



**Minnesota TZD Program
Program Team Meeting Notes
Wednesday, February 1, 2023
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Participants: Alan Ainsworth, Adam Bald, David Bernstein, Lori Blaukat, Dave Boxum, Kat Brown, Sheila Denton, Linda Dolan, Scot Edgeworth, Girma Feyissa, Craig Flynn, Bill Hammes, Joe Gustafson, Tara Helm, Kristine Hernandez, Sue Johnson, Lisa Kons, Katy Kressin, Annette Larson, CJ Lindor, Stephanie Malinoff, Scott McConkey, Meredith Mills, Kristen Oster, Becky Putzke, Jessica Schleck, Frank Scherf, Bill Van Koevering, Kat Vue, Julie Witcher, and Nick White

Welcome, introductions, and review agenda

Lisa welcomed the group and mentioned there would be introductions a part of the round robin.

Upcoming TZD Events

Linda Dolan reported on several upcoming TZD events:

- TZD Events Calendar is found <https://www.minnesotatzd.org/events>. If you have an event you would like added, please email Linda Dolan.
- TZD Traffic Safety Hotdish webinar was today featuring Tim Johnson on Advance Vehicles
- Next TZD Traffic Safety Hotdish is April 12, 2023 at 10:00 – 11:15 CST
- TZD Regional Workshops are April 25 – May 31, 2023. South Central and West Central are hosting multiple regional roundtables vs. one regional workshop
- 2023 TZD Statewide conference will be held in Rochester, MN at the Mayo Civic Center. The Call for Presentations is open now until April 7, 2023.

2023 Legislative Update

Bike and Pedestrian

Lobby Day is February 8th <https://www.bikemn.org/get-involved/at-the-capitol/2023-legislative-agenda/>

Registration for Bike Summit event Feb 9th at bottom of page, also here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-minnesota-bike-walk-summit-on-capitol-hill-registration-488726894297>

CPS

No update at this time.

Commercial Motor Vehicles

No update at this time.

Distracted Driving

Changing language that you cannot have your phone in your hand at all.

EMS

No update at this time.

Engineering

County Engineers is concerned with some of the speed limit proposals. Funding for road projects.

Fitness to Drive

No update at this time.

Impaired Driving

DWI task force submitted recommendations to the legislature. Continuing to work with the authors. Looking at other areas including “open bottle” for cannabis. Concern between terms “marijuana” and “cannabis”. Cannabis bill - H.F. 100 <https://www.thenewshouse.com/highstakes/marijuana-is-more-than-a-word/>

Motorcycle

No update at this time.

Railroad

Updates and upgrades to grade crossings.

Seatbelt

Monitoring a bill for new school buses to have seat belts.

Speed and Speed Limits

Traffic safety bill that Minnesota Safety Council is working on including safe road zones. So locals can go to the state for various upgrades to a specific area (could include education or enforcement with a local match or IJJA funding).

Work zone pilot project is also included.

Speed legal analysis.

Safety enforcement pilot program.

Teen Driving

No update at this time.

Workzones

MnDOT is in the process of implementing practices identified in the Work Zone Speed Management Study prepared for the legislature earlier this year. We are actively looking for projects to implement the Speed Safety Vehicle. There are active work zone projects using Electronic Work Zone Speed Limits.

Other

Drivers licenses for all.

There is a bill for drivers education that allows individuals to take the drivers exam online (road test is still in-person). Online Driver Education Program, H.F. 769

Stakeholder Introductions and round robin discussion

Action: Provide an update on your organization's current traffic safety initiatives

Brainstorming Question

What's your top 2-3 things we can do in the **next 12 months** to prevent crashes, injuries, and fatalities on our roads?

Craig Flynn

Typically, we think of our media or advertising work as informing people about upcoming enforcement campaign, new regulations, general safety concepts, etc. I would like to see us dedicate some media resources to road user education and improvement. What I mean by that is we could do a better job of telling people what courses and educational opportunities are available. There are many opportunities available, but they are not promoted. For example, car seat clinic dates and locations, older (still have not found that perfect word for this group) road user resources such as CarFit, AARP defensive driving courses, etc.

