



NATIONAL LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ASSOCIATION

Safety Work Group Minutes

Monday, May 13, 2013

1:00 PM Eastern

- **Welcome and Roll Call –Marie Walsh, LA LTAP**

Carla Anderson, APWA Safety Committee
Rosemarie Anderson, FHWA Office of Safety
Victoria Beale, Ohio LTAP
Michele Beck, Montana LTAP
David Brand, NACE

Bruce Drewes, Idaho LTAP
Matthew Enders, Washington LTAP
Cameron Ishaq, FHWA
Tom McDonald, Iowa LTAP
Susan Monahan, Clearinghouse

Renee Railsback, Colorado LTAP
Laura Slusher, Indiana LTAP
Dennis Trusty, North Dakota TTAP
Marie Walsh, Louisiana LTAP

- **LTAP Joint Safety Program Update and FHWA TPP (Technical Partnership Programs) - Cameron Ishaq, FHWA**

Cameron just received the Joint Safety Spreadsheet last week and will update after Joint Safety leadership calls next week. At the end of this month, TPP will have a better review of all regional meetings with Region 4 this week (Jeff Zaharewicz is attending) and conclusion of Region 7 the end of May. Cameron is still working with Rosemarie on the Peer exchanges. He will be attending peer exchange in Columbus, Ohio and will report back at June's SWG meeting. David Brand, NACE, and Laura Slusher, IN LTAP, will also be at the Ohio peer exchange. By pulling together information Cameron will report at next SWG meeting the value of our network. Bruce Drewes is planning on have Matthew Enders replace him on the Leadership Committee soon. Rosemarie noted Gabe Rousseau, Safety Operations Team Leader, will be representing FHWA at Region 4 and Region 7 meeting as she is unable to attend. She thanks those centers for welcoming Gabe.

- **NLTAPA Safety Work Group Focus Area Updates**

- **Technical Resources and Services** – Tim Colling
Not available.
- **Communications and Outreach** – Michele Beck
Michele is requesting a brief article from SWG members about their centers' latest safety focus for the Summer SWG Safety Bulletin by June 28, 2013. Victoria Beale, Ohio LTAP, and Dennis Trusty, North Dakota TTAP, will send in articles. Michele also distributed the RSPCB (Roadway Safety Professional Capacity Building Program) memo asking for possible projects. Rosemarie explained this was a tool for planning and marketing. Their website explains guidelines but Rosemarie encourages local governments to put in an application: http://rspcb.safety.fhwa.dot.gov/p2p/p2p_app.aspx
- **WF and Capacity Building** – Janet Leli
Not available.

Partner Reports

- **NACE – David Brand**

- David explained there was an entire safety track this year at the annual NACE conference held in April. Brian Roberts, NACE; Marie Walsh, LA LTAP; and David presented during the general session on Toward Zero Death policies. David said all the feedback was positive on the Safety Tracks. His concern now is how to move forward with Safety Plans for counties. David noted the "safety culture" regarding roundabouts and safety edge information has filtered down through road departments and is being implemented. Discussion followed about early adopter states and how to compile feedback from them on what is working. Marie and David are trying to work toward some action where the safety plans can be implemented and are asking for help. Lisa Harris sent

several suggestions for SWG meeting: 1) LTAP/TTAP's could contribute safety briefs to NACE's newsletter; 2) to have FHWA fund (or partially fund) development of training program for a technology (maybe EDC or something that comes out of the T2 or products & resources survey) that is a priority for NACE and local agencies in general and something the LTAP/TTAP Centers could and would deliver. Rosemarie noted there is a 43-slide powerpoint module available regarding the Safety Plan. David said responses to a survey indicated there was no time to bring other people into equations. Discussion followed on looking at those states where Safety Plans are working such as Minnesota. Dennis Trusty said North Dakota DOT is writing a transportation safety plan based on Minnesota's. It was decided to have a joint call with NACE possibly at July 8, 2013 SWG meeting.

- Rosemarie also presented at NACE Conference and was happy to report the rooms were filled, safety topic was important. She suggested a white paper on what Marie and David learn from gathering TZD information. She said Iowa is going to Minnesota on a peer-to-peer exchange soon. Dennis Trusty noted Minnesota DOT is including tribal safety plans in their work also. Rosemarie said Jennifer Warren is taking a current document for local road safety plans and making it more applicable for tribal safety plans.

