

Traffic Records Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2009

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ODOT Transportation Safety Division Building

In Attendance

Voting members: Dave Ringeisen (Vice-Chair), Robert Burchfield, Troy Costales, David McKane, Dan Wells, Ethan Wilson

Non-voting members: Nicole Charlson

Guests: Doug Bish, Anne Holder

Absent

Voting members: Gary Will (Chair), Lana Cully, Ed Fischer, Bob Leopold, Joseph Marek

Non-voting members: Nick Fortey, Greg Fredericksen

Introductions / Opening Remarks

5 minutes

Highway Safety Manual Data Project

20 minutes

Doug Bish described the project proposal to conduct a data assessment for the Highway Safety Manual. The project requested \$75,000 in grant funding. There was some discussion about whether or not this is the appropriate time to move forward with the project. Karen Dixon, Chris Monsere and several others are involved in development of the Highway Safety Manual and there will be collaboration with these OSU and PSU staff members to complete the project. The proposed project will identify data needs or gaps, as well as the data we currently have, and will develop an evaluation report. Rob moved to approve, Dan seconded the motion and all voting members present concurred to approve the project.

Decision: Unanimous approval of the Highway Safety Manual Data Assessment grant.

New Project Prioritization / Plan of Action

35 minutes

Nicole distributed the updated budget and list of new projects. The Committee discussed the Crash Report Training and Evaluation project. The project was originally two separate projects: to survey law enforcement agencies about their crash reporting policies, electronic citation or crash preparedness, and to validate transfer of crash data from the agencies to DMV; and to provide training in response to the survey results. During the Assessment process, there was some debate about missing reports. The survey would be best completed by someone within the law enforcement community, preferably from DPSST. Attempts to gain support from DPSST to lead the project have been unsuccessful.

The Committee reviewed a project submitted by the City of Bend to provide crash reporting query tools. The Committee considered whether or not other jurisdictions would have access to the same tools and whether this was already provided through the TransViewer project. The TransViewer project will add new reports to TransGIS and has not moved forward, because the ODOT COI committee has labeled the project as lower priority. If there is a significant statewide benefit, this could potentially move up in priority. A contractor will be needed with highway experience. Robin planned to gather a steering committee to guide the project and write the reports needed. Bob Hughes in ODOT Region 1 may potentially have IS resources. Robin will

communicate with the City of Bend to discuss their specific needs. A Microsoft Access database has been provided in the past and could be used to easily develop reports. The web based reporting would be better utilized if all interested agencies had access.

Other projects include a possible EMS grant to continue their project, a 2010 Traffic Records Assessment and rewrite of the Strategic Plan, OSP may need approximately \$190,000 outside of the OWIN grant to fund the remainder of the e-ticketing project, SPIS improvements, Crash user training online, and an asset management project to include traffic signals on state highways that ODOT does not maintain.

Action Item: Review projects that fall under the recommendations made in the Traffic Records Assessment and propose projects before the September meeting.

Elections

10 minutes

The TRCC considered re-election of Chief Gary Will to the second year of his term as Chair and Dave Ringeisen's continuation as Vice-Chair.

Decision: Unanimous approval to continue with current positions for one year.

Legislative Update – Oregon & National

15 minutes

Troy gave an update on legislative changes. Senate Bill 314 passed, which "Requires drivers and occupants to immediately give notice to police officer after vehicle accident under certain circumstances. Creates offense of driver failure to report accident to police officer. Punishes by maximum \$720 fine." The penalty is higher to report to law enforcement than the current Class B traffic violation with a fine up to \$360 for failure to report to DMV. There is currently no process in place to track notification or ownership of the vehicle.

SAFETEA-LU ends September 30, 2009 and an 18 month extension has been requested from Congress. Congressman Oberstar leads the new policy proposal and has filed the bill for the next reauthorization. Administrators have not yet been named, although Ronald Medford is the Acting Deputy Administrator for NHTSA. Currently, there are nine fund sources and grant applications, whereas the new proposal includes only one application. The program calls out DUII, occupant protection and motorcycle programs specifically, with performance measure goals within each area. This reauthorization will be likely to include more specific information on performance measurement.

Action Item: Nicole will email NHTSA's document, Model Performance Measures for State Traffic Records Systems, to the Committee for comment.

Project Status Updates

5 minutes

Nicole distributed a spreadsheet with brief status updates and funds spent.

Action Item: Nicole will email the project status spreadsheet to the Committee.

Next Meeting

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Agenda topics include: new project prioritization and project status updates.

Action Item: The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 22 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Adjourn