



Statewide Pedestrian Safety Coalition FY23 Meeting #1 Notes

December 14 – 10:00 a.m. – Meeting conducted via Microsoft Teams

Welcome, Introductions and Virtual Meeting Overview

Michael Manser of TTI welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked TxDOT for funding the grant that makes it possible to conduct these meetings and other activities that help to promote pedestrian safety in Texas. Approximately 74 people attended via Microsoft Teams. Attendees who provided their names in the Chat or could be identified on Teams are listed at the end of this summary. The complete transcript of the Teams Chat is also included at the end of this summary.

2023 TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects

Noah Heath, Transportation Alternatives Program Manager at TxDOT, presented information on the Transportation Alternatives Call for Project for 2023. For more information on this and other bicycle and pedestrian funding updates, visit [TxDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Page for Updates](#).

Mike Manser asked Noah to give examples of match that can be used to achieve the 20% local match required for projects. Noah answered that the primary options for the Transportation Alternatives projects are either cash match or, for eligible projects, transportation development credits that eliminate the need for local match. For this program, there are not a lot of other federal funds that can be used for local match.

The deadline for preliminary applications is January 27, 2023. Preliminary application is very high-level, three pages; and you need to submit a preliminary application to be eligible to submit a detailed application later.

FY23 Grant Year Overview

Mike provided an overview of the planned activities for the FY23 grant year. We are in the first quarter of the new grant year. Plans for this year include the following:

- Strategic Plan – this plan helps to ensure that project efforts and resources are targeted to the communities with the most serious pedestrian safety problems, as determined by TxDOT’s crash records data. The Strategic Plan for this grant was completed in November.
- Contact Updates – throughout the year, we try to keep updating the list of pedestrian safety stakeholders involved in the Coalition.
- 2023 Forum – every year, we put on a Forum dedicated to pedestrian safety. We try to bring in speakers from around the state and the nation to speak on aspects of pedestrian safety. 2023’s Forum will be in August.



- Task Force – we want to bring together a group of ped safety stakeholders to determine high-priority topics to focus on.
- Webinar Series – The first webinar scheduled for this year will focus on alcohol impairment in pedestrian-involved crashes. We are looking for topics for second and third webinars for this year.

2023 Pedestrian Safety Annual Forum

Ben announced Thursday, August 24, 2023 as the planned date for the Pedestrian Safety Annual Forum. This year the Forum will be held in San Antonio. A Save the Date announcement will be sent out in January.

We have a running list of topics that we've gotten from past Forum evaluations and from all of you. Some of these include metrics associated with pedestrian safety, innovative pedestrian safety approaches, pedestrian safety for children, and equity implications of transportation safety. What would you like to see presented at the Forum? A call for Forum speakers is open here: [Call for speakers](#).

Suggestions received during the meeting for Forum topics and speakers included the following:

- US vs EU differences (e.g., they walk 5 times the distance we do every day, per capita, and get killed at just 1/5th the rate (per capita). John Pucher & Ralph Buehler are best for that EU vs US topic.
- Could forum topics be workshops with attendee engagement and small groups?
- FHWA - EDC-7 mentions illumination with a reference to pedestrian lighting - so Pedestrian lighting? https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/edc_7/ Millie Hayes (FHWA) offered to either present on this topic or to invite some of the people who worked on the research on this topic.
- Distances walked per day per capita in US by location + backgrounds of those killed (e.g., homeless, drunk & partying, running/jogging for exercise).
- Safe System Approach has been a big topic more recently. Would be good to have a topic on the pedestrian's role in the Safe System Approach.
- Maybe satellite images of lighting levels vs pop density can give us a sense of how much better that facet is in EU vs US?
- How about moving from the traditional approach to safety, to the safe systems approach. It's important to help folks understand ways to approach this paradigm shift.

Texas Pedestrian Safety Task Force (PTSF)

Coalition members who serve on the PTSF will review TTI-supplied data on pedestrian-involved crashes, as well as Pedestrian Safety Action Plans from priority jurisdictions. From this information, the PTSF will prioritize a list of pedestrian safety initiatives and countermeasures. TTI will use the Task Force input to create a guiding document to be shared back out to the Coalition and submitted to TxDOT.



