



NATIONAL LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ASSOCIATION

Safety Work Group Minutes - Draft

Monday, September 10, 2012

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- Marie Walsh welcomed all and noted Bruce Drewes and Janet Leli would not be available for the call today.
- NLTAPA Safety Work Group Focus Area Updates

Technical Resources and Services – Tim Colling reported he will be attending a Subcommittee meeting on October 10, 2012, for the Committee on Highway Safety Performance. This particular group focuses on pushing the research forward using quantitative safety analysis and the Highway Safety Manual, trying to reach local rural roads. At TRB they proposed to develop a workshop on this topic, perhaps titling it “Doing Quantitative Safety Analysis in Data Poor Environments,” or how to do anything without a lot of data. This meeting on October 10 will be considering their vision of this workshop, audience, length of workshop, etc. Tim thought this may be a possible pre-LTAP Conference workshop, bringing interest into the national meeting. It could also be used as a stand-alone. Discussion followed on the importance for those local governments who are not collecting data or very little. Tim emphasized this workshop would focus on **HOW** do you analyze any data you may have. Marie suggested Karen Scurry be brought into the call also with HSM development point of view. There appeared to be a consensus that LTAP/TTAP would be interested in using this workshop as a possible pre-conference (or stand-alone) workshop. Tim will report back at the October SWG meeting to let us know what direction this workshop will take and we can then determine if it is applicable for a pre-conference workshop.

Communications and Outreach – Michele Beck had Aaron Jette, U.S. DOT Volpe Center, report on the responses to the FHWA Local and Rural Roads Evaluation Questions. To date, he has only received a limited response of seven. Aaron appreciated the time and effort put into the answers. Discussion followed and it was determined Aaron will contact more LTAP/TTAP center directors to do direct phone interviews of only 20 minutes in length in order to get a better cross section from the LTAP/TTAP community. However, if anyone would like to respond to Aaron right now (Aaron.Jette@dot.gov) here are the questions or email him and let him know you will partake in a phone interview:

- *Are there local and rural road safety resources or services that HSA currently provides that local officials or LTAPs find particularly useful? Are there any that aren't useful? Why?*
- *Are there transportation safety topics that are important to local officials that FHWA should focus on?*
- *Can you think of any useful resources or services to address local and rural road safety that HSA could provide that would meet a need that is currently not being met?*
- *Do LTAP Centers use/know of FHWA Office of Safety resources and services? Are there opportunities for FHWA's Office of Safety to better market its resources and services to LTAPs and local officials?*
- *Are there opportunities for FHWA's Office of Safety to improve its partnerships to better assess needs and market and deliver its products and services to LTAPs and local officials?*

