



Statewide Pedestrian Safety Coalition FY23 Meeting #2 Notes

April 26 – 10:30 a.m. – Meeting conducted via Microsoft Teams

Welcome & Introductions

Ben Ettelman of TTI welcomed everyone to the meeting. Approximately 60 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.

Ben asked for people to put their name and favorite book in the chat.

Texas Pedestrian Safety Annual Forum Update

The Texas Pedestrian Safety Forum will be held Thursday, August 24th, at the Norris Center in San Antonio, registration opens May 1st. The agenda has not been finalized, but it should be from approximately 8:30 am to 3:30pm.

Two polls were presented to the group for a vote. The response to these polls will help guide the planning of the forum.

Poll – What should the session format look like?

One hour session with two speakers was preferred by 68% of the respondents.

Poll – What Q&A format would you like to see?

Moderated Q&A was preferred by 67% of the respondents.

We will have national, state, and local speakers on a variety of topics for the planned nine breakout sessions. While we have a list of speakers, coalition members were asked to share speaker suggestions to make sure we have a variety of speakers from which to choose. Coalition members were asked to suggest possible speakers for the following topics:

- Policy & Enforcement
- Vision Zero & Safe Systems
- Countermeasures
- Perspectives from Local to State to National



- Public Health
- Rural and Tribal Pedestrian Issues
- Pedestrians and Lighting
- Pedestrian Safety Data
- Outreach and Education

We want to create collaboration with agencies across the state.

It was mentioned that TxDOT districts would benefit from a discussion on ADA compliance. Another suggestion was, “How equity focused pedestrian projects can improve the overall economic benefit of the communities, both academic research and best practices that could help build consensus and get public buy in.”

Pedestrian Safety Taskforce Update

The inaugural meeting of the taskforce was held April 13th. They will act as advisory/steering committee for TPSC. The task force has been charged to produce a Safety Initiatives Technical Brief identifying 10 alcohol and law awareness initiatives. The task force will come up with guidelines for the size, terms, and processes for future task forces.

Legislative Update

Jay Crossley, Farm & City

Jay informed us that legislation is taking safety seriously this time around. Safe Neighborhood Streets bill HB2224 and SB 1663 bill has passed senate and house but need to be repassed by one of them. By the end of September all cities would have the ability to set the speed limits to 20 or 25mph. Several updates were given over bills currently being presented.

Impacts of COVID-19 Induced Pedestrian Demand: Before, During, and After the Pandemic.

Bahar Dadashova, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

This is a CARTEETH project that was started in 2021. The group was looking at the impacts of COVID induced pedestrian active transportation demand on public health.

- Covid-19 continues to impact people’s mobility significantly.
- The number of people bicycling and walking has increased considerably during social distancing orders.
- Cities are converting traffic lanes to temporary bike lanes to meet the demand.



- Need for assessment of health benefits and concerns (traffic risks)

Objectives –

- Estimate the COVID-19 induced active transportation demand,
- Assess changes to built environment,
- Assess its potential health outcomes through four pathways,
- Develop data-driven tools and recommendations.

Her slides, along with speaker notes, can be found on our meeting page.

Stakeholder Updates

Stephanie Ferguson requested stakeholder updates from the group.

- Neil Johnson, associate transportation researcher with Texas A&M University shared two recently completed projects that provide resources to the Coalition.
 - Driver education curricula report coming out soon, wrapping up analysis on ... links will be put in chat,
 - Video coming out on pedestrians in the dark. Walk Bike Safe,
 - Twitter chat, May 12th
 - Law enforcement training in Waxahachie , registration in the chat. Reports and Educational Materials: <https://www.walkbikesafetexas.org/educational-materials/>
 - Distraction Video link: <https://youtu.be/WOLDbQXnWTU>
 - Twitter Chat on May 12th at 11am, follow [#BikeSafe2023](https://twitter.com/BikeSafe2023) on Twitter
 - Law Enforcement Trainings: <https://www.walkbikesafetexas.org/law-enforcement-resources/>
 - Contact info: neal-johnson@tti.tamu.edu
- Craig Casper, the City of Corpus Christie passed a resolution that they will not upgrade sidewalks when they are upgrading roads.