We are looking for 10-12 Task force members. The nomination form for the Task Force is here: [Ped Safety Task Force nominations.](#)

In the “Nomination support” space on the Task Force nomination form, please provide some information about yourself, the agency/organization you work for, and your work in pedestrian safety.

FY23 Webinar Series Topic Suggestions

TTI is planning three pedestrian webinars for FY23. Ben presented some of the suggestions that have been received:

- Alcohol involvement in pedestrian serious injuries and fatalities (already planned as Webinar #1)
- Funding
- Crash modification factors
- Adopting and implementing Vision Zero programs
- Innovative engineering countermeasures
- Complete streets, urban design
- Effective policy initiatives
- Collaborative development agreements to improve pedestrian infrastructure
- Ped safety law awareness, outreach, education
- Equity and ped safety
- Air quality impacts to vulnerable road users.

Additional topics suggested during the meeting included the following:

- Looking at land use and transportation planning through an equity lens
- Where is Vision zero working and why? (Mike put a link to a recent article in the chat related to this: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2022-04-11/-vision-zero-at-a-crossroads-as-u-s-traffic-death-rise>)
- Where have CMAQ funded pedestrian projects been measured for success?
- Lessons Learned
- Walk Audits: Standardized Toolkits (Hayden Walker provided a link to one toolkit: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/getting-around/aarp-walk-audit-tool-kit.html>; Gaby Kolodzy also suggested iRAP - <https://irap.org/rap-tools/>)

Ben polled attendees to prioritize topic areas for the FY23 Webinar series. High-priority topics identified by attendees via the poll included:

- Equity and pedestrian safety
- Innovative engineering countermeasures
- Complete streets/urban design



Stakeholder Updates

- Jennifer Kent sent a link to survey about Active Travel Initiatives during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic: https://sydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3Cdj8KCxAasLaD4
- Hayden Walker announced a new nonprofit called Safe Streets Austin.
- Scott White announced that Vision Zero Texas (a project of Farm&City) is planning to host their 2nd Texas Vision Zero Summit in either late March or early April
- Mike Manser posted <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/pedestrian-bicyclist>
- Millie Hayes announced new resources from FHWA and a workshop planned in February, and provided the following links:
 - [Pedestrian Forum – Fall 2021 - Safety | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#). Specifically, see the new guide for transit, new tool for searching resources (direct link: [Pedestrian & Bicyclist Safety Information Search Tool | FHWA \(dot.gov\)](#)), and the many links under the roadway lighting section - there's a lot of new stuff in that realm!
 - For questions, contact Millie at amelia.hayes@dot.gov or Ed Burgos-Gomez
 - Complete Streets: [Complete Streets | FHWA \(dot.gov\)](#) 😊
- Josh Peterman announced El Paso's Vision Zero efforts, including a survey for people living in the area, and their first public workshop: <https://www.elpasotexas.gov/visionzero/>
- Gregory Reiningier announced that TxDOT is currently working on a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan which will include a systemic analysis, hot spot analysis, and recommended countermeasures. They will be part of the FHWA workshop in February.
- Catherine Selvaggi of JPS in Fort Worth; working on a crash prevention project for auto-ped safety. Would like to know specific locations of high-frequency crashes to be able to analyze those locations for potential engineering solutions; the only information they've been able to get so far is at the zip code level. Does anyone have that type of data?

