
Texas Statewide Pedestrian Safety Coalition Meeting

December 6, 2018



Meeting Agenda

10:00 – 10:05: Welcome

10:05 – 10:15: Update on 2019 Statewide Pedestrian Safety Forum

10:15 – 10:20: Award Committee Discussion

10:20 – 10:30: Survey Results

10:30 – 10:55: Stakeholder Updates

10:55 – 11:00: Break

11:00 – 11:30: Intersection of Pedestrian Safety and Public Health

- Carlee McConnell, Safe Kids Austin
- Mandy Fultz, Safe Kids San Antonio
- Amber Trueblood, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

11:30 – 12:00: Questions and discussion



Update on 2019 Statewide Pedestrian Safety Forum

- Forum Planning Committee has met once
 - Stephen Ratke, FHWA
 - James Robertson, Lee Engineering
 - Joel Garza, City of Harlingen
 - Lisa Johnson, TxDOT
 - Shelli Stidham, Parkland Memorial Hospital
 - Jessica Scott, NCTCOG
- Potential Dates:
 - April 25
 - May 2
 - June 20
 - June 27
- Location: Dallas Fort Worth



Update on 2019 Statewide Pedestrian Safety Forum

- Forum activities:
 - Increased interactivity, more opportunity for conversations
 - Stakeholder updates were well received, perhaps expand
 - Lightning round presentations (5 minutes, ten slides)
 - Round table discussions with LR presenters as moderators
- Forum topics:
 - Increased diversity: more public health, enforcement, etc. to balance engineering and planning topics
 - Implications of environmental justice/equity on ped. Safety
 - Enforcement: What LEAs are enforcing ped laws? Who is having success with enforcement?
 - Potential for FHWA to hold a STEP workshop day before forum



Award Committee

- TTI will develop award topics, criteria, nomination process
- Need volunteers (2-3) to serve on award committee to review/provide input



Survey Results

Requested Activities:

- Identify barriers (e.g. outdated design standards) that cities (both urban and rural) in Texas face to improving ped safety.
- Street safety audits
- Outreach and education for drivers of fleet vehicles
- Need better outreach and education for safe pedestrian practices
- Updates on new research in the field of ped safety
- Updates on implemented safety projects with “before” and “after” stories



Survey Results

Presenter Topics for Upcoming Coalition Meetings:

- Presentations on design and built environment: Pedestrian friendly highway design, traffic signalization strategies, lighting strategies, transit access
- Law enforcement perspective on pedestrian safety
- City of Austin sidewalk program
- Examples of how cities and TxDOT are working together to build safe pedestrian facilities
- Safe Routes to School implementation and impact
- State-level policy perspective: funding, legislative actions and other items that impact pedestrian safety



Survey Results

TTI Presentations on Pedestrian Safety Issues:

- Decision-makers (at state and local level)
- TxDOT engineers
- COGs
- MPOs
- School districts
- Organizations with large fleets
- Law enforcement agencies
- Civic groups (e.g. YMCA, local advocacy groups)



Stakeholder Updates



Presentations on Intersection of Pedestrian Safety and Public Health

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Discussion Questions

- How does education and outreach, and specifically, behavior change, play a role in your area of pedestrian safety?
- What barriers do we face when trying to impact behavior change? What are some ideas of strategies to overcome these barriers?
- With the increased importance of performance measurement in the transportation industry, how do we effectively measure the performance of outreach and education? How does this create barriers to the success of these programs.
- Today we've discussed some great examples of transportation agencies and public health professionals collaborating to increase pedestrian safety. To that end, where do additional opportunities for these two disciplines to collaborate exist? What about other disciplines beyond public health?

