

Executive Committee for Highway Safety (ECHS)

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2018

Location:

Chief Engineer's Conference Room, Beryl Drive @ 10:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Isaac Avery, Daniel Carter, Dominic Ciaramitaro, Johanna Cockburn, Alan Dellapenna, Mark Ezzell, Greg Ferrara, Daniel Findley, Adam Fischer, Arthur Goodwin, Tony Hayes, Brent Heath, Brad Hibbs, Torre Jessup, Kevin Lacy, Cheryl Leonard, Timothy Little, Chris Lukasina, Brian Mayhew, Chris Oliver, David Phipps, Harriett Southerland, Jennifer Smith, James Trogdon, Shawn Troy, Aaron Williams

Call to Order and Introductions

Fatal and Serious Injury Trend Update

Mr. Brian Mayhew gave an update on the Fatal and Serious Injury Trends (*pdf attachment Fatal and Serious Injury Trend Update*). Mr. Mayhew noted that the 2017 crash data is close to being stabilized and our 2017 fatalities are lower than the 2016 fatalities (as of the last number updates on 5/2/2018). Our year to date (January-April) lane departure fatalities and serious injuries continue to be make up the largest percentage of the personal injuries when comparing the 2017 and 2018 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) emphasis area numbers.

CY 2019 Preliminary Safety Performance Measures

Mr. Brian Mayhew presented information on the preliminary targets for our state's Safety Performance Measures (*pdf attachment CY 2019 Preliminary Safety Performance Measures*). The targets for our state's five performance measures are based on the SHSP goal of reducing our fatalities and serious injuries by fifty percent by 2030. While it currently does not appear that our state will meet our safety targets, with the upcoming update of our SHSP in 2019-first quarter 2020 there will be an opportunity to adjust the goal which in turn may provide a better probability to meet our annually adjusted targets. The ECHS agreed to accept the methodology used to develop and annually update the targets for our state's safety performance measures.

Resolution of Support for the Primary Enforcement of a Rear Seat Belt Law

Mr. Mark Ezzell presented the ECHS's proposed resolution of support for legislation allowing for the primary enforcement of unrestrained back seat passengers (*pdf attachment Rear Seat Belt Law Resolution*). After some discussion, the resolution was accepted with the necessary corrections of names listed on the second page.

Secretary Safety Priority Work Group 2018 Action Agenda Items

Mr. Kevin Lacy presented information on the Secretary's Safety Priority Work Group 2018 Action Agenda Items (*pdf attachment Safety Priority Work Group*). The working group has established short term, mid term and long term goals, all aimed at reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries that are occurring on our roadways. While safety champions have been assigned to most of the goals, members of the ECHS and any other safety partners that are interested in helping to accomplish the currently established goals are encouraged to contact Mr. Kevin Lacy.

Executive Committee for Highway Safety Strategic Plan

Mr. Kevin Lacy presented information on the concept of developing a strategic plan for the ECHS. The formation of the ECHS by the Secretary of Transportation in 2002 was a clear indicator that our state was serious about improving highway safety. While the ECHS has made great strides in helping to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways, there is still a need to consider if our state is getting the most out the committee as it currently exist. A strategic plan for the ECHS will provide an opportunity to strengthen and properly align currently existing task forces and working groups so that everyone is effectively working to achieve the same goals. A strategic plan may also provide an opportunity for legislators to hear the presentation of highway safety topics so that we can finally assure that our discussions are being held in the right room and among an audience that can introduce and support needed legislative changes.

Robeson County Vision Zero Update

Mr. Mark Ezzell presented information on the Vision Zero efforts that are currently going on in Robeson County. With strong support from the Robeson County community leaders, two formal meetings have already taken place. The meetings have helped to energize the community as they work on driving down the number of fatalities and serious injuries within the county. The Governor's Highway Safety Program will be assisting Robeson County with their high schools upcoming Project Graduation and other safety grant initiatives. Robeson County is also a partner in the [Governor's Hometown Strong](#) initiative.

Committee Members' Responsibilities and Adjourn

Committee members were reminded to contact Mr. Chris Oliver if their agencies would like to share ongoing safety initiatives, legislative support items or any safety media topics at future ECHS meetings. All of our safety partner's efforts towards reducing fatalities and serious injuries are appreciated.

Future Meeting Dates

- *September 7, 2018 @ 10:00 am*
 - *January 11, 2019 @ 10:00 am (TENTATIVE)*
 - *May 10, 2019 @ 10:00 am (TENTATIVE)*
- Chief Engineer's Conference Room
4809 Beryl Road
Raleigh, NC 27606*

If there is a need to reschedule any meeting, we will let you know well in advance of the scheduled date.