Traffic Safety Council Notes
July 10, 2008

Blue italicized writing indicates an action item.

Present: Phil DeCabooter (DTSD), Anna Richter (OPBF), Dennis Hughes (BOTS), Steve Olson (OPA), Rebecca Yao (DTSD), Bill Bremer (FHWA), Cody White (DSP-LTE), and Laura Andréasson (BOTS).

Attention: All agendas, notes, and handouts are available to those that have access to the DOTNet. Look under the Traffic Safety Council section of the DSP/BOTS area. Please call me if you have trouble finding it.

1. SHSP – Establish Timeline, Strategy, Etc.

Hughes: Handout of SHSP strawman proposal. Explained that BOD recently refreshed the Department’s strategic plan and included efforts to continue implementing SHSP.
DeCabooter: SEEG (Safety Executive Engineering Group) includes Bureau Director level from BPD, BOO, and Deputy Administrator participates as do Safety Engineering level (Rebecca, Phil, Bill). Meet to discuss policy level safety concerns within the Bureaus. Get executive level guidance for safety engineering people in office and out in regions. Inform which initiatives are being undertaken. Input across organization lines. Engineers and DSP/BOTS side.
Bremer: Ensuring communication of whatever happens in TSC in coordinating and collaborating
Yao: Last SHSP had engineering elements and SEEG is interested in anything that increases presence.
Hughes: AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan elements were in our SHSP.
Olson: Are we only to include elements of what DOT does?
DeCabooter: Best practices from FHWA?
Bremer: NCHRP documents and others can be used. Writing a plan means nothing if there is no implementation. Does it mean that it shifts priorities? Seek funding from the legislature? This is the right time to start this discussion. Existing plan → follow-up with what worked/didn’t work → how did County Highway Safety Commissions get involved. Borrow initiatives from other states (i.e. MN reactive approach to metro areas and proactive approach to rural areas?).
   1. Coalesce interest groups and stakeholders.
   2. Changes to strawman proposal (attached with minutes in e-mail) should be discussed at August meeting.
   3. Compile “Lessons Learned” from prior sessions.
All: August 7th meeting should discuss who to compile document – Hire an LTE?
   4. Bill will check to make sure