Meeting Notes
Chair: Tamara Pitts

Transportation Safety Data Task Team
Tuesday, June 2 | 9:00 - 10:00 AM | GoToMeeting
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Task Team Purpose
1) To improve the collection, management and analysis of transportation safety data
2) To improve the timeliness, accuracy and reliability of transportation safety data
3) To help regional partners make data-driven transportation safety decisions

1) Introductions
   Attendees:
   Mindy Sergent, Missouri Safety Center
   Carla Anderson, KDOT
   Jenny Lancaster, KTSRO
   John Miller, FHWA
   Karen Miller, MoDOT
   Matthew McMichael, MoDOT
   Tamara Pitts, MoDOT
   Theresa Havenstein, KDOT
   Brad Winfrey, Children’s Mercy
   Michael Havenstein

2) Quarantine Crash Data
   o Amanda shared the link for the National Safety Council Crash Report.
   o Both states are seeing lower traffic volume with instances of increased speed. Kansas fatalities are slightly down, while Missouri fatalities are approximately the same.
     - Currently specific crash type trends are unknown. Both states indicated they expect reports to be made regarding trends during quarantine and how it affected crashes.
     - John reported that MoDOT data is showing a decrease of seat belt use among crash fatalities. The percentage of unbuckled fatalities had been down to approximately 60% in the last few years but has now jumped to 69%. It is unclear what has caused the change.
     - Group agreed that several agencies will likely work on some sort of the effects of COVID/quarantine on traffic.
   o Speeding
     - Matthew and John discussed that MoDOT could use continuous count sites to track speeding.
     - Carla reported that KDOT is investigating peak hour ratios and specific sites and comparing old data to current numbers.
John mentioned that a “new normal” may cause traffic demand shift.

3) Observational Studies
   - Jenny reported that KDOT has continued as scheduled with the annual adult observational seat belt survey.
   - Mindy reported that MoDOT is also conducting its statewide belt study.
     - Tamara reported that the KC Area has delayed its surveys because current traffic is not typical behavior.
   - Collectively the group speculated how the numbers and trends could be affected by fewer drivers on the roads.

4) Other Updates
   - No updates were reported.

5) Next meeting: Tuesday, August 4th, 9 a.m.