Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 20, 2011
3rd Floor Conference Room at the UNC Highway Safety Res. Ctr. in Chapel Hill, NC

Present: Brian Mayhew, Janet Greene., Mitch Batuzich, Carol Martell, Bill Hunter, and Eric Rodgman.

9:45 am Eric Rodgman started late hoping for a few late attendees to arrive.

9:46 am Brian Mayhew brought the TRCC up-to-date on the NC Crash Report Form Revision effort. Lawrence sent out the packets of crash report test options in December. The results have been slow to get back because of the holidays. The initial results are favoring the Proto 1 version of the report form. Brian will meet with Lawrence shortly. Lawrence will be available to assist till approximately late February on possibly late March. His efforts will end with an overall presentation and his final documentation of the Phase Crash process.

Carol Martell reminded the committee that the names of the crash variables should be using the descriptive names rather than non-descriptive numeric variable names.

The next step will be to estimate the costs for performing the transition from the old form format and crash database system to the new form including all the changes to the system to accommodate the form changes. Brian noted that the cost should be estimated even if it may not be possible to allocate the money to facilitate the process of changing to the new form. The changes would affect TraCs, TEAAS, CRASH, and the Crash web site. Brian noted that the process of change may have to be farmed out. Keane was a previous resource – Keane will likely get the first shot at the contract if a decision to go forward is made.

Brian added that Portia Manley and Julian Council are overseeing the day-to-day crash report revision process being facilitated by Lawrence Lackey since the retirement of Ethel Keen.

The TRCC role will be to continue to advise the NC DOT DMV on what the TRCC recommends.

One new change will include the Cherokee Indian Reservation as the 101st County as they would like to be part of the NC Crash Data.

10:05 am   Mitch Batuzich noted that the US Congress will be re-visiting the US DOT Budget on March 4th to consider a budget extension and to decide what future funds for US DOT will be available. The country may be looking at a 20% cut in funds at that time.

Another important crash system transition being considered is the change to TraCs version 10. This change would allow for capturing the GPS co-ordinates of the crash. The NC DMV Commissioner is in favor of this upgrade.

10:25 am Janet Greene noted that the capture of the x,y co-ordinates by the NC SHP was being looked at. Not likely to be done for at least six months.

As of today, there have been submitted two 408 concept ideas. One for additional printers for AOC and a second by Greg Ferrara on a mapping tool for the crash data. Brian noted that he John Farley may be submitting a joint request to integrate the local roads into the LRS / GIS / TEAAS. This option could allow Google Maps, TIGR Maps, and/or bing Maps as a second option.

Brian noted that DMV should be submitting 2 or 3 408 project ideas for consideration very soon.

On February 3rd, Brian, Don, and Eric will meet on the logistics of preparing the next 408 grant submission / update before June 15, 2011. This will include helping with the monthly progress reports now required by NHTSA.

Bill Hunter asked about doing the same GIS location identification process with crash events in public parking lots since about a third of all pedestrian crashes occur there.

Having good location information is now the most asked for set of variables for NC crashes.

Brian noted that he would help Carol get the latest shape files from NC.

Janet mentioned another request may be for more printers for eCitation LE agencies currently without printers. The effort to add more info on arrests couldn't begin before July 2011.

11:05 am Reminder about the National TR Forum being hosted in Charlotte NC this summer July 31st through August 3rd this coming summer 2011.

The NC SHP did purchase 400 Verizon AirCards.

In the next meeting, it would be nice to have either Chad present a short overview of their work or have DMV highlight the Data Viewer now in place (an ESRI Arch-Geo tool).

Next meeting will be scheduled for late March or in April.

11:30 am Meeting was adjourned.

Eric will send out the minutes, the link to the TRCC Concept Form on the TRCC website, poll the committee on the next meeting in late March of April.

Eric will send Don Nail an email requesting the final grant submission from last year. It will go on the TRCC website.

Respectively submitted – Co-chair NCTRCC Eric Rodgman, MPH