



Strategic Highway Safety Plan

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SHSP INFRASTRUCTURE FOCUS GROUP

Meeting: January 25, 2012

Facilitator: Bruce Nyquist

Place: Vtrans Board Room

Attendees:

Roger Thompson – FHWA

Amy Gamble – VAOT

Bruce Nyquist – VAOT

Jon Kaplan – VAOT

Mark Fountain – Springfield PD

Bruce Lierman – VT Bike/Ped Coalition

David Antone – VT Local Roads

Maureen Dakin – VT Local Roads

Eleni Churchill – CCRPC

Harry Hinrichsen – Barre Town Engineer

Guests:

Jack Green – VAOT

Josh Harless – VAOT

General:

- Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2011 meeting – not emailed prior to, but hard copy passed out.

SHSP Organization Chart:

- Updated SHSP organization chart was passed out.
- Kevin Marshia, SHSP Core Group Chair, wants the subcommittee chairs to send their agendas to all other subcommittee chairs to keep everyone informed and to identify opportunities to work together.

Safety Consultant:

- Safety consultant will be hired to, among other things, rewrite the SHSP.
- VHB is one potential consultant to fill this roll.
- Staff from VAOT met with VHB and has been educated on their national and local perspective on highway safety.
- VHB is writing a scope of services document for the SHSP Core Group's review.

VT Highway Safety Alliance (VHSA):

- Kevin Marshia has drafted a "white paper" for legislators. This white paper was handed out at this Infrastructure Focus Group meeting.
- Organizations and individuals will be able to join this alliance.
- Kevin Marshia is working on draft bi-laws, using Maine's bi-laws as a starting point.

Fatal Crashes:

- There have been 8 fatal crashes so far this year.
- The majority of the fatalities were unbelted.
- Maine and New Hampshire are also having a bad month with regard to fatal crashes.

Vermont Local Roads Brochure:

- Maureen Dakin and David Antone from VT Local Roads developed a draft highway safety informational brochure.

- The target audiences for this brochure are local decision makers, Selectboard members, and municipal leadership in general.
- Much positive feedback was given, and the group offered some initial comments as well.
- It was discussed to use TAC members as a vehicle to deliver these brochures to selectboards across the State, and to give a 15 minute +/- overview of its contents.

SHSP Data Focus Group Update:

- Jack Green and Josh Harless attended to give a report on the SHSP Data Focus Group. They presented on the new data query tool. Most of the “heavy lifting” has been completed on this initiative.
- Data query tool is 2 tiered, as it caters to two audiences: the “data geek” tier, and the general public tier.
- Data geek: higher level interface in excel. Josh Harless gave a brief demonstration showing how it looks so far.
- General public: simplified interface. See Michigan’s data query tool – this is the model they’re looking to follow.

Regional Safety Day:

- Described as a “miniature SHSP” training/information day, focusing on the 4 E’s.
- Discussed draft agenda and received comments.
- Potential enforcement additions include: driver’s education outreach, distracted driving (golf cart), beer goggles, Act 114 law.
- Looking to hold this in mid to late summer.

Next Meeting:

- Bruce will send out Doodle Pole.

Homework (for whole group):

- Provide additional feedback on the highway safety brochure to Maureen Dakin and David Antone.
- Email additional ideas for Regional Safety Day to Bruce. (Some questions to get our mental juices flowing – How will the day flow? How long for each topic? Prioritization of different topics? Displays? Logistics? Budget/Funding?)