

**Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday October 1, 2013**  
**NC TRCC Meeting**  
**In the Magnolia Room at AOC in Raleigh, NC**

Present: Jon Arnold, Derek Traughber, Brad Hibbs, Brian Murphy, Julian Council, Cameron Taylor, John Ivarrison, Frank Hackney, Greg Ferrara, Andy Belcher, Janet Greene, Carol Martell, David Harkey, and Eric Rodgman.

9:35 am Introductions:

Eric Rodgman welcomed all the members; everyone introduced themselves briefly with their name and the agency. Welcomed Derek Traughber for his first TRCC meeting representing PreMIS.

9:40 am 405C Update:

Frank Hackney from GHSP introduced the latest updates on the 405C TR money designated for NC. For the 2015 year, NC was designated \$1.1 million for use to improve the data systems. NC agencies wishing to apply for money need to prepare their concept statements for GHSP and send them to Frank Hackney in January 2014. The 405C concept statement form is on the NC TRCC website home page at the bottom left. Frank noted that NC had been ranked in the top five in the US in terms of having the best TR systems currently in place.

Frank noted that he would not be going to the ATSIP National TR Forum meeting in St. Paul at the end of October. David Harkey, Brian Murphy, Greg Ferrara, Eric Rodgman, and Derek Traughber will be there from NC. It is not too late to go – sign up ASAP.

Greg Ferrara will be doing a presentation highlighting the GIS project he is working on with the NC SHP. Derek will be doing a presentation as well. Frank emphasized that it would be great to highlight even more areas of the TR systems in NC at the ATSIP next year in St. Louis. NC should continue to raise the NC profile in the TR area.

TRCC members can go to the ATSIP website to view previous winners and topics. Greg noted that data visualization and best practices in TR systems were especially well received. Janet Greene noted that AOC received a top award from the National Center for State Courts.

Frank noted that GHSP needed: 1) grant applications, and 2) joint programs and / or presentations, and 3) travel money could be covered by the TR grant money now available. Frank added that agencies should include the travel in their expenses when applying for 405C data improvement money.

Frank emphasized that NHTSA is now requiring a minimum of three TRCC meetings each year. Toady's count s one and the TRCC now has two more meetings scheduled for Wednesday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Times and locations are to be determined.

Brad Hibbs added that FHWA is still optimistic about continuing support through the MAP-21 legislation.

10:00 am 405C Project Updates:

Janet Greene at AOC is process of activating more, new printers for eCitation for \$240K.. Two purchasing strategies are being used. Some LE agencies like the Pentax printers because they are very durable, but they use thermal paper which is a little more expensive than standard paper. Some agencies prefer the HP printers which don't last a long, but use standard paper.

Cameron Taylor at the NC SHP noted that they had implemented all their new AirCards to State Troopers in NC with excellent results.

Julian Council at DMV noted that NC is currently receiving about 70% of their crash reports electronically statewide. DMV is training the local PDS on how to use the new TRAcS Version 10 system that will be replacing the old TRAcS Version 7 system. Julian added that they will be working with ITS on improving the security of their access to data systems with better secure access tools. Only secure connections will be allowed.

Two more grants from the MAP-21 include money for an analyst for TRAcS 10 support and the development of a CBT course for TRAcS 10 instruction and use.

Greg Ferrara from ITRE noted that Brian Murphy from DOT now has access to the GIS mapping tools developed for the NC SHP. The tools help focus on bubble maps which create clusters of crashes for locations. This tool is using the 2008-2011 crash data. The plan is to keep an up-to-date two year rolling snap shot for the users. The hope is to make it public and not provide any identifiers.

Master Plan is to provide the analytic tool to the MC side and like the HSP to the traditional side.

Goal is to measure, to compare, and to improve. The MC is up and in limited production since January 2013. Test release in November and full production in January 20-14. In addition, the plan is to add additional measures beyond the basic five (all, speeding, alcohol, teen, and speeding).

Jon Arnold from DOT added information about the ROME project which is attempting to blend / merge together all the DOT state mapped roads with all the city and local mapped roads into one comprehensive state map.

10:30 am General Discussion:

Derek Traughber from PreMIS has replaced Chad Lohmeier. Derek is learning about the linking effort to get crash and injury data linked for use in more detailed analyses using high quality injury information. There is interest in linking the data with good location information and it would include the destination data (for ambulances and Emergency helicopters). Derek added that it would be important to create and develop a statewide "data use agreement".

Julian Council added that it might be a good idea to hire a TR consultant to review, analyze, and recommend a state strategy to help all the agencies working together.

Brian Murphy suggested that NC would need a specific "demo" project to use as a pilot effort to show what could be done with crash and injury data linked where the results are written up.

Janet Greene noted that NC was using OSC to update and improve their systems (cost about \$9 million). No dates for this effort have been set -- it was based on a report from the CJ Leeds group.

Carol Martell noted that some unique crashes would actually identify someone (a problem) in rare circumstances.

Greg Ferrara suggested that there should be a discussion on what detail should be presented / provided.

Derek Traughber recommended a "dashboard" to highlight recent trends.

David Harkey suggested that the "objective" be defined.

Julian Council noted that local PDs would love to have access.

Final decision may be determined by NC Attorney General or UNC CH legal staff.

Derek Traughber added that they had used Google Maps with some success with the EMS locations.

One issue has been the discrepancy between the number of fatalities noted in NC by NC as compared with the number of fatalities in FARS for NC. The fatality numbers are always different which causes much distress.

Brad Hibbs and Brian Murphy noted that MAP-21 Seems more focused on Ks and A level injuries.

Jon Arnold noted that the ROME project has hopeful to have a complete NC map base by June 2014, but it may not be realistically done until December 2014. Issues include special locations like military bases and Indian Reservations (not mapped by NC).

The recent CDIS and RDIS efforts were positive for NC. There is a current project being carried out at NC Central evaluating 27 attributes from data and the Google and aerial maps. The plan is to evaluate the roadway data quality and then provide the results next summer.

11:20 am David Harkey asked the TRCC to help provide baseline measures for the performance measures under each goal (35 total). David added that for 2015, the feasibility studies and demo projects could be funded. The TRCC needs to recommend which ones via a prioritization process.

Brain Murphy noted that the HSP based on the MAP-21 requirements will involve select committees (some composed with members of the TRCC) and hire a consultant (already done) in 2014. This plan needs to be updated annually Brad Hibbs noted.

David noted that there is a MMUCC survey section for the upcoming ATSIP meeting in St. Paul at the end of October. Everyone is encouraged to provide input through the survey.

Everyone was thanked for coming.

11:45 am Meeting was adjourned.

See <http://www.hsra.unc.edu/nctrcc/index.cfm>

Respectively submitted – Co-chair NCTRCC Eric Rodgman, MPH