Partner Reports

- **FHWA Office of Safety:** Rosemarie was very pleased with the turnout at the Northwest Safety Data Peer Exchange at the T2 Center in Boise, ID. Included with the six northwest states were guest states of Louisiana, Minnesota, and Illinois; regional TTAPs; and state DOT representatives. In addition to topics covered such as HSIP's, an action plan was developed. A report will be issued in just a few months.
- On October 10 and 11, 2012, there will be another Local Road Safety Peer Exchange occurring in the northeast at New Brunswick, New Jersey, based on the same agenda as the Region 7 peer exchanges.
- October 3, 2012, there will be a Technical Oversight Working Group (TOWG) meeting regarding the FHWA Low Cost Rural ITS project. They are looking for an LTAP/TTAP representative. This meeting is taking place at the SAIC offices in McLean, Virginia. This is a one-year project and will have a document produced following completion of the project. Part of the work includes reviewing draft documents. Laura Slusher, IN LTAP, volunteered but may be contingent on approval from her Center. If anyone else is interested, please contact Rosemarie (rosemarie.anderson@dot.gov). Marie Walsh also mentioned if Rosemarie had not received any responses to contact her.
- From TRB, Human Factors Guidelines for Road Systems is completed and is now in one consolidated volume.
- September 18-20, 2012, Local Transportation Management Virtual Conference & Innovation Showcase, at your desktop, available for registration here: www.lotransvirtualconference.org
- **FHWA TTP (Technology Partnership Programs)** - Cameron Ishaq also noted in reference to Rosemarie's information about Safety Data Peer Exchanges, they are working on developing all reported exchanges into a useable format so the entire LTAP/TTAP community can view what took place at each exchange. They are also working on continuing this format at regional meetings for next year when reviewing CAR/PAR. He was also happy to report the SWG is ahead of the curve by already having developed a methodology to track what the committee is accomplishing. NLTAPA President Jim Grothaus will be requesting all NLTAPA work groups to follow a similar Excel document like the FHWA/NLTAPA Joint Safety Program Status document. Within these documents, there will show linking to the TZD effort and other national safety efforts. Marie Walsh mentioned at regional meetings, the more focused the efforts and limiting subject matter, more was getting accomplished.
- **NACE Update:** Dave Brand's question was where do we go from here? At recent meetings he attended in Minnesota and Baltimore, the discussion centered around that question. NACE's focus will be on adopting TZD/Decade of Action nationally and then work on getting the goal pushed down into local counties. He saw NACo's membership as the key to accomplishing this goal due to the fact the commissioners will be the ones to initiate the action to develop local road safety plans for all counties. A goal they hope to reach within the next 5 to 6 years, giving them time to reach it in the 8 years and 6 months left in the Decade of Action. He noted Minnesota and Iowa are already moving in this direction. Dave said many of the champions for this action are already in the rooms, we need to get to the rest to the table.
 - Rosemarie said the Office of Safety released the small manual, Developing Safety Plans: A Manual for Local Rural Road Owners, and is available on-line: http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/fhwasa12017/. She also said a power point is being developed and would be made available very soon. It can be modified to fit each center. If you want to order hard copies of the manual, contact the LTAP/TTAP Clearinghouse Carolyn Kramer, ckramer@artba.org, and she will help you with your order.
 - Ohio LTAP Ray Brushart said they made enough copies for all 88 counties and have been handing them out at workshops and conferences. By having a Road Safety Plan, you can gather data and then apply for grants and show completed projects.
 - Dan Cady, Nebraska LTAP, said they are using the manual and developed their own power point for training. They have sought out funding for a local liaison to be the champion to develop a local highway safety plan to segue with their state's, but have not been successful to date.
 - Dave also reminded everyone to get ready for the next set of EDC2's in October and November, making sure locals are attending these dynamic webinars.
 - Marie thanked Dave for his report and requested to keep SWG updated. LTAP/TTAP would like to be part of the synergy involved with county safety plans.

- **APWA – Carla Anderson’s Report:**

- The APWA Congress was held on Aug. 26-29th with NLTAPA having a booth. The APWA Road Safety Subcommittee has developed a Power Point presentation encouraging local APWA Chapters to partner with their local LTAP on Road Safety Topics. The Power Point presentation was displayed on a laptop throughout the duration of the conference with handouts available. (See attached Carla_APWA_PDF.)
- The Kansas APWA Chapter is having their first Road Safety Roundtable this Thursday, September 13, 2012. Lisa Harris with Kansas LTAP and Carla will be promoting road safety resources available through LTAP as well as receiving feedback from local public works offices in attendance. This should provide us with valuable information from our local Public Works folks.

- **AASHTO: Safety Management Subcommittee Meeting – Baltimore – August 29-31, 2012**

Marie will have a more complete report for the October meeting but did note these meetings focused on HSM and how scientific reports/performance measures are going to be vital for MAP21.

- **GHSA Meeting, Baltimore, August 27-29, 2012**

- Marie said these meetings were very well attended and focused on public health as it involved traffic safety. She will provide a more detailed report soon.

- **2nd National Tribal Transportation Safety Summit, August 28-30, 2012, Prior Lake, Minnesota**

- Richard Rolland just returned from this summit that covered all 4 E’s. Fawn Thompson, FHWA, will have a report available soon.

New Business

- **Local Road Data:** Marie Walsh and Tom McDonald are working on this.

- **MAP21:** Dave Brand, NACE, noted 4 major national groups going after dollars for safety and there is a need to get locals involved; perhaps collaboration so all get a piece of the pie. Marie will talk with Dave on this.

- **Action Items/Next Steps:**

- **NCHRP 17-50 Lead State Initiative for Implementing the Highway Safety Manual Peer Exchange, Baltimore, August 27-29, 2012** - Bruce Drewes will report on this meeting at the SWG October 15 meeting.
- **Tim Colling will report on October 10, 2012 Subcommittee on Highway Safety Performance Possible Workshop for National LTAP/TTAP Pre-conference Meeting**
- **Bruce, Janet, and Marie will report at October 15, 2012 SWG meeting on Baltimore August meetings**
- **Carla Anderson will be reporting on her September 13, 2012 Road Safety Roundtable in Kansas**
- **Laura Slusher, IN LTAP, may be LTAP rep on Low Cost Rural ITS Project Committee (meeting October 3) from the FHWA Technical Working Group – to be confirmed before October 15, 2012, meeting. Marie will follow up with Rosemarie on this.**
- **Next Regular SWG Meeting: October 15, 2012 – 1:00pm EDT (NOTE: 3rd Tuesday!)**



APWA + LTAP = ROAD SAFETY

HOW TO START A PARTNERSHIP
WITH APWA AND LTAP
TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY
ON LOCAL RURAL ROADS

WHY?

