NEVADA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC SAFETY
MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FROM AUGUST 11 MEETING

Agenda Item	*Status*	*Link to Document*
3. Approve June 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes	Passed unanimously with edits	Final Meeting Minutes

ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION FOR OCTOBER 13 MEETING

Approve August 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Elect NVACTS Vice Chair

SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEMS:

4. Traffic Safety Data and Trends

Anita Pepper, Public Information Officer for the Office of Traffic Safety, provided an update on statewide fatality data. The report shown during the meeting reflected 167 fatalities as of June 2026; however, Ms. Pepper noted that the most recent report issued the day before the meeting showed 199 fatalities to date in 2026 (through July 31). She stated that overall fatalities were trending down in Clark County and Washoe County, while rural areas such as Nye, Elko, and Lyon Counties were experiencing increases. Please reach out to Anita Pepper at a.pepper@dps.state.nv.us to be added to the distribution list for the monthly fatal report.

5. Adding Construction/Work Zone Awareness into Driver's Education Program

Tom Robins, founder of Work Zone Safe, presented on work zone education for teen drivers. He summarized the program's two primary components: in-person walk-through work zone experiences and an online curriculum. Oklahoma became the first state to require completion of work zone and first responder safety training for teen drivers and that other states, including WI, CT, NC, KS, MO, NE, and CO are implementing or considering similar programs.

Ann Barnett, Nevada Contractors Association, expressed support for bringing the program to Nevada. Discussion included potential integration with Nevada's existing online driver education program, and tailoring a Nevada-specific course using state-specific laws, signs, crash examples, and local stories.

6. New Recommendations from the Safe System Consortium

Lacey Tisler, NDOT, presented recommendations from the Safe System Consortium report prepared by the Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy in collaboration with the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the FIA Foundation. Key themes included breaking down institutional silos; strengthening collaboration among roadway designers, engineers, traffic safety professionals, law enforcement, public health, and emergency response partners; using tools to guide decisions and maximize return on investment; and leveraging flexible safety funding for locally appropriate solutions.

Discussion addressed how to share national research and best practices with practitioners who design and plan roadways. Andrew Bennett emphasized the importance of ensuring that research is understood by staff and leadership, including through continuing education or professional association channels.

7. NVACTS Participation in the Interim Legislative Session

Chair Sean Sever and other members of NVACTS presented at the Judiciary Committee meeting on March 10th and at the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure meeting on May 19th. At the request of the Chair of the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure, Chair Sever provided the "top three" best practice recommendations to consider, which included regulations for e-devices, "yield to stop," and automated enforcement in work zones.

8. NVACTS Annual Report Outline

The report will follow a structure similar to previous years and include statewide safety data, activities and recommendations from NVACTS, recommended best-practice policy priorities approved by the committee, other traffic-safety-related BDRs for informational purposes, other actions supporting roadway safety in Nevada, state fatal report information, meeting and working group summaries, and an overview of Strategic Highway Safety Plan task force activities.

9. Nevada Traffic Safety Week

Members generally supported aligning the week with the Nevada Traffic Safety Summit in October to give the effort a Nevada-specific focus and to complement other national safety observances. Anita Pepper offered to help provide information for the proclamation and messaging. Chair Sever indicated he would follow up with the Governor's Office.

10. Nominations for Vice-Chair Position

Chair Sever announced that nominations are being sought for the NVACTS Vice Chair position due to Amy Davey's retirement. Nominations and recommendations should be submitted to Chair Sever for consideration, with a potential vote at the next meeting.

11. Nevada Traffic Safety Summit

The Nevada Traffic Safety Summit will be held October 13-15, 2026, at the Atlantis Resort and Casino in Reno. More information can be found on the event website: 2026 Traffic Safety Summit - Zero Fatalities.

12. Upcoming NVACTS Meeting Dates and Locations

The dates and location for the next NVACTS meetings are:

- Tuesday, October 13 meeting – Location Reno (Atlantis Resort and Casino)
- Tuesday, December 8 meeting – Location NDOT (Carson City and Las Vegas)

Full (draft) meeting minutes from the Tuesday, August 11, 2026 NVACTS meeting can be found here: https://zerofatalitiesnv.com/app/uploads/2026/09/20260811-NVACTS-Minutes_draft.pdf