- Jay Blazek Crossley Texas Zero summit has been delayed to August or September in Austin. If anyone has any ideas for sponsors, panels, tours or anything you think should be at the summit. jay@farmandcity.org
- Dexter Handy – serves on two Houston area safety coalitions. He is working with AARP on the AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit. They are trying to automate as much as possible and would like suggestions on any mobile applications that coalition members use for their walk audits. Their report will be presented to the City of Houston by the end of October.
- Jay Blazek Crossley - link to newsletter <http://eepurl.com/dmE-ij>

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51.

Attendance identified on Teams:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Ettelman • Elizabeth Jones • Michael Manser • Shirley Li • Julia Davies • Jacqueline Ipina • Heyden Walker • Stephanie Ferguson • Freddie Summer • Major Hofheins • Dipti Borkar-Desai • Dorothy Chavez • Michael Munson • Laura Higgins • George Thiel • Blanca Trevino-Castro • Robert Steigleder • Bahar Dadashova • Jolie Person • Aimee Schultze • Deidra Lee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micah Leonard • Alice Grossman • Srinivas Geedipally • Emyli Speer • Lauren Wood • Mary Beth Howell • Barbara Russell • Karina Maldonado • Sarah Blezinger • Eva Garcia • Kelli Williams • Raul Leal • Joan Hudson • Maria Torres • Craig T Casper • Cathy Glenn • Norah Kupenga Maposa • Jamie Gutierrez • Catherine Selvaggi • Shelley Pridgen • Buck Russell
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wayne Powell• DeAnn Crane• Kay Fitzpatrick• Siddique Zahidul• Tara Goddard• Sarah Abbott• Rea Donna Jones• Jay Blazek Crossley• Neal Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carly Haithcock• Robbi Smith• Michael Teran• James Keener• Robyn Root• Quinton Rodgers• Dexter Handy• Josh Peterman• Reema Elsaad
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Chat Transcript

Wednesday 10:00 AM Meeting started

[Wednesday 10:22 AM] Ferguson, Stephanie
Howdy! Thank you for joining us today for the Texas Pedestrian Safety Coalition Meeting. We will begin shortly!

[Wednesday 10:32 AM] Higgins, Laura
Laura Higgins, TTI - Watership Down
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[Wednesday 10:33 AM] Munson, Michael
Mike Munson - any book with lots of pictures
like 1 heart 1

[Wednesday 10:33 AM] Manser, Michael
Michael Manser - The Jungle

[Wednesday 10:33 AM] DeAnn Crane
DeAnn Crane - NSC deann.crane@nsc.org The Bible

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[Wednesday 10:33 AM] Blanca Trevino-Castro



Blanca Trevino Castro TSS- Laredo District. Fav book "The Shack"

[Wednesday 10:33 AM] Goddard, Tara
Tara Goddard, Texas A&M, A Short History of Nearly Everything

[Wednesday 10:33 AM] Lee,Deidra (DSHS)
Deidra Lee (DSHS EMS/Trauma Systems) - My favorite book is The Shack.

[Wednesday 10:33 AM] mary beth- lite & barricade (Guest)
mary beth howell with Lite & Barricade (Dallas, Ft. Worth, Waco & Brownwood) The Photo Arc

[Wednesday 10:33 AM] Eva Garcia
Eva L. Garcia, RGVMPD

[Wednesday 10:33 AM] Sailor, Kimberly
Kim Sailor - The Secret Island of Edgar DeWitt by Ferrill Gibbs
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[Wednesday 10:34 AM] Leonard, Micah
Micah Leonard - perks of being a wallflower
heart 1

[Wednesday 10:34 AM] Abbott, Sarah B
Sarah Beth Abbott - Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital, Houston, TX - Favorite Book Where
the Sidewalk Ends
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[Wednesday 10:34 AM] Zahidul Siddique
Zahidul Siddique, infraTECH, Purbo-Poschim (East-West), a bengali book

[Wednesday 10:34 AM] TEX-Jones, Rea Donna
Rea Donna Jones Any book- Fictional

[Wednesday 10:34 AM] Powell, Wayne
Wayne Powell, Dallas Department of Transportation. The Death and Life of Great American Cities.
heart 1

[Wednesday 10:34 AM] Heyden Walker
Hi All. Hard to pick a favorite book. For planning I'll say Cities for People (Jan Gehl). Also love Devil in
the White City.



