



**Minnesota TZD Program  
Leadership Team Meeting Minutes  
Friday, March 5, 2021  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Virtual via Zoom**

**Participants:** Paul Aasen, Chris Ballard, Linda Dolan, Craig Flynn, JP Gillach, Mike Hanson, Kristine Hernandez, Jeff Huettl, Ken Johnson, Annette Larson, Derek Leuer, Curt Mackey, Stephanie Malinoff, Scott McConkey, Hugo McPhee, Shannon Ryder, Kristi Sebastian, Brian Sorenson, Dan Starry, Will Stein, and Jeff Tate

**Guests:** Ethan Peterson (MnDOT), Katie Caskey (HDR), Keiko Veiko (Pinnacle), Lisa Kons (Minnesota Safety Council)

**Action items are denoted in bold.**

**Welcome, introductions, and review agenda**

Stephanie welcomed members and guest to the meeting. Each individual member introduced himself or herself and no additional items were added to the agenda.

**The Case for 6" Edge Lines**

Ethan Peterson, MnDOT's Office of Traffic Engineering, discussed the Minnesota is moving from a 4" standard white edge line to 6". Other states have seen a 10-35% reduction in crashes and it will be critical for connected automatic vehicles (CAV). The cost for this change varies based on material used. There was some discussion regarding ground in edge lines and their benefit. The experts feel that they are likely more beneficial but unsure scientifically. MnDOT hopes to include the 6" edge lines in bid lettings starting in 2022. It still needs to be officially approved, however. Some district offices (District 8, 3 and 4 for example) are already installing 6" edge lines. Ultimately, MnDOT expects 6" edge lines to be their default. Centerlines will be reviewed in the future as well as the wet reflective lines.

The updated standard (expected to be adopted next month) will require wet reflective markings for any new pavement surface (including mill and overlays). The one exception could be for roads that have less than 1500 ADT and are expected to have a chip seal the following year. Contracts with a letting date starting in January 2022 will require new pavement surfaces to be wet reflective markings. However, most districts are already including wet reflective markings on most of their projects.

## **TZD Now List Update**

Mike Hanson discussed the Speed Enforcement and Education Campaign. Speed continues to be a significant problem and they are trying to engage speed messaging and work with underserved communities. The crashes continue to have contributing factors that include speed, risk taking, aggressive behavior and unbelted.

Kristine Hernandez gave an update on the SHSP Action Teams. Brian, Lisa, and Kristine met with the leads of all of the state action teams. They are switching to different format where there will be an overarching steering committee who will help direct the work.

Jess and Lisa are meeting often about how to start the speed action team. They identified experts and emailed potential members. They discussed how they can get the speed messages out and will be meeting in the near future.

Annette and Holly are working on a research tool. They are developing questions to ask the community for a baseline as an evaluation tool. With this assessment, they can have a report to show steering committees, etc.

**Linda will include the NOW list on the meeting agendas and each month we will highlight one or more topics.**

## **July 14 TZD Stakeholder Breakfast Topic**

Linda Dolan is looking for topic ideas/speakers for the upcoming July 14<sup>th</sup> TZD Stakeholder Breakfast. She received 2 ½ pages of suggestions from the attendees of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> TZD Stakeholder Breakfast. There was significant interest in traffic safety advancements in motor vehicles. Mike agreed with this topic and suggested talking with Kristin White with MnDOT's CAV office. Kristine mentioned ASU has delivery pods on campus and there is legislation being considered in Minnesota for those delivery pods. **Linda will follow up on this potential topic and make sure it has a traffic safety component.**

## **TZD Statewide Conference Delivery Method**

The delivery method for the upcoming 2021 TZD Statewide Conference will be determined in April by the TZD Co-Chairs. In preparation for this decision, Linda Dolan asked the group their thoughts on whether the conference should be in-person, virtual, or hybrid.

The online option allows for recording. Recordings turn into webinars and other content. It is difficult to tell what the rules will be for social gatherings but we are hopeful by October more events will be open to in-person. Mike mentioned that GHSA is in-person in September in Denver. DPS is looking at being back in the office in June and the U of M will transition to returning to work in the office after June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.