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Attendees identified on Teams:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al Alonzi (FHWA) • Alex Reyna Halff Associates • Amelia (Millie) Hayes (FHWA) • Ben Ettelman • Bernadine Moore • Brian Shamburger • Camille Marek • Catie Selvaggi, JPS Health Network, Fort Worth • Chris Tabb • Cindi Wynia from Amarillo Public Health • Connie Flickinger TxDOT Bryan • Courtney Edwards, Parkland Hospital Dallas • Dannell Thomas Region 6 ESC • DeAnn Crane • Dexter Handy, Citizens' Transportation Coalition (Houston) • Elizabeth Jones • Emyli Speer • Fink, David • Gabriella Kolodzy • Gina Torry • Greg Hunter • Gregory Reininger • Heyden Walker • Hitesh Chawla • Jeanne Tarrants, Legacy Engineering • Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation Department • John Ryan, Kimley-Horn, Irving, TX • Josh Peterman, Fehr & Peers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Smith, Lee Engineering • Kara Kockelman • Kelly Rother • Kerry L. Garner • Kimberly Fields • Laura Higgins • LaViza Matthews • Leticia Estavillo • Matt Mestre TxDOT Dallas • Mike Kram, CapMetro • Mike Manser • Mike Van Dusen • Neal Johnson, TTI • Noah Heath • Pamela Todaro BVIPC RED Program • Priya Patel • Ramona Crayton • Ravonne McCray, Texas A&M AgrilLife Extension/BVIPC/Mature Driver Program • Robert White • Robyn Root, City of McKinney • Scott White, Farm&City • Sharon Evans • Shelley Pridgen • Susan Jaworski (H-GAC) • Terry Hockens • Thuan Huynh • Virginia Lopez, San Patricio County Department of Public Health • Wayne Powell
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An additional 18 people attended by phone.



Chat Transcript

[9:42 AM]

Meeting started

[9:59 AM] Manser, Michael

Good morning everyone. We will get started in just a few minutes.

[10:02 AM] Courtney Edwards

Courtney Edwards, Parkland Hospital Dallas, TX

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[10:02 AM] Virginia Lopez (Guest)

Virginia Lopez, San Patricio County Department of Public Health

[10:04 AM] Selvaggi, Catherine

Catie Selvaggi, JPS Health Network, Fort Worth, TX

[10:04 AM] Kram, Michael

Mike Kram from CapMetro is here

[10:04 AM] Josh Peterman

Josh Peterman, Fehr & Peers. Argyle compression socks!

[10:04 AM] Virginia Lopez (Guest)

Virginia-soft crew socks

[10:04 AM] Heyden Walker

Heyden - Darn Tough

[10:04 AM] Mike VanDusen

Mike Van Dusen black athletic socks

[10:04 AM] Shamburger, Brian

Features

[10:04 AM] Dexter Handy

Dexter Handy, Citizens' Transportation Coalition (Houston) - I wear athletic socks when I walk

[10:04 AM] Jeanne Tarrants



Jeanne Tarrants, Legacy Engineering, Bombas socks
[10:04 AM] Connie Flickinger

Connie Flickinger TxDOT Bryan extra cushion low ankle
[10:04 AM] Camille Marek

Camille Marek mismatched ankle socks
[10:04 AM] Reyna, Alex

Alex Reyna Halff Associates drifit socks
[10:07 AM] Bernadine Moore

Bernadine Moore Christmas Tree Socks.
[10:07 AM] Gregory Hunter

Greg Hunter- Nike crew socks
[10:07 AM] Manser, Michael

Love the Christmas sock theme
[10:08 AM] DeAnn Crane

DeAnn Crane - Christmas socks for sure! I have a pair for each day of the week 😊
[10:09 AM] Josh Smith

Josh Smith, Lee Engineering - any socks that are clean and (usually) matching
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[10:14 AM] Higgins, Laura

[TxDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Page for Updates](#)

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Bicycle and pedestrian local and federal funding programs

TxDOT's Public Transportation Division administers federal funding programs, including Federal Highway Administration funds relating to TxDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program and Federal Transit Ad...

[10:14 AM] Chawla, Hitesh

Is this tomorrow (2022) or 2023?

[10:14 AM] Higgins, Laura

bikeped@txdot.gov



[10:20 AM] Noah Heath

tomorrow (2022)

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[10:20 AM] Noah Heath

for the workshops

[10:26 AM] Kerry L. Garner

Brazos Valley Injury Prevention Coalition provides free pedestrian safety programming through a grant from TxDOT. kerry.garner@ag.tamu.edu

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[10:31 AM] Higgins, Laura

Laura: l-higgins@tti.tamu.edu

[10:31 AM] Scott White - Farm&City (Guest)

Safe(er) Street Design

[10:31 AM] Ettelman, Ben

Ben: b-ettelman@tti.tamu.edu

[10:31 AM] Alonzi, Al (FHWA)

New NHTSA study of trauma center data shows pervasiveness of alcohol and drugs use in serious and fatal crashes involving drivers, bicyclists and peds: <https://www.ghsa.org/resources/news-releases/GHSA-Drunk-Drugged-Driving22>

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States Take Action to Curb Drunk and Drugged Driving as New Federal Data Underscores Urgency of the Problem | GHSA

As holiday season celebrations kick into high gear, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) is joining forces with federal, state and private-sector partners to encourage people who consume...