RURAL ROAD CRASH ANALYSIS



In 2008, the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) indicated that 56% of the 27,261 fatalities on US roadways occurred in rural areas.

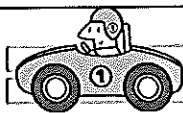
40% of all vehicle miles traveled nationally occur on rural roads, indicating the overrepresentation of severe rural traffic crashes

(Above information is from FHWA Road Safety Information Analysis – A Manual for Local Rural Road Owners)



BE AN APWA LOCAL ROAD CHAMPION

- Support your locals on Road Safety Issues such as:
 - Lack of Data
 - How your State DOT's could help
 - Resources FHWA has available to you
 - Establish a Towards Zero Death Award to the local organization that steps up to be involved.

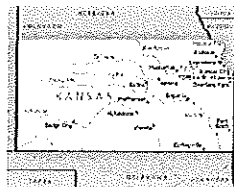


PARTNERING IDEAS WITH LTAP

- ❖ Connect with your LTAP resources by inviting them to Chapter Meetings
- ❖ Sponsor an LTAP Training for your Chapters Local Public Works
- ❖ Add LTAP to your Chapter Newsletters
- ❖ Consider co-hosting a Road Safety Roundtable with LTAP to share the road safety resources available in your location.



KANSAS FIRST EVENT PARTNERING WITH LTAP



- APWA Roundtable on Road Safety (Sept. 2012)
 - Lunch Provided by Kansas Chapter APWA
 - KS LTAP Speaking and Coordinating Agenda with APWA
- Road Safety Topic to be discussed:
 - How locals are currently responding to crashes
 - Local needs for addressing road safety
 - Crash location awareness
 - Resources available
 - Low Cost solutions and/or funding



ROAD SAFETY RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITH LTAP

- LTAP Support and/or Resources
 - Road Scholar program includes safety topics
 - Access to national courses developed by FHWA for locals such as Road Safety 365 and Hwy Safety Manual Lite
 - Lending programs-Safety Edge shoes for paving and traffic counters for traffic studies.
 - Road Safety Audit Safety Team
 - Roadway Safety Circuit Rider in some states

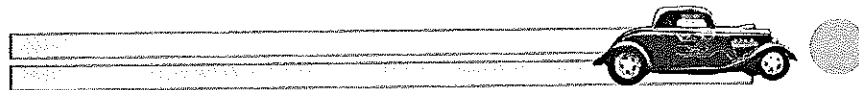
Check with your local LTAP for available programs.



ROAD SAFETY RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITH APWA

o APWA resources

- Road Safety Click, Listen & Learn (FREE with membership)
 - Low Cost Safety Improvements sponsored through Road Safety Subcommittee
 - Highway Safety Improvement Funds sponsored through Road Safety Subcommittee
- 2012 APWA International Conference –Anaheim, CA
 - Federal Funding for Safety
 - ADA Access Compliance
 - Highway Safety Manual Lite



GETTING THE WORD OUT ON SAFETY

o WORK ZONE SAFETY

- National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse
 - www.Workzonesafety.org

o REDUCING SEVERE AND FATAL CRASHES

- NHTSA Fatality Reporting System (FARS)
 - www.nhtsa.gov/FARS/

o RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- FHWA Safety
 - Safety.fhwa.dot.gov
- NLTAPA & LOCAL LTAP/TTAP
 - www.ltap.org
 - www.nltapa.org
- APWA ROAD SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
 - www.apwa.net/ResourceCenter/Category/Transportation-Road-Safety



APWA ROAD SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE



- Conference call meetings are held approximately 4-5 times a year with one face to face at APWA Congress.
- Receive updates from NLTAPA, FHWA, TRB, AASHTO and Local Public Works Organizations on Road Safety issues.
- As a member you will receive emails pertaining to Road Safety Training/Conferences available nationwide.

If you are interested in being a part of this subcommittee please email Carla P. Anderson, Chair at carlaa@ksdot.org

