

Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday January 8, 2007
In the NCSU Varsity Conference Room in the RBC Center in Raleigh NC

Present: Brian Mayhew, L C Smith, Don Nail, Kay Sanford, Joe Geigle, Tom Nevlud, John Stokes, Carol Martell, Chris Broome, Erick Moran, and Eric Rodgman.

Don Nail opened the NC TRCC meeting for the NC TRCC members present. Don introduced Erick Moran from NHTSA. Erick was here to help NC with facilitating the implementation of the 408 data improvement grant procedure for the NC for the current year and help us prepare for the next year.

Erick Moran opened with comments about the next go round of grant awards and what is expected from each state. NC will have to have completed a Traffic Records Assessment –which is scheduled for January 29, 2007 through February 2, 2007 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Crabtree in Raleigh, NC.

Erick addressed the concern over the authority of the NC TRCC committee to actually implement any changes or recommendations. It was noted that this committee works together with the NC Executive Committee for Highway Safety (ECHS) which does provide the necessary oversight and authority. Erick noted that Darrell Jernigan of GHSP wrote a letter explaining the authority of the NC TRCC committee and NC ECHS committee.

The key performance areas referred to as the six-pack include:

- 1) timeliness
- 2) consistency
- 3) completeness
- 4) accuracy
- 5) accessibility
- 6) integration.

For the NC report, Erick noted that it was weak on specific performance measures. There seemed to be some confusion on whether the goals / objectives were being used instead of real benchmarks. One example is for traffic records data to meet the national standards for MMUCC (state crash data), NEMSIS (state medical data), and MMIRE (state roadway data). He added that NC should re-examine all it's goals, key timing dates, and it's priorities before going ahead.

More specifically, Erick noted on page 3 the NC TRCC Mission statement. There was concern over the members of the NC TRCC having the necessary authority. Need to show how the process of authority is implemented through the NC ECHS.

On page 11, he asked why the roadway inventory had not been updated since 1998??

On page 14, hiring a coordinator is a milestone, not a goal?

On page 19, ePay – not a task to be covered by the 408 money (AOC said it was already covered by state funds!).

On page 21-22, Results of the DMV 349 Crash report compliance review in? EMS has 100 % coverage on their data elements.

Appendix C – is this up-to-date??

Appendix D – AOC has moved from about 30 % online data submission of AOC to about 58% since the grant was written in late May - June.

LC Smith noted that local roads were now covered in 86 of the 100 NC counties. GIS should be complete the remaining counties by about September 2007.

Chris Broome noted that NC SHP is still working on getting a statewide electronic crash submission – the impact would be large.

Brian Mayhew noted that NC would need to have progress updates for all TR related activities regardless of the funding source.

Erick Moran provided the example of a project with a large expense incurred by going to a state data warehouse (might cost \$20 million or more), but in the long run could save NC large amounts of money over several years (thus paying for itself) once implemented in terms of maintaining one system, having a consistent way to store data, and have only one copy of key databases rather than multiple ones.

Erick noted that this coming year's 408 grant money deadline would again be June 15, 2007. NC needs to begin the process of planning for this second iteration with all the updates to tasks to be done, various progress reports on current tasks under way, and it must reflect what is highlighted by the upcoming NC traffic records assessment (Jan 29 – Feb 2).

Erick and Don passed out several handouts related to the upcoming assessment.

10:35 am The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted – Co-chair Eric Rodgman.

Important upcoming dates / deadlines:

Monday January 29 thru Wednesday January 31st 2007 NC Assessment Agency Interview Sessions as noted in the schedule passed out by Don Nail at the meeting. These will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Crabtree in Raleigh, NC.

Thursday February 8, 2007: next NC TRCC meeting in the Photogrammetry Conference Room at the NC DOT Century Center from 9:00 till 11:00 am.

Old web site address: <http://www.hsrc.unc.edu/trafficrec/> (going away soon!!)

New NC TRCC web site: <http://www.hsrc.unc.edu/nctrcc/>