



Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission
SHSP Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Team
Location: Horatio Earle Learning Center
Date: November 17, 2015
Time: 9am

Attendance	
Name	Agency
Brian Pawlik	SEMCOG
Josh DeBruyn	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Treea Sekela	MDOT
Kim Lariviere	MDOT
Michelle Snitgen	Michigan Fitness Foundation (MFF)
Officer Edward Barrett	Michigan State Police (MSP)
Officer Nicoleta Mittai	MSP
Pat Cawley	Transportation Improvement Association (TIA)
Dave Morena	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
By Phone	
Georgina McDonald	MDOT
Laura Rowen	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Agenda Item: Previous agenda/minutes comments
Discussion: None Made
Action: None

Agenda Item: Davison Avenue Safety Blitz – Treea Sekela & Georgina McDonald
Discussion: PBSAT learned about MDOT's multidisciplinary effort on Davison Avenue in Detroit, MI. <p>The corridor has pedestrian crashes and speeding issues. Past engineering efforts, including the installation of pedestrian refuge islands and RRFBs did not have a dramatic affect on crashes. MDOT teamed up with SEMCOG and Focus Hope, and Jason Hanson (Former Detroit Lion) to create an event where the team talked with people in the corridor, learning about their issues, presented safety tips, and created a media buzz about the topic. State Police were also out in force to warn/ticket speeding automobiles.</p> <p>A second blitz is planned for the spring to engage the schools, churches, and other community stakeholders. Long term plans include access management, signal timing and other engineering solutions.</p>
Action: None

Agenda Item: GTSAC topics - Kim Lariviere
Discussion: The current safety plan goes through 2016. The GTSAC wants a mini-update for 2017-2018 so future plans will align with the term of Michigan's Governor. In Fiscal Year 2018, OHSP will contract for a new 2019 plan. GTSAC team chairs are to meet on December 8 th for further discussion. <p>The current plan's goal of less than 750 deaths by 2016 needs to be reassessed.</p>
Action: GTSAC chairs to meet on December 8 th .

Agenda Item: Integrating SEMCOG Plans for Implementing Pedestrian & Bicyclist Safety-Brian Pawlik

Discussion: SEMCOG new planning efforts picking up, where its Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan left off. The safety plan provides more details on pedestrian and bicycle safety. Its Access to Core Services task force is identifying areas of low accessibility by mode-auto, transit, bike, and walk. The projects will contain broad strategies and action items. They will be adopted by early 2016. Each of these projects help target where to invest more in bike/ped infrastructure.

It was noted that the AAA does not have a rep on PBSAT. Insurance companies may be able to help PBSAT on education and encouragement activities.

MFF has done work for SEMCOG's Access to Core Services, which they could share.

Action: Kim L will reach out to AAA, State Farm and Insurance Institute for America. PBSAT Cochairs will ask MFF to present their work at future meeting.

Agenda Item: Grand Rapids Five-foot Bike Passing Law- Brian Pawlik & Josh DeBruyn

Discussion: Grand Rapids received funding for a bicycle safety education program which included a review local laws and policies that could be changed to improved bicycle safety within the community. . One such law, recently passed and a first of its kind in Michigan, is the law requiring motor vehicles to only pass a bicyclist when they have at least five feet of space between the bicyclist and the motor vehicle. Bicycle advocates hopes that other cities will do the pass similar legislation, leading to an impetus for a state law. Other states that have passing laws require just three feet. Discussion on the issue include: the law could be problematic in urban areas and may apply even in cases where bike lanes and paved shoulders exist; can motor vehicles cross the double yellow center line for passing a bike? and could bicyclists be written up for impeding traffic, even though they are traffic?

Action: Contact Grand Rapids police to determine how many tickets have been written. Determine if other states have nuisances and exceptions in their laws.

Agenda Item: Pedestrian Bicycle Safety Conference—Michelle Snitgen

Discussion: A small group led by OHSP are working on a safety conference scheduled for April 29th and 30th 2016 in Mt. Pleasant, MI. Sessions will be targeted at practioniers and advocates. There is also a possibility of a safety training course (cycle savvy model).

Action: Report more details at next meeting.

Agenda Item: Agency Updates

Discussion:

FHWA-The agency has released many documents in support of bike/ped safetyincluding the protected bike lane guide.

MFF-Staff are working on a district wide safe routes program in Detroit.

MSP-Officer Barrett will be training more bicycle officers. Could present to PBSAT on their traing program.

TIA-Pat Cawley is working with Oakland University of a sidewalk gap assessment and crossing Wlaton Road

MDOT-Planning Departement will be working on the State Transportation Plan, the Grand Region Nonmotorized Plan, and the Training Wheels education program for roadway designers. Metro Region is investigating educational materials for a HAWK signal at Gratiot in Clinton Township.

Action: Report out at Next Meeting.

Future Meeting Dates: At Horatio Earle Learning Center unless otherwise noted:

Jan 26, 2016 - **MSP**

March 8, 2016

May -TBD

July 12, 2016

Sept 13, 2016

Nov 15, 2016