



## Destination Safe Committee Meeting Summary

July 30, 2025 | 9:00am – 10:30am

MARC Lewis & Clark Room

600 Broadway Blvd, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64105

Sherri Miller, Missouri Co-Chair  
Jen Jordan-Spence, Kansas Co-Chair

### Attendance:

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Ericka Ross, MoDOT	Noel Schneider, KDOT
Paul Bushore, MARC	Cpl. Justin Ewing, MSHP
Bob Renton, Charlie's House	Alicia Hunter, MARC
Tia Bigus, Platte County Health Dept.	Bobby Evans, MARC
Jen Jordan-Spence, City of Gardner	Ron Achelpohl, MARC
Debra Huwar, MoDOT MCRS	Michael Kelley, BikeWalkKC
Ingrid Vandervort, KDOT	Sgt. Jeff Buck, Independence PD
Jessica Giacone, St. Lukes Hospital	Cara Elbert, Shockey Consulting
Phyllis Larimore, Children's Mercy Hospital	Jerry Bollinger, Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly
Lori Unruh, NKC Hospital	Tiffany Baylark, KS SHP
Courtney Nowland, KS Traffic Safety Resource Office	Kathy Zents, Safety & Health Council of MO & KS
Sherri Miller, Beacon Mental Health	Jay Johnson, Clay County Commissioner
Jason Gilbert, Warrensburg PD	Martin Rivarola, MARC
Kelly Alvarez, MoDOT	Joshua Martinez, City of Liberty
Rose Simone, The Research Foundation	Brandon Grantham, Grandview PD
John Miller, FHWA	Kevin Kroll, Toole Design
Beth Markley, Children's Mercy Hospital	Anna Riley, MADD
Bret Glendening, City of Osawatomie	

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### 1. **Welcome & Introductions!**

### 2. **Vote: May Meeting Summary**

Jason Gilbert moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 28. Michael Kelley seconded the motion; no opposition was made. Meeting minutes approved.

### 3. **Discussion / Vote: FY26 DS Coalition Work Plan: Priority Objectives** (10-20 min)

Alicia Hunter, MARC, presented survey results for the fiscal year 2026 priority objectives. The Destination Safe Coalition Work Plan includes eight (8) supporting strategies. Each strategy includes several objectives (20 total) to help achieve each strategy. To concentrate better efforts, last year the Coalition agreed to select a few objectives the Coalition would prioritize each year. The Coalition was tasked with reviewing the work plan and taking a survey ranking which objectives should be the priority for fiscal year 2026.

The survey received 20 responses, two (2) fewer than last year. Respondents selected six (6) objectives of which some had similarities and were combined.

#### **Top Ranked**

- 1) \*Support the development of SS4A planning efforts\*
  - Provide access to annual crash data = Crash Data Dashboard
  - Use safety data to drive project prioritization = Review sub-allocated safety scoring criteria
- 2) S6.1 Support projects and policies that improve safety for all road users, such as complete streets and local Vision Zero efforts
  - Provide and promote opportunities for Coalition members learn about safety policies and projects for all road users
- 3) S8.2 Support plans and studies that highlight the importance of improved pedestrian, bicycle, and transit opportunities
  - Provide and promote opportunities for Coalition members learn about the importance of improved safety
- 4) S5.1 Promote public education programs that target high-risk demographics
  - Develop targeted messages through KDOT Social Media Campaign Strategy

A comment was received for Priority Objective 4, recommending that data results be gathered for the educational programs, to help determine changes and success as a result of program implementation.

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Michael Kelley moved to approve the FY26 Destination Safe Coalition Work Plan Priority Objects, as discussed. Bret Glendening seconded the motion; no opposition was made. FY26 Priority Objectives approved.

#### 4. **Presentation: Driver's Education Program** (15-20 min)

Courtney Nowland, presented on the [KTSRO's Driver's Education Program](#). Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office is a program of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and Developing Caring Communities Committed to Action (DCCCA). KTSRO's mission is to provide public information and education to protect Kansans from avoidable injury or death on Kansas roadways.

KTSRO developed a Driver's Education Tool Kit with funding provided by KDOT and State Farm Insurance. The tool kit includes a:

- Flash drive with a PowerPoint presentation
- Binder with speaker notes
- Your Guide to the Road: Parent guide and driving log

The tool kit is designed to be used at parent meetings to help parents understand what will be taught to students during Driver's Ed. Additionally, the tool kit has been useful for parents of teens with no school-based Driver's Ed. or no close access to private driving school, to teach Driver's Ed. to their own kids.

#### 5. **Presentation: FY26 DS Transportation Safety Call for Projects – Award Announcements** (10-15 min)

DOT partners, Noel Schinder (KDOT) and Debra Huwar (MoDOT) presented the awarded projects for the fiscal year 2026 Destination Safe's Transportation Safety Call for Projects.