[10:37 AM] Higgins, Laura

[Ped Safety Task Force nominations](#)

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[10:40 AM] Kockelman, Kara



I just joined! Please feel free to post URL for this nom site in Chat again. Thanks so much!

[10:40 AM] Ettelman, Ben

<https://www.texaspedfsafety.org/texas-pedestrian-safety-task-force-nomination-form/>

Texas Pedestrian Safety Task Force Nomination Form - Texas Pedestrian Safety Coalition

[10:41 AM] Kockelman, Kara

PS I had a single-person ped crash at night walking dog down dark path with chain slung across. I was distracted walking: looking at my phone while checking on an elderly neighbor! I broke my elbow, have had surgery, and am thrilled to be able to type a bit today... 🥰 Be careful out there everyone!

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[10:43 AM] Higgins, Laura

[Call for speakers](#)

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Call for Presenters for 2023 Texas Pedestrian Safety Forum is now Open! - Texas Pedestrian Safety Coalition

The call for presenters and presentation ideas for the 2023 Texas Pedestrian Safety Forum is open! If you want to speak or have an idea for a session, please let [...]

[10:46 AM] Manser, Michael

What specific topics would you like to see addressed at the Forum?

[10:47 AM] Kockelman, Kara

US vs EU differences (e.g., they walk 5 times the distance we do every day, per capita, and get killed at just 1/5th the rate (per capita).

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[10:47 AM] Kolodzy, Gabriella

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[10:48 AM] Leticia Estavillo

FHWA - EDC-7 mentions illumination with a reference to pedestrian lighting - so Pedestrian lighting?

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/edc_7/

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EDC-7 Innovations | Federal Highway Administration



Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Every Day Counts round six (EDC-7). Crowdsourcing for Advancing Operations, e-Ticketing and Digital As-Builts, Next-Generation Traffic Incident Management (Nex...

[10:48 AM] Manser, Michael

That's a great idea Kara. I have several European contacts that I can reach out to. Do you have Euro contacts?

[10:48 AM] Kockelman, Kara

distances walked per day per capita in US by location + backgrounds of those killed (e.g., homeless, drunk & partying, running/jogging for exercise).

[10:49 AM] Kockelman, Kara

Michael: John Pucher & Ralph Buehler are best for that EU vs US topic.

[10:49 AM] Mike VanDusen

Good way to handle the forum

[10:49 AM] Elizabeth Jones

Safe System Approach has been a big topic more recently. Would be good to have a topic on the pedestrian's role in the Safe System Approach

[10:50 AM] Manser, Michael

Hi Leticia. This is a great idea...thank you. Do you know off hand who might be experts/stakeholders in this area?

[10:50 AM] Leticia Estavillo

Sorry, no - but the website might have more info.

[10:50 AM] Manser, Michael

Hi Elizabeth. Great idea as well. We will work on this.

[10:51 AM] Higgins, Laura

I'm adding ideas from the chat into the minutes! Thanks, everyone!

[10:52 AM] Kockelman, Kara

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[10:52 AM] Scott White - Farm&City (Guest)



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[10:52 AM] Kockelman, Kara

My neighborhood is totally dark, which saves money & headaches, and I think it'd be much lighter at night for dog walkers in EU. 🤔

[10:53 AM] Hayes, Amelia (FHWA)

Manser, Michael, since it's an EDC and it's ultimately an FHWA thing, either me/Ed would be happy to present but if you want a long detailed session we can get our RC folks, or perhaps tag-team with some of the folks who I believe worked on the research in TX 😊

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[10:54 AM] Manser, Michael

Thank you Scott. We will look into this topic.

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[10:55 AM] Manser, Michael

Hi Millie. It would be great to have you or Ed present on this.