With Safe Road Users being a core part of the Safe System approach, informing people what is available to them is critical.

Alan Ainsworth

AARP classes in session including hearing impaired. Also CarFit events planned.

Alan asked this question but it did not get answered: Did the SF727 senate bill to eliminate the 8 hour classes from the senior driver safety program come up?

Becky Putzke

Motivating officers with challenging environment.

Annette Larson

Working on getting the older driver statewide action team up and running and 3 Community roundtables in the region

Julie Whitcher

Rail - applied for IJA funding Corridor study for Hinckley corridor. Focus on grade crossing closures, consolidations and safety improvements, specifically focused on humped crossings

Rail - Grade Crossing Action plan completed last year, hoping to have official FRA approval soon

Commercial Vehicles - New inspection buildings under development for existing weigh stations, allowing more level 1 inspections no matter what the weather. Also tire sensors being installed at some stations to catch unsafe tires

Rail - Grade crossing action plan may have some social media campaigns developed as a follow-up

David Bernstein

He can send you task force bill information. March 17th Mr. Bernstein and Sgt. Milless will speak at a webinar for the Minneapolis Library on Impaired Driving.

Becky Putzke

Trying to energize law enforcement to continue to do traffic stops.

Jessica Schleck

Speeding Behavior Survey underway.

Joe Gustafson

Promoting driving the speed limit and respecting the speed limit. New MUTCD to be released by the federal government spring 2023 then two years for Minnesota to adopt

Stephanie Malinoff

CTS recently released a new publication series called The Future of Mobility. We just released 17 commissioned papers looking forward on critical transportation topics--including safety. I'd encourage folks to look at two of them specifically: Deadly Speeding Epidemic Demands Urgent Intervention by Dr. Nichole Morris and Rural Transportation and Health by Dr. Carrie Henning-Smith.

[The Future of Mobility | Center for Transportation Studies \(umn.edu\)](#)

[Deadly Speeding Epidemic Demands Urgent Intervention | Center for Transportation Studies \(umn.edu\)](#)

Kat Brown

Pedestrian safety efforts underway. Working with immigrant program to get free car seats to them. Presence at Winter Carnival this weekend.

Katy Kressin

Working on updating and improving the regional seat belt study so it is more usable and see where the problems are.

Kristine Hernandez

There will be 6 regional workshops. The Save the Date e-announcement will go out in February and registration opening in March.

Meredith Mitts

AAA's big project the next few months is Move Over For Me. We are meeting with legislators and working to find a sponsor to add disabled vehicles with flashing hazards to the list of vehicles protected by the Ted Foss Move Over Law. We will be doing education on safe driving behaviors with move over for me regardless of legislation introduction.

Drugged Driving Summit was January 19th. Had 60+ people 105 online. Resource link to resources for information from the Drug Summit: <https://www.minnesotatzd.org/resources/impaired>

AAA PROMise is coming up if you have schools wanting to order prom kits, School Safety Patrol awards are live if you want to nominate an advisor or provide information to schools so they can nominate patrollers. I Got Caught will be brought back again this summer.

Nick White

Goals for the Oral Fluid Pilot Project passed and more education on cannabis

Scott McConkey

Continue to work on traffic stops despite current political environment.

Sheila Denton

Updates from Southern MN CPS: We have ALOT of C.A.R.S. (Children and Restraint Systems) classes going on. These are for our daycare/fostercare providers who transport kiddos. We also have Car Seat Technician classes scheduled for Minnesota. We are kicking off tons of events for spring/summer 2023. Will be doing a big event in Granite Falls during May wave.

Sue Johnson

Working on proposing an Impact Teen Driver pilot program in Minnesota.

Bill Van Koevering

Several prom events will have TZD resources at them

Jay Bock

2023 will emphasize the importance to train rider coaches.

Lisa Kons

Working on the Behavior Speed Study.

Impairment is Impairment campaign (including drowsy, alcohol, drug, etc.)

Most 100 deadliest days is now called the 100 most dangerous days.

The next TZD Program Team meeting will be 10% virtual on July 19, 2022 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.