[Wednesday 10:34 AM] Geedipally, Srinivas
Srini Geedipally TTI...sorry but I don't read books 😊
laugh 2

[Wednesday 10:34 AM] Schultze, Aimee (PHS)
Aimee Schultze - Harris County Public Health

[Wednesday 10:35 AM] Dadashova, Bahar
Bahar Dadashova - anything by John Le Carre

[Wednesday 10:35 AM] Hofheins, Major
Major Hofheins Director San Angelo MPO

[Wednesday 10:35 AM] Kelli Williams
Kelli Williams - TXDOT Odessa; don't have a favorite

[Wednesday 10:35 AM] Maria Torres
Maria Torres, TxDOT Program Manager

[Wednesday 10:36 AM] Jacqueline Ipiña
Jackie Ipiña TxDOT-don't have a favorite one

[Wednesday 10:37 AM] Jolie Person
Jolie Person - TSS Waco District. To Kill A Mockingbird (audiobook narrated by Sissy Spacek is amazing!)
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[Wednesday 10:37 AM] Eva Garcia
Li, Shirley

Shirley Li- H-GAC, favorite book of this year so far- Invisible Women: Data bias in a World Designed for Men
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[Wednesday 10:37 AM] Emyli Speer
Abbott, Sarah B
Sarah Beth Abbott - Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital, Houston, TX - Favorite Book Where the Sidewalk Ends
Absolute one of the best!
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Didn't know there was such., I will be finding this. Definitely in my top fav list!
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[Wednesday 10:38 AM] Glenn, Cathy
Cathy Glenn, Injury Prevention Trauma Outreach, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas

[Wednesday 10:39 AM] Munson, Michael
good morning Jolie

[Wednesday 10:40 AM] Eva Garcia
after an hour, attention span reduces
like 3

Wednesday 10:40 AM] Eva Garcia
circles are hit or miss
like 2

[Wednesday 10:40 AM] Jolie Person
Munson, Michael
good morning Jolie
Good Morning Michael - good to see you!

[Wednesday 10:42 AM] Goddard, Tara
A Vision Zero implementation update and challenges with VZ, program managers from a few cities (TX and maybe outside TX?)
like 3

[Wednesday 10:43 AM] Craig T. Casper
Florida has a big pedestrian problem and some of their cities are doing good work.

[Wednesday 10:43 AM] Goddard, Tara



There are multiple on-going and upcoming NCHRP and other projects on pedestrians at night, it would be a good session.

[Wednesday 10:46 AM] Goddard, Tara

Sorry, I have lots of ideas. 😊 But a session on opportunities and challenges for ped safety projects on state-owned roads through local cities, esp small ones. A moderated panel with officials from both state and local.

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[Wednesday 10:46 AM] Craig T. Casper

I have been looking at Title II of the ADA and how the Transition Plans have been written and updated. and then how they influence construction of sidewalks. I'm not sure that it's a topic, but it is depressing.

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[Wednesday 10:46 AM] Leonard, Micah

I know an individual who can speak on ADA compliance and transit mobility for those with disabilities

like 1

[Wednesday 10:46 AM] Maldonado, Karina

I may have missed it, but can we provide sessions geared towards policy makers to increase buy-in

like 2

[Wednesday 10:48 AM] Elizabeth Jones

I think TxDOT districts would benefit from the ADA discussion ... some are working on specific ADA compliant bike/ped projects

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[Wednesday 10:48 AM] Heyden Walker

Goddard, Tara

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I would love to have a session on that too.

like 1

[Wednesday 10:49 AM] Li, Shirley

How equity focused pedestrian projects can improve the overall economic benefit of the communities, both academic research and best practices that could help build consensus and get public buy in. Thank you! great list of ideas.

like 2



[Wednesday 10:55 AM] Eva Garcia

The senate committee on transportation is currently meeting so he's probably there
like 2

[Wednesday 10:55 AM] Ettelman, Ben

Ah! ok thanks Eva

[Wednesday 10:56 AM] Ettelman, Ben

If he doesn't make it on I will have him send out some updates asap

[Wednesday 11:09 AM] Eva Garcia

MPOs can incorporate these recommendations for their scoring criteria (part of the competitive process for programming TASA funds)

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[Wednesday 11:10 AM] Eva Garcia

TASA = transportation alternatives set aside (also known as category 9 in Texas)

[Wednesday 11:21 AM] Ferguson, Stephanie

Here's a link to the article, COVID-19 impacts on mobility, environment, and health of active transportation users: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264275122003250>

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COVID-19 impacts on mobility, environment, and health of active transportation users

Active transportation could be an effective way to promote healthy physical activity, especially during pandemics like COVID-19. A comprehensive evalu...