- **FHWA Office of Safety** - Rosemarie Anderson, FHWA Office of Safety

- Hillary was headed to Region 6 meeting but got snowed in at Denver. Two FHWA people stepped up on short notice and did a great job with the safety session. Rosemarie went to the Region 1 meeting in Massachusetts. It was very interactive, lots of questions and information shared. In the morning there were two concurrent meetings then everyone gathered back together in the afternoon. As mentioned above, Rosemarie is helping with the transitioning of FHWA personnel but wanted everyone to know all regional meetings are being covered by different FHWA reps. This transition should only last about another three months.
- They have just awarded two different contracts. One for development of briefing sheets for local practitioners with safety information including topics such as countermeasures and speed limits. The other contract is regarding a case study with technical reps integrating rural roads planning process and they may be looking for help from LTAP/TTAP centers.
- Bruce requested from Rosemarie to capsule best practices at recently attended regional meetings and write an article for the Summer Safety Bulletin. Rosemarie has notes and will get together with Jeff to formulate an outline of information.

- **APWA** – Carla Anderson, APWA Transportation Committee

- Carla will check with those of their locals who are working on Safety Plans. In California, APWA was discussing developing Safety Plans for local governments.
- Carla reviewed Safety Tool Kit at Clearinghouse website and will put this link on APWA website for locals to use. The podcasts were very informative. She also mentioned the initial googling of "Safety Tool Kit" did not bring her to the new website. Susan and Cameron will check to make sure search engine has correct link.
- With the upcoming APWA Congress and Exposition in Chicago, August 25-28, 2013, Carla thought this would be a great opportunity for face-to-face for LTAP. Martha Horseman, KY LTAP, will probably be there as APWA liaison for NLTAPA. Marie will check with her. Kevin Burke, IL LTAP, may be attending also. Laura Slusher, IN LTAP, said she could attend.
- Carla said the partnership with the Kansas APWA and Kansas LTAP has been successful. She appreciated Lisa Harris' help in coordinating a meeting. Although numbers were small, those attending were enthusiastic about roadway safety. Carla will be developing a needs assessment and Bruce will be in contact with her.

- **New Business**

- TZD Domestic Scan – Marie Walsh is on this team with engineers, FHWA, and DOT's. They are developing a list of amplifying questions covering TZD and what sets states apart or what has driven down fatalities in these states; what is working and why. This first meeting will be information gathering. In November they will be talking with different states. Rosemarie mentioned there is a TZD States report available for reading.
- Bruce requested assistance for writing the SWG Briefing Sheet Marie will present to Bud Wright, new AASHTO Executive Officer, at the SCOHTS meeting June 23-26, 2013. Matthew Enders will assist Bruce and Marie in

writing and Tom McDonald will review and add any excerpts necessary. Any other SWG members are welcomed to join in and prepare this document also. Contact Marie.Walsh@LA.GOV.

- **Action Items/Next Steps:**

- **SWG Subcommittee (Bruce, Matthew, Marie, Tom) to gather ASAP Highlights package for Bud Wright, AASHTO, at SCOHTS June 23-26, 2013 Meeting**
- **Bruce Drewes will call Carla Anderson, APWA, to assist with Needs Assessment**
- **Michele Beck will contact Kentucky LTAP to request a hearty welcome for Gabe Rousseau at Region 4 meeting**
- **Need More Articles for Summer Safety Bulletin for Summer Conference to mbeck@coe.montana.edu**
 - **So far: Ohio LTAP, NP TTAP, and article from Rosemarie/Jeff on BMP's from Region meetings**
- **NLTAPA SWG: June 10, 2013, Monday - 1pm Eastern**
- **Agenda items for June meeting:**
 - **Presentation: Laura Slusher on use of HSIP for the purchase of signs (ATSSA)**
 - **Todd Morrison on TOWG status**
 - **Prepare action items for joint NACE/LTAP conference call meeting July 8, 2013 –at 11:00am Eastern!**