Illinois Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Minutes
February 16, 2021

TRCC Attendees	
Janel Veile, Mitchell Gaffney, Cynthia Watters, Mark Blankenship, Jessica Keldermans, Shannon Alderman, Adam Gabany, Dan Mlacnik, Holly Bieneman, Rebecca Dieken, Bill Morgan, Juan Pava, Sharon Kelly, Kelli Erickson, Edgar Galofre, Nely Munoz, Katherine Beckett-Suter, Brian Arnold	IDOT
Jacque Huddleston	AOIC
Donna Cooper, Sree Govidan, Steven Mahnich, Rod Smith	SOS
Adam Lintner (Illinois Tollway), Alex McElroy (SEMPO), Brandon Geber (DSATS), Geoff Olson (Kankakee), Gena McCullough (Quad Cities), Sam Cole (Danville), Todd Schmidt (CDAT—Chicago), Sidney Turner (Rockford), Brian Harnes (Peoria)	MPO's/Planners/Stakeholders
Adelisa Orantia, Jennifer Martin	IDPH
Parry Frank	CMAP
Martin Broyles	NHTSA
Greg Piland, Dan Meyer	FMCSA
Alan Ho	FHWA
Abolfazl (Kouros) Mohammadian (UIC), Dan Leonard (UIS), Mickey Edwards (UIS), Jennifer Cifaldi (UIS)	University of Illinois at Chicago/ University of Illinois at Springfield

Welcome/ Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Janel Veile. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. She introduced Mitchell Gaffney as the new Traffic Records intern who will be working with the TRCC members to improve quality of the existing safety related databases. During the next couple of months, he also will be working on following items:

- Updating and revising Traffic Records Committees (Executive, Technical, and Sub-committees)
- Reaching out to new/potential stakeholders
- Getting ready for the next Traffic Records Assessment
- Updating Traffic Records Strategic Plan

Janel Veile presented a brief overview of Dr. Mehdi Nassirpour's contributions to the TRCC and safety community in general. Dr. Nassirpour passed away in November and will be greatly missed.

Brief Report from NHTSA, FHWA and FMCSA

Martin Broyles of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) noted that 23 CFR 1300 should be referenced for Traffic Records. An attachment to the meeting had provided 23 CFR 1200. Janel will send the correct information along with the meeting minutes to the TRCC.

Alan Ho reported that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is working on a new initiative, the Safe System Approach, Mr. Ho noted that there will be a presentation on the Safe Systems Approach at the Illinois Transportation and Highway Engineering (THE) conference that is hosted by the University of Illinois in early March 2021. The Safe Systems approach is a safety approach that involves utilizing various partners with the premise that while humans make mistakes, they should not have to pay for those mistakes with their life. It looks at sharing the responsibility among designers, builders and operators of the roadway systems and to find ways to build layers to help protect individuals when crashes do occur. FHWA will also hold a webinar on the Safe Systems Approach on March 10th. Please contact Mr. Ho for more information.

Dan Meyer with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) discussed the grant funding they are currently working on that includes a Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety in Work Zones Workshop. This workshop will help improve Illinois work zone safety measures. This workshop is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2021 and is comprised of industry leaders that are looking for ways to reduce work zone crashes. Please contact Mr. Meyer if you are interested in learning more about this issue.

2020 NHTSA Assessment Update

Janel Veile and Mitchell Gaffney provided a brief presentation on the background of the TRCC and the importance of stakeholder engagement. Mr. Gaffney also presented a PowerPoint presentation on NHTSA's STRAP assessment results and explained the recommendations and future goals presented by NHTSA for each state traffic module. Janel will be in contact with the TRCC members to work towards achieving the recommendations presented by NHTSA.

New Business (Status Report on the following Items)

Janel Veile reported on the status of AASHTOWare Safety. AASHTO intends to sunset AASHTOWare Safety Analyst on June 30, 2022. AASHTOWare Safety is now powered by Numetric, Inc. IDOT is currently evaluating the software. No decision regarding the purchase of the software has been made at this time.

Jennifer Martin reported on the hiring of Dr. Mickey Edwards to help Dan Leonard with the IDPH-IDOT data linkage work. Dan Leonard then updated the TRCC on the LinkSolv software that is currently undergoing bug fixes before it can be released for training. This software will help to link Hospital & Crash data.

Holly Bieneman reported on the Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funds. Ms. Bieneman reported that due to budget uncertainties, the call for SPR project proposals

has been postponed. Previous projects are making progress. She reported on the status of three IDOT safety projects that were awarded SPR funds. These include the development of a Highway Safety Improvement Program database in the Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering, the Crash Information System Update by the Bureau of Data Collection (Jessica Keldermans) as well as a roadway safety and educational program developed by the Office of Communications.

405c Current and Future

Adam Gabany reported that the grant application deadline for local agencies was recently closed. State project applications will be accepted beginning in early March 2021. Mr. Gabany also shared a link to the IDOT website where the applications can be found. https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/safety/grants/index. He mentioned that IDOT received somewhere between $1.5-1.7 million to fund projects and that all project applications would be welcome, as the funds weren't all utilized over the last FY.

IDPH Potential Project Vote

Jennifer Martin discussed the potential project that would link IDPH & IDOT data, as well as Injury Surveillance & IDOT Crash data. This project would be led by Dan Leonard and Mickey Edwards from UIS. The vote passed with a majority vote. The project application will move forward to be reviewed by IDOT BSPE.

Crash Update

Jessica Keldermans reported that due to issues with urban and rural data in Safety DataMart, the 2019 data has not been finalized. The Bureau of Information Processing is working on resolving the issue. However, provisional crash data can be provided if needed. Ms. Keldermans directed data users to contact Mark Blankenship in the Bureau of Data Collections (BDC) for data needs. She also reported that the 2020 crash data is anticipated to be closed in April 2021. Janel will notify the TRCC members when the crash data is finalized. Finally, Ms. Keldermans reported on the increase in electronic crash reports statewide (currently at 90% and increasing), and that the legislation that would mandate electronic reporting is still not passed (it has been slowed down due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

Roadway Update

Bill Morgan reported on that the BDC is currently working on closing out the year end file for 2020. This includes data quality reviews and finalizing all updates. This process should be completed by February 26, 2021. BDC will then be submitting the NBI submittal in March and the HPMS submittal in April. These submittals provide the information needed for the FHWA PM2 and PM3 performance measures. As these are completed, BDC will also then be working on the year end reports and anticipates that these will be posted to the internet by mid-April.

Current Project Updates

Adelisa Orantia reported on the IDPH Trauma Registry Update. The Trauma Registry is incorporating data from July 2019 onwards. The reporting system will generate reports. However, the web version is not working at this time. Once it is running, Dan Leonard will be able to access the system and data will be shared with IDOT.

Sree Govidan and Steve Mahnich reported on the SOS Data Warehouse project, which was completed in September 2020. It is now awaiting the execution phase. They mentioned that there was soon to be a meeting regarding this issue, and it should move forward soon. They plan to report more on this in the coming meeting in April 2021.

Final Comments

Janel Veile opened the floor for discussion and mentioned again the importance of stakeholder involvement, inviting any further questions, comments, or suggestions to be communicated with either herself or Mitchell Gaffney. She also mentioned future meetings in April and June and thanked everyone for their attendance and comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM

The next meeting will be on ***April 20, 2021 from 9:00-11:00 am***.