



## OPEN MEETING NOTICE

### Leadership Team Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Leadership Team of the Kansas City Regional Transportation Safety Coalition on **Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Mid-America Regional Council** at 600 Broadway, Suite 300, Kansas City, Missouri.

### AGENDA

1. **Welcome/Introductions**
2. **Summary of Last Meeting\***
3. **Upcoming Events & Regional Roadway Fatalities**
  - *Discussion of upcoming events and update on 2005 regional fatalities.*
4. **Committee Updates**
  - *Update on Child Passenger Safety, Law Enforcement and Public Education Committees' progress.*
5. **Missouri State Highway Patrol Video**
  - *Preview of new regional resource available through the Missouri State Highway Patrol.*
6. **Put the Brakes on Fatalities & "Destination: Safe" Kickoff**
  - *Discussion about various safety efforts during the month of October.*
7. **SAFETEA-LU**
  - *Review of safety provisions contained in SAFETEA-LU.*
8. **Regional Transportation Safety Blueprint Draft**
  - *Discussion on proceeding with Blueprint Draft.*
9. **AMPO Safety & Security Incentive Grant**
  - *Update on status of AMPO Safety & Security Incentive Grant.*
10. **Other Business**

\*Action Items

**Next Meeting – 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at MARC**

#### PARKING AND SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Free parking is available at the Rivergate Center garage with access off of Broadway. Parking is recommended at the west end of the upper level lot. Please do not park in the visitor or 30-minute permit parking slots. If the upper lot is full, you may park in one of the lower levels and then walk to the sidewalk on 6th Street and around to either entrance of the building.

Please notify the Mid-America Regional Council at (816) 474-4240 at least 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend this meeting (i.e., qualified interpreter, large print, reader, hearing assistance). We will make every effort to meet reasonable requests.

**KC Regional Transportation Safety Coalition - Leadership Team  
Meeting Summary  
September 28, 2005**

**Attendees Present:**

Ron Achelpohl, MARC Asst. Dir. of Transportation	Christy McKendrew, MAST
Lynn Berges, KDOT	John Passiglia, Independence Police Dept.
Michael Briggs, MARC Transportation Planner	Steve Porter, MoDOT
Bob Crumb, City of Warrensburg	Ingrid Potts, Midwest Research Institute
Howard Dickinson, Kansas Highway Patrol	Greg Scott, KDOT
Lindsay Hogan, MoDOT	Randy Silvey, MoDOT
Kendra Holmes, Fed. Motor Carrier Safety Admin.	Barbara Waller, USDOT
John Hotz, Missouri State Highway Patrol	Mary Watson, MARC Program Assistant
Randy Johnson, MoDOT	Kathy Zents, Safety & Health Council
Phyllis Larimore, Children's Mercy Hospital	

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

The meeting was held at the offices of the Mid-America Regional Council, 600 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri. Kansas Co-Chair Howard Dickinson welcomed all attendees and introductions were made.

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting \***

There were no changes or corrections to the July 27, 2005 Meeting Summary. Phyllis Larimore moved for approval, Greg Scott seconded, and the motion carried.

**3. Upcoming Events & Regional Roadway Fatalities**

The [Safety Calendar of Events](#) for October and November was reviewed. Of special note:

- October 10th: Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day
- October 19th: MoDOT's Cast Your Vote to Rename the Grandview Triangle - 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes Road, KCMO or at the Baptiste Educational Center, 5401 East 103rd Street, KCMO; Proposed names are 3-Trails Crossing, 3-Trails Crossing at Hickman Mills, Hickman Mills Crossing and Hickman Mills 3-Trails. There are no state line boundaries in order to vote.
- October 24th - 31st: Destination: Safe Impaired Driving Enforcement Campaign

Mr. Briggs distributed the preliminary Summary of Regional Roadway Fatalities as of September 18, 2005:

State	2005 Fatalities	2004 Fatalities	% Change from 2004
Kansas	277	312	11% Decrease
Missouri	896	820	9% Increase

He advised that the 5-year average for the Kansas City region is down 2%; however, it is up slightly from 2004. Additionally, he distributed a current chart of regional fatality data by corridor, along with detailed crash data from January 1 - December 31, 2003. Requests were made by the committee for the following additional crash data:

- To have the information mapped out by county
- More occupant protection information needed for 2005
- Age breakdowns by category
- Motorcycle incidents included; also, helmet vs. no helmet reports
- Bicycle and pedestrian statistics
- Bike lanes and roundabouts tracking

#### **4. Committee Updates**

Child Passenger Safety Committee: Kathy Zents reported that surveys were sent out in August to law enforcement agencies regarding permanent car seat fitting stations; 16 have been returned. Three counties (Lafayette, Platte, and Ray) do not currently have any site locations. The committee will work to establish permanent fitting stations and to conduct two 32-hour CPS training classes in those counties. The training classes and re-certification of CPS technicians will be reimbursed by the Coalition upon completion of the class, with a requirement that CPST's will help out with two public check events within a 2-year timeframe. Through June 2006, CPS instructors will visit each county to re-certify technicians at a scheduled check-up event. Ms. Zents also noted that the Missouri State Highway Patrol needs more officers to be re-certified.

Law Enforcement Committee: Mr. Briggs reported that informational meetings were held in early August at the Clay County Sheriff's Office and at the CMSU Safety Center in Warrensburg regarding the funding available from MoDOT for upcoming law enforcement safety campaigns. Agencies submitted letters of intent identifying possible routes, the number of officers scheduled, and the amount of their request. For the Impaired Driving campaign in October, there was \$30,896 requested, of the available \$86,400; for the Aggressive Driving campaign in April, there was \$10,960 requested, of the available \$51,840. Additional meetings will be held in January to promote the April campaign and distribution of remaining funds.

