

Executive Leadership Team
SKYPE Meeting
May 28, 2020
2:00- 3:30 p.m.
Helena, Montana



VISION ZERO
zero deaths · zero serious injuries
MONTANA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Attended by:

Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction
Colonel Thomas Butler, Montana Highway Patrol
Britani Laughery, Montana League of Cities and Towns representative
Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorney's Association &
Montana Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association
John Iverson, Government Affairs Director, Montana Tavern's Association
Sheila Hogan, Director, Montana Department of Health and Human Services
Judge Mary Jane Knisely, Yellowstone County, 13th Judicial Court
Bryan Page, Regulatory Program, Department of Labor and Industry
Becky Schlauch, Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator, Department of Revenue
Michael Tooley, Director, Montana Department of Transportation & Governor's Highway Safety
Representative
Lucia Olivera, FHWA Montana Division Administrator

Staff:

Lynn Zanto, Rail, Transit and Planning Division Administrator, MDT
Pam Langve-Davis, Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP), MDT
Kevin Dusko, State Highway Traffic Safety Impaired Driving Safety Planner, MDT and CHSP Impaired
Driving Emphasis Area Chair

Not in attendance:

Governor Steve Bullock
Tim Fox, Attorney General, Montana Department of Justice
Eric Bryson, Executive Director, Montana Association of County Officials
Beth McLaughlin, Office of Court Administrator- Montana Supreme Court
Senator Diane Sands
Rhonda Schaffer, Director, Office of State Public Defender
Jason Smith, Director, Office of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office

CHSP Update

Lynn Zanto, MDT Administrator of the Rail, Transit and Planning Division provided a brief update on the 2020 Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP) Update. The CHSP is required to be updated every five years. Other requirements include the process be data-driven, considers all road users and include the 4Es. The update process began in the fall of 2019 and is anticipated to be completed by late summer 2020. To date the development process has included formation of the Advisory Committee (AC) that will oversee the update process. The AC is comprised of numerous multi-agency and state safety partners that represent transportation modes and are safety experts of the 4Es transportation safety disciplines- education, enforcement, emergency response and engineering.

The AC has developed the CHSP purpose statement, confirmed the CHSP vision, determined the CHSP Interim goal, analyzed data, and identified emphasis areas.

The CHSP purpose statement reads: We will focus our resources strategically, where opportunities for saving lives are greatest, through a collaborative process to reduce deaths and life changing motor vehicle injuries in Montana by using education, enforcement, emergency response and engineering strategies to improve the health and lives of Montanans.

The CHSP vision for Montana's CHSP and All Montanans remains the same. All travelers in Montana arrive safely at their destination with Zero deaths and Zero serious injuries on Montana's roads.

The interim goal was discussed at the October 2019 Executive Leadership Team meeting. The interim goal measures annual progress in reducing fatalities and suspected serious injuries on Montana's roadways. Because Montana had already met the previous interim goal Director Tooley recommended resetting the starting point. The interim goal is to reduce deaths and life changing injuries on Montana's roadways by half, from 952 in 2018 to 476 by 2030.

Four emphasis areas have been identified. Three of these remain the same and the fourth has been added to enhance focus on Emergency Response/ After-Crash Care. Increased focus will be given to Speed Related Crashes and Distracted Driving and will be included in a current emphasis area. The four emphasis areas are-

- Roadway Departure & Intersection Related Crashes
 - speed related
 - distracted driving
- Impaired Driving
- Unrestrained Occupants
- Emergency Response/ After-Crash Care

With the data driven emphasis areas identified the next steps include

- identifying emphasis area champions to engage safety partners, facilitate meetings, implement strategies, and track and report progress
- determine appropriate strategies for Montana
- consider opportunities for action; and
- develop work plans.

2019 Preliminary Crash Data

Director Tooley provided a brief overview of the preliminary 2019 crash data focusing on overall total and emphasis area related fatalities and suspected serious injuries. Overall, Montana continues to see a downward trend with deaths and life changing injuries decreasing. Tooley reiterated that he supports the American Association of State Highway Traffic Officials (AASHTO) President Patrick McKenna's renewed focus on safety and zero goal by 2040. Tooley said resetting the interim goal is attainable

State's 2020 Response to Impaired Driving Assessment

Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving program manager, MDT provided an overview of the NHTSAs Impaired Driving Assessment for Montana and Response and the requirement of States to respond to the Assessment annually. Dusko briefly presented on six priority recommendations and the response provided by the Impaired Driving emphasis area members. A motion was made to approve the State's 2020 response to the Impaired Driving Assessment. Becky Schlauch approved the motion, Sheila Hogan second the motion. Judge Knisley abstained from voting. No objects were voiced. The motion was approved.

Impaired Driving Workplan

NHTSA requires annual approval of the Impaired Driving workplan. As part of the CHSP, the Impaired Driving workplan remains the same and will be the workplan leading into FFY 2021. A motion was made to approve the Impaired Driving workplan for FY 2021. Sheila Hogan approved the motion, Bryan Page second the motion. Judge Knisley abstained from voting. No objects were voiced. The motion was approved.

Safety Activities & Outreach

Tooley provide an update on safety strategies since the meeting in October. Safety partners said to do more of what works. Safety strategies are ongoing and continue to be enhanced, including

- Installation of more safety countermeasures, including roundabouts, rumble stripes and other safety improvements.
- Enhanced public education and outreach on operating through safety improvements and on roadways.
- Training for Child passenger seat (CPS) training technicians and CPS recertification
- Renewed efforts with county and medical professionals regarding car seats and installation
- Building safety networks to enhance collaboration of safety messaging and outreach
- Creating innovative virtual training opportunities

Vision Zero Collaborate Efforts Across Agencies

Office of Public Instruction Superintendent Elsie Arntzen shared a safety effort being offered through the school system to K-8 students to promote awareness of school bus laws. The Superintendent and the family of Jordana Hubble invited students to participate in a school bus safety poster contest. Jordana Hubble is a the 6-year old girl that was hit by a car November 12, 2019, as she got off the bus. She is still recovering from injuries sustained due to a driver failing to stop for a stopped School bus.

Judge Knisley provided a brief description of the State Judicial Outreach Liaison (SJOL) Program. The SJOL program was established to educate judges on the front-line through peer-to-peer interactions. The State JOL will compliment current efforts of promoting safety highway traffic safety. Judge Knisely' also briefly discussed teleservices court services during COVID.

Tooley mentioned the work yet to be done and who would carry issues forward. Issues include

- Codification of DUI Laws
- Primary Seat Belt Law
- Potential increased of roadway crashes if recreational marijuana passes
- Educational issues of CBD oil

It was noted that work is ongoing on the efforts towards codifying DUI laws, primary seat belt law, and impacts of recreational marijuana on roadway safety.

Britani Laughery asked about data review of transportation related work injuries and deaths to identify a broader audience for safety messaging.

Next Steps

In preparation for the next ELT meeting that is planned for October and with consideration of possible transition within agencies Director Tooley asked members to delegate representatives to ensure that the momentum in reducing deaths and life changing injuries does not end. Continued implementation

and engagement are necessary to reach Vision Zero. Tooley asked that members submit delegate information to the ELT Secretary, Pam Langve-Davis to begin outreach.

Announcements & Adjournment

The October 2020 Executive Leadership Team is tentatively scheduled to follow the annual Transportation Safety Meeting scheduled for October 5 -6, 2020. Information will be sent in advance.