[Wednesday 11:22 AM] Sailor, Kimberly

Thank you!!

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[Wednesday 11:28 AM] Li, Shirley

[Please Support HB 442, the Safe Neighborhood Streets bill – Farm&City \(farmandcity.org\)](https://farmandcity.org)

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Please Support HB 442, the Safe Neighborhood Streets bill

The Safe Neighborhood Streets Bill (HB 442) would allowing city traffic engineers to lower the speed limit to 25 mph in residential neighborhoods for the sake of safety.

[Wednesday 11:28 AM] Li, Shirley

Found it while listening to Jay

[Wednesday 11:31 AM] Eva Garcia

Have to head out but thank you so much for coordinating this coalition and everyone's contribution.



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[Wednesday 11:35 AM] Josh Peterman (Fehr & Peers) (Guest)
could only pop in between conference sessions, good to see everyone! At the ITS America conference here in Dallas; safety is at the forefront here too. happy to help with a report-out at future meeting if desired. good to see y'all!
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[Wednesday 11:37 AM] Glenn, Cathy
Jay Crossley: will you provide that report?
like 2

[Wednesday 11:40 AM] Sailor, Kimberly
Thank you, Jay!

[Wednesday 11:40 AM] Glenn, Cathy
The report on Harris County and toll roads

[Wednesday 11:41 AM] Hudson, Joan
Thank you so much for the update, Jay.

[Wednesday 11:42 AM] Dexter Handy (SN22, CTC, GHCCS)
Thanks Jay 🍷🤔

[Wednesday 11:42 AM] Jay Blazek Crossley (Guest)
Here is a story about the HCTRA report "Tollways to Greenways"
<https://www.houston.org/news/harris-county-toll-road-authoritys-new-plan-create-additional-trailways>

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And here is the report: <https://www.houston.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/Tollways-to-Trailways-Draft-Plan-4.pdf>



[Wednesday 11:42 AM] Goddard, Tara
Thanks, Jay. Make sure to get some rest!

[Wednesday 11:42 AM] Jay Blazek Crossley (Guest)
And here is the bill to outlaw this work:
<https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/history.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB2515>

[Wednesday 11:43 AM] Munson, Michael
Have to head out. thank you all. great to see you Jay and Ben

[Wednesday 11:43 AM] Jay Blazek Crossley (Guest)
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[Wednesday 11:46 AM] Johnson, Neal
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Educational Materials - Walk. Bike. Safe.

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[Wednesday 11:46 AM] Li, Shirley
Jay Blazek Crossley (Guest)
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Thank you for update on this. We have been keeping an eye on this initiatives as well. H-GAC active transportation team.

[Wednesday 11:50 AM] Jay Blazek Crossley (Guest)
jay@farmandcity.org

[Wednesday 11:51 AM] mary beth- lite & barricade (Guest)
Hi Jay! Is there a way to sign up for a newsletter or updates to Vision Zero Texas? I'd love to be a part of this!



[Wednesday 11:51 AM] Freddie Summer

We will have an opportunity to work with Corpus Christi and see how this will impact their community. We will have a new Traffic Safety Specialist for that District soon. As the trainer for TSSs, I will work within my organization to see how we can track how this impacts pedestrian safety.
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[Wednesday 11:53 AM] Jay Blazek Crossley (Guest)

Here is our newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/dmE-ij>
Farm&City
Farm&City Email Forms

[Wednesday 11:53 AM] Ettelman, Ben

Keep an eye out for forum registration may 1!

[Wednesday 11:53 AM] Heyden Walker

Thanks so much!

[Wednesday 11:53 AM] Higgins, Laura

Thanks, everyone!

[Wednesday 11:53 AM] Lee,Deidra (DSHS)

Thank you!

[Wednesday 11:54 AM] Leonard, Micah

Thank you for the invite!

[Wednesday 11:54 AM] Dexter Handy (SN22, CTC, GHCCS)

I'd like a copy of the presentation. Handydexter@gmail.com
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