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[10:55 AM] Kockelman, Kara

I have to head "out" to give zoom presentation to travel behavior research (IATBR) conference in Chile (on long-dist travel impacts of autonomous vehicles). Take care, & stay safe in the winter darkness! And lobby all senators to finally keep daylight savings time ALL YEAR. We're hurting more people by not sticking w/DST all 12 mo (vs 8 mo current). Senate has not signed... several times now. Why?

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[10:58 AM] Scott White - Farm&City (Guest)

For the webinars: How about looking at land use and transportation planning through an equity lens

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[10:58 AM] Hockens, Terry

where is Vision zero working and why?

[10:59 AM] Manser, Michael



<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2022-04-11/-vision-zero-at-a-crossroads-as-u-s-traffic-death-rise>

Why 'Vision Zero' Hit a Wall

The traffic safety movement has saved lives across the European countries that adopted its principles. But in the U.S., deaths in participating cities have continued to rise.

[11:00 AM] Forms

[11:01 AM] Dexter Handy

Topic: Where have CMAQ funded pedestrian projects been measured for success?

[11:03 AM] Reyna, Alex

Topics - Lessons Learned

[11:04 AM] Ettelman, Ben

https://sydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3Cdj8KCxAasLaD4

[11:04 AM] Dexter Handy

Walk Audits: Standardized Toolkits

[11:05 AM] Heyden Walker

Dexter, I'm sure you already know, but just in case, AARP has a good toolkit:

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/getting-around/aarp-walk-audit-tool-kit.html>

AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit

Learn how to assess and report on the safety and walkability of a street, intersection or neighborhood — and inspire needed change

[11:07 AM] Scott White - Farm&City (Guest)

Vision Zero Texas (a project of Farm&City) is planning to host their 2nd Texas Vision Zero Summit in either late March or early April

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[11:07 AM] Josh Peterman

quick update on behalf of El Paso - if you live in/around that region, they have released a survey and are planning their first public workshop: <https://www.elpasotexas.gov/visionzero/>

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Vision Zero

[11:08 AM] Dexter Handy



The AARP is the kit we are currently using, But we are looking for an automated app with easy ability to upload photos and data to a central cite

[11:08 AM] Manser, Michael

<https://highways.dot.gov/safety/pedestrian-bicyclist>

[11:10 AM] Gregory Reininger

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[11:10 AM] Kolodzy, Gabriella

Dexter Handy (Guest) have you heard of iRAP? may be worth looking into. I used it with Safe Kids Austin for School Star Ratings. <https://irap.org/rap-tools/>

[11:11 AM] Dexter Handy

Thx 😊

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[11:16 AM] Hayes, Amelia (FHWA)

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Questions on anything here, reach out to me at amelia.hayes@dot.gov or my partner in safety Ed Burgos-Gomez!

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Pedestrian Forum – Fall 2021 - Safety | Federal Highway Administration
Safety Eligibility

[11:17 AM] Hayes, Amelia (FHWA)

We also have new content here specific to Complete Streets: [Complete Streets | FHWA \(dot.gov\)](#) 😊
Complete Streets

[11:17 AM] Heyden Walker



Happy Holidays everyone 😊
[11:17 AM] Gregory Reininger

Thank you, everyone!
[11:18 AM] Gina Torry

Thank you for all you do! Sending best wishes for a safe, healthy and happy holiday season and New Year!
[11:18 AM] Ramona Crayton

Happy Holidays!
[11:18 AM] Scott White - Farm&City (Guest)
Happy Holidays Everyone - stay safe and healthy

[11:18 AM] Alonzi, Al (FHWA)

Happy, healthy and safe holidays to all!
[11:18 AM] Kolodzy, Gabriella

Happy Holidays!
[11:18 AM] Shelley Pridgen

Thank you all, stay safe!
[11:18 AM] Hayes, Amelia (FHWA)

Excellent mtg, as always. Stay safe, y'all!
[11:18 AM] Chris Tabb (Guest)
Thank you!

[11:18 AM] Elizabeth Jones

Great meeting. Thanks for all you ALL do! Happy Holidays!
[11:18 AM] Gregory Hunter

Happy Holidays!
[11:18 AM] LaViza Matthews

thx!!!

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1:11 PM Meeting ended