KDOT received three applications and fully awarded funds to Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City Kansas education and community outreach project.

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### Wyandotte VZ

**Agency:** Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City  
Kansas

**Program Area:** Education / Community Outreach

Aiming to educate community and local schools on:

- Pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Basic traffic safety practices

**Request:** \$ 20,000



MoDOT received 23 applications requesting approximately \$320,768. Of the requested amount, MoDOT awarded funds to 21 applicants, totaling \$221,677.

Grant Recipient	Program	Awarded Amount	Requested Amount
Beacon Mental Health	Youth Leadership Summit Oct 2025	\$10,800	\$10,800
BikeWalk KC	OUTREACH Helmets, Safety Lights, Hang Tags, Plastic Bags	\$10,070	\$10,070
Charlie's House	Roadway Safety Advancement	\$5,000	\$18,350
Children's Mercy	Education & Car Seats	\$9,300	\$14,407
Grandview PD	3 Lidar Stalker Speed Detection Devices	\$6,105	\$6,105

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Independence PD	Winter Gear for increased motorcycle enforcement during winter months	\$5,000	\$10,100
Lafayette Health Dept	Car Seats and Education	\$13,340	\$13,340
M A D D	Saturation Saturday Events and DUI awards for law enforcement	\$14,000	\$14,000
Mid-America Regional Council (Head Start)	Car Seats for Head Start under served communities	\$20,000	\$20,000

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Platte County Health Dept	Car Seats and Education	\$15,775	\$15,775
Pleasant Hill PD	4 solar powered radar speed signs	\$9,600	\$19,600
Ray County PD	2 mobile radios	\$7,200	\$14,450
Raymore PD	Traffic Cones	\$6,811	\$6,811
Research Foundation Think First	Teen Traffic Safety Education (ThinkFirst School Program) (Court Ordered Young Traffic Offender Program)	\$12,815	\$12,815
Safety & Health Council	Car Seats- Cass County	\$5,000	\$10,000

Grant Recipient	Program	Awarded Amount	Requested Amount
Sedalia PD	TAPCO Radar Feedback Signs for Pedestrian Crosswalk	\$8,700	\$17,498
Sedalia School Dist Smith Cotton	Pedestrian Crosswalk systems , Tiger Pride Blvd & Smith Cotton HS Parking Lot	\$9,500	\$19,152
UCM Public Safety Department	TAPCO Blinker Signs – Crosswalks (10) UMC Campus	\$12,500	\$12,500
University of MO First Impact	Educational Program Parents and Teens Graduated Drivers License Course	\$15,000	\$15,000

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### 6. Other Business

- [Planner's Roundtable – August 15](#)

- Quarterly gathering of the Kansas City region's planning professionals and those interested in planning topics. Opportunity to share and learn planning news, activities, and initiatives within their community and the region. AICP CM credits available. Use the link above or the QR code below for more information and to register for this in-person event.



- [Kansas Teen Transportation Safety Conference](#)

- November 12-13 | Manhattan, KS
- For registration information or additional questions, contact Jenny Lancaster at: [jlancaster@dccca.org](mailto:jlancaster@dccca.org)

- [Keeping Your Teen Driver Safe \(linked\)](#) – First Impact

- August 7 | Independence, MO
- Free event, click the link above to register.

- NHSTA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) Missouri Highway Safety Division offers grants. To learn more visit

<https://www.savemolives.com/mcrs> (linked) - Debra Huwar, MoDOT MCRS

- [National Week Without Driving](#) (linked) challenge runs from September 29 through October 5. This event challenges those who have the option to drive to opt-out of driving themselves in car and find other ways of travelling to get where you need and want to go. BikeWalkKC is one of the organizations in this region organizing efforts to encourage participation in this challenge. – Michael Kelley, BikeWalkKC.

- [Become a Child Passenger Safety Technician](#) – Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office

**Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.**

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2025 - 2026 Destination Safe Committee Meetings					
Destination Safe Committee 9:00-10:30 AM		DS Public Information & Education Subcommittee* 10:30-11:15 AM		DS Data Subcommittee* 10:30-11:15 PM	
07/30/2025	Hybrid	DS CSAP Advisory Group Meeting #2 Understand 10:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.			
09/24/2025	Hybrid	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
11/19/2025	Hybrid	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
01/28/2026	Hybrid	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
03/25/2026	Hybrid	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
05/27/2026	Hybrid	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

\*During the MARC-DS SS4A CSAP Project period of performance, DS Subcommittees will meet as needed based on the project schedule, tasks, milestones, and deliverables.

2025 – 2026 Destination Safe Executive Committee Meetings 2:00- 3:30 PM	
06/16/2025	Hybrid
08/20/2025	Hybrid
10/15/2025	Hybrid
12/17/2025	Hybrid
02/18/2026	Hybrid
04/15/2026	Hybrid

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