement agencies on the importance of addressing GDL violations through HVE.	Nick Nordyke (DPS-OTS) Jason Stallcop (RPD) Andrew Bennett (CCOTS)

Strategy #4: [Conduct targeted young driver outreach to young drivers and their parents/guardians.](#)

Description	Action Step Leader
Increase adult involvement in novice driver management through increased communication about parents' role in GDL success.	Nick Nordyke (DPS-OTS)
Increase awareness of young driver issues by targeting outreach to high-risk drivers ages 15-20 at events and locations frequented by these drivers and their parents/guardians (e.g., military, car meets, tailgating events, etc.)	Jeff Payne (DriversEdge)