

MINUTES

KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Training Room, Bourbonnais Fire Department,
1080 Armour Road, Bourbonnais, IL

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 @ 9:00 A.M.

Member in Attendance

Lt. Ed Zopf, Kankakee County Sheriff's Police; Lt. Jason LoCoco, Trooper Dave Verkler, Illinois State Police; Dave Tyson, Tyson Engineering; Mark Rogers, Steve Blanchette, and Diane Redwitz, Kankakee County Highway Dept; Commander Chris Kidwell, Kankakee Police Dept.; Roger Blakley, IDOT District 3; Tom Caldwell, IDOT Urban Planning; David Luhrsen, B.B.C.H.S.; Chief Scott O'Brien, Manteno Fire Department; Al Ponton, Riverside EMS.

Others Present

Sgt. Sam Miller, Kankakee Police Department; Dave Broviak, Marc Budzynski and Scott Ferguson, IDOT District 3; Derek Ryan, Kankakee County Sheriff's Police; Mike Lammey, Jim Greenstreet, and Geoff Olson, Kankakee County Planning Department.

Call to Order

Chairman Tyson called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Blanchette. Motion carried.

Safety Program Presentation by IDOT

Mr. Scott Ferguson from IDOT District 3 explained the procedures used by the District to identify and prioritize Safety funding for the State roadways and how local jurisdictions can apply for safety projects. Mr. Ferguson reviewed the State roadway 5% Report to identify locations of high crash counts with serious injuries and reviewed the crash reports to look for identifiable common causes. He reviewed data trees for crash reports and heat maps for crashes. He looked for causes that can be addressed by either low-cost improvements (signage, rumble strips, pavement markings, etc.) or higher cost engineering and construction work. He looked at the 5-year scheduled roadway improvement program to see if Safety funding can be added to an already scheduled project to improve it.

The District receives between \$4 million and \$5 million a year for Safety projects on state roads. There was \$13.3 million available for local road safety projects state-wide in 2014 and similar amounts are available each year. The local road jurisdictions need to follow the same process to

document the need and apply for it.

Mr. Broviak pointed out that the current IL Rt 17 West project widening to three lanes is a Safety Project that took about 6 years from need identification to construction.

Performance Measures Presentation

Mr. Lammey gave a presentation on performance measures as identified by MAP-21, including:

- 5-year rolling average of fatalities
- 5-year rolling average of serious injuries (A)
- 5-year fatality rate
- 5-year serious injury rate

These rolling averages were determined by reviewing data and averaging data from 2006 through 2014 crash reports. The rates were calculated using vehicle miles travelled county-wide, due to the fact VMT numbers for the urbanized area were for different geographic areas for different years.

Mr. Lammey discussed the charts and graphs presented in the handouts showing the averages and rates for 2010 through 2014. The charts and graphs showed numbers for State and Local roads. The 5-year rolling average for fatalities stayed between 12.8 and 14.2. The 5-year rolling average for A-Injuries stayed between 149.6 and 150.8. The 5-year rolling average fatality rates per 100 million VMT for the same time periods were between 1.32 and 1.47. The 5-year rolling average A-Injury rates per 100 million VMT for the same time periods were between 15.39 and 15.53.

The State has projected a need to reduce the fatalities and serious injuries with a goal of attaining a 5% reduction in both. We are striving to identify possible Safety Fund projects for local roads and work with the State to help with their roadways to reach the goals.

Report On Hands Free Cell Enforcement Issue

Chairman Tyson asked if there were any updates on the enforcement of hands free cell phone use. Sgt. Miller stated that the Kankakee Police Department has an IDOT grant for one more Safety project this year to include violations of hands-free cellular laws.

Other Business

None

Next Meeting

The next Safety Crash Subcommittee Meeting will be on September 23, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the County Administration Building in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. The next Safety Committee Meeting will be on October 28, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Bourbonnais Fire Station in the Training Room. The Safety Crash Subcommittee will meet again on November 25, 2015, at 9:00 AM at the County Administration Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

Chairman Tyson adjourned the meeting at 9:52 AM.