John Passiglia indicated that there are conflicting reports coming from the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office regarding the use of the Mutual Aid Agreement in this type of special enforcement effort; however, this will continue to be monitored. He also stated that money spent on DWI enforcement is more difficult than hazardous moving violations, red light running, or aggressive driving because of the evening overtime constraints on agency officers. The suggestion was brought up to expand the hours identified in the enforcement campaign contracts based upon actual time data on alcohol-related crashes (beginning at 3 p.m. throughout the week). This would also allow additional law enforcement presence for HMVs.

Mr. Briggs indicated that there have been no responses from the rural counties for enforcement funding requests. Mr. Scott commented that it is likely due to manpower shortages in rural areas for DWI checkpoints. Randy Silvey indicated he would contact the Henry and Ray County Sheriff's Departments directly to discuss opportunities available. Mr. Passiglia indicated that Independence could open its Standardized Field Sobriety Training (SFST) to outside agencies to participate.

Public Education Committee: Steve Porter reported that efforts are underway to coordinate regional public safety messages with advertising that is currently being produced by other agencies. It

appears there are more opportunities in Kansas, as Missouri does not have radio or T.V. spots at this time. The committee is looking into:

- Re-branding current ads to use the “Destination: Safe” logo
- Public Service Announcements using facts or questions on preview slides at movie theaters
- Statewide billboard ads

There is approximately \$65,000 available for advertising, which could be used in extending a buy throughout the year. The committee will continue to work with MoDOT and KDOT on advertising opportunities.

## **5. Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day & “Destination: Safe” Kickoff**

Mr. Briggs reported that there will be a strong media drive throughout October to promote the Destination: Safe campaign. Events in October:

- October 4<sup>th</sup> - The SIDNE vehicle will be showcased in Liberty, and all safety partners are encouraged to attend.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day
- October 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> - Both Kansas and Missouri Highway Patrols will be at the Kansas Speedway promoting Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day. This is the third year that Kansas has highlighted the safety campaign at the Speedway, by having poster contests, bicycle giveaways, and child passenger safety check lanes
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> - Impaired Driving Enforcement Campaign
- International Walk to School Day
- Seat Belt checkups
- Drive Safely to Work Week
- National School Bus Safety Week

A press release will be issued shortly to promote all the safety activities to be held in October, which will also include regional fatality information for 2004-2005.

## **6. SAFETEA-LU**

Mr. Briggs reported on the recently approved federal transportation bill: Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is established as a core program, separately funded for the first time, with flexibility provided to allow States to target funds to their most critical safety needs. A total of \$5.1 billion is provided for 2006-2009. Of this amount, \$880 million is set aside for a separate distribution for the Railway-Highway Crossing program, with the remainder to be distributed by formula based on each State’s lane miles, vehicle miles traveled, and number of fatalities; \$90 million is to be set aside annually for construction and operational improvements on High-Risk Rural Roads. The HSIP requires States to develop and implement a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and submit annual reports to the Secretary that describe at least 5% of their most hazardous locations, progress in implementing highway safety improvement projects, and their effectiveness in reducing fatalities and injuries. In order to receive additional funds under this program, a SHSP must be developed by October 1, 2007. MoDOT has completed their SHSP; KDOT’s plan will be completed within one year.

Other programs target specific areas of concern, such as senior drivers, child passenger safety and primary seat belt enforcement incentive grants, and a Safe Routes to School Program (\$600 million per year), which requires states to hire a fulltime safety coordinator. Also, a Safe Traffic

Information Systems Program was created to fund improvements in traffic records assessment and data collection (\$500,000 per year).

**7. Regional Transportation Safety Blueprint Draft**

Mr. Briggs reported that work continues on completing the Regional Blueprint. A sign-up sheet was distributed, for committee members to review those portions of the Draft where they have the greatest interest and expertise and provide input. It is anticipated that the Blueprint will be completed by March 2006.

**8. AMPO Safety & Security Incentive Grant**

Mr. Briggs advised that there has been no decision made on the award of grant monies for the two proposals submitted to the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization's, Innovation in Safety & Security in Transportation Planning Incentive Grant Program. A request for \$75,000 was made for Improving Crash Data Collection, Management & Analysis; also, \$75,000 was requested for Bicycle and Pedestrian safety training. Letters of support for the application were submitted by several safety partners in the region. There are 12 projects from 11 agencies being considered.

**9. Missouri State Highway Patrol Video**

John Hotz showed the video "It's My Life", a collection of accounts from teen drivers and their families on the consequences of not wearing a seat belt. The video was shown at 26 driver's education courses in June, and the response has been very positive.

**10. Other Business**

The SIDNE vehicle was on display at the Santa-Cali-Gon Days activities in Independence in early September.

The use of educational monies for the purchase of a seat belt sled by the MSHP was discussed. The cost is currently \$17,500. The KHP is getting ready to purchase three additional sleds, and Mr. Hotz hopes to piggyback on their purchase to reduce the cost. Ron Achelpohl noted that MARC has a cooperative purchasing program with local governments, which might be a resource to consider. Mr. Hotz indicated that all funds must be approved by the Missouri Legislature, which could be problematic. Greg Scott indicated that working with the vendor on the purchase would be better in negotiating a reduced cost for both Kansas and Missouri Highway Patrols. Mr. Briggs will look into use of seat belt funds for the purchase of a sled.

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Leadership Team meeting will be held Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at the MARC Offices.