

Executive Committee for Highway Safety (ECHS)

Virtual Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2023

Location:

Microsoft Team Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Isaac Avery, William Belch, Angela Berry, James Bradford, Anne Dickerson, Mark Ezzell, Greg Ferrara, Daniel Findley, Wayne Goodwin, John Grant, Tony Hayes, Brent Heath, Brad Hibbs, Jeff Jaeger, Elyse Keefe, Kevin Lacy, Suzanne LaFollette-Black, Terry Lansdell, Chris Lukasina, Brian Mayhew, Lydia McIntyre, Dale McKeel, Michael Messer, Brian Murphy, Sarah O'Brien, Chris Oliver, Edward Parker, Lisa Riegel, Tracy Russ, Jennifer Smith, Raghavan Srinivasan, Shawn Troy, Billy Williams

Call to Order and Introductions

Fatal and Serious Injury Trend Update

Mr. Chris Oliver provided an update on our state's fatal and serious injury trends ([Fatal and Serious Injury Trend Update pdf](#)). Mr. Oliver noted that our 2022 statewide fatality numbers are still currently down 1.0% when compared to our 2021 numbers. With the exception of the bicyclists category, our 2023 Year to Date (January-April) overall fatality numbers are currently lower than the 2022 comparisons in all our 2019 North Carolina Strategic Highway Safety Plan (NC SHSP) emphasis areas. However, our current 2023 Year to Date (January-April) overall serious injury numbers are higher than the 2022 comparisons in most of our 2019 NC SHSP emphasis areas. Additional information on our statewide fatality and serious injury trends, including the NC SHSP emphasis area comparison percent changes, are available in the presentation materials.

CY 2024 Preliminary Safety Performance Measures

Mr. Chris Oliver presented information on the preliminary targets for our state's Safety Performance Measures ([CY 2024 Preliminary Safety Performance Measures pdf](#)). The targets for our state's five performance measures are based on the 2019 North Carolina SHSP goal of reducing all fatalities and serious injuries by half by 2035, moving towards zero by 2050. We received the results from our state's Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Safety Performance Target Assessment and once again we have not met or made significant progress toward achieving our Safety Performance Targets. Therefore, we are in the process of developing a HSIP Implementation Plan for FY 2024 and we must also use obligation authority equal to the State's FY 2020 HSIP apportionment for HSIP projects in FY 2024. Our state's CY 2024 targets were also presented and the final performance measures will be published once the 2022 Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and crash data have been stabilized.

Age My Way NC Initiative

Ms. Lisa Riegel provided an overview of the Age My Way NC Initiative ([Age My Way NC Initiative pdf](#)). According to the U.S. Census Bureau, our State's 65+ population is expected to increase by 52% over the next 20 years. Developed in 2022, Age My Way NC is a collaborative effort between the State of North Carolina and AARP NC to help identify priorities for making our neighborhoods, towns, cities, and rural areas great places for people of all ages. Committed to becoming more age-friendly, on May 2, 2023, Governor Cooper signed an Executive Order acknowledging our State's acceptance into the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. Additional information on the Age My Way NC Initiative can be found in the presentation materials.

Potential Legislative Items

Mr. Kevin Lacy provided a brief update on some of the legislative items/bills filed during the General Assembly's 2023-2024 Session. The majority of the bills reviewed by the ECHS did not make the May 4, 2023 crossover deadline. Mr. Lacy's legislative items discussion notes and a draft copy of NCDOT ICE Policy have been emailed to the meeting participants.

Agency Updates/Remarks

Mr. Chris Oliver provided an update on the progress of the NC SHSP's White Papers. Once a White Paper has been completed, it will be shared with the ECHS to review and decide if there are actions the members would like to pursue.

Future Meeting Dates

- *September 1, 2023 @ 10:00 am (TENTATIVE)* *Highway Building Room 150 (Board Room)*
- *January 12, 2024 @ 10:00 am (TENTATIVE)* *1 South Wilmington Street*
- *May 3, 2024 @ 10:00 am (TENTATIVE)* *Raleigh, NC 27601*

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

Meeting agendas, minutes and presentations are also available on the [ECHS website](#).