

Notes

KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAFETY CRASH SUBCOMMITTEE

Second Floor Conference Room, Kankakee Administration Building
189 E. Court St., Kankakee, IL

Wednesday, November 25, 2015 @ 9:30 A.M.

Those in Attendance

Dave Tyson, Tyson Engineering; Steve Blanchette, and Diane Redwitz, Kankakee County Hwy Dept.; Roger Blakley, IDOT District 3; Adam McCurdy, Manteno Fire Department; Sam Miller, Kankakee Police Department; Geoff Olson, Kankakee County Planning Dept.

Call to Order

Mr. Tyson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Discussion of Meeting Notes

Mr. Tyson asked if there were any corrections or changes to the Meeting Notes from July 15, 2015. There were none.

2010 - 2014 Fatal Crash Emphasis Areas

Mr. Olson presented data showing the number of fatalities by categories that had been determined by the Illinois Department of Transportation in a previous data release to the metropolitan planning areas. Mr. Olson explained that the data is for Kankakee County and due to the difference in methodologies and any changes to crash reports after the initial filing, the Planning staff and IDOT have differing numbers.

Page one of the data showed the tabulated data by local, state, and combined values by each of the emphasis areas. The page also showed the overall total number of fatalities by year. Ms. Redwitz commented on the data accuracy from the crash reports on IDOT's Safety Portal and the difficulty of trying to identify the location of crashes. Mr. Olson also added that when some A-type injury crashes turn into a fatality, the crash report on the Safety Portal is not updated so unless there is press coverage or anecdotal evidence to support a change in injury type, the accuracy of the data could be slightly misleading.

Mr. Olson also explained that one difference on the sheet was to separate lane departures from road departures. The Planning staff decided that the crash circumstances could be different between the two because a lane departure might be more likely to end up as a sideswipe or head on collision, whereas a road departure could end up as overturning or crashing into a fixed object.

The second page showed individual graphs of each fatal crash emphasis area. The graphs were ordered by the greatest number of fatalities in that category. The top three characteristics of fatalities were road departures, unrestrained occupants, and speeding and aggressive driving.

2013 - 2015 Serious Crash Trends

Mr. Olson told everyone he had updated crash data for fatal and serious injuries. The data was based on the data from IDOT's Safety Portal and the most recent crash uploaded was from November 17. He created a chart that showed the last year years of crashes, fatalities, and A-injuries by month. The chart helps visualize high and low crash periods of the year and also a month by month comparison for the past three years. Mr. Olson reiterated the disconnect between the Safety Portal and changes to the initial crash reports.

Topics for the Next Meeting

Mr. Olson asked what members would like to do for future Crash Subcommittee meetings. Mr. Blakley suggested moving forward with an HSIP grant. Mr. Blanchette asked when the HSIP grant applications would be accepted. Mr. Blakley said they are usually accepted in April. Due to the next Crash Subcommittee meeting being in February, Mr. Blakley asked if a small selection of top locations could be identified that's consistent with IDOT's five percent and curves list and emailed to members for input. Mr. Olson said he would have a list sent out to the Committee in December.

Next Meeting

Safety Committee – January 13, 2016 at 9:30 AM, Bourbonnais Fire Dept.

Safety Crash Subcommittee – February 10, 2016 at 9:30 AM, Kankakee County Administration Building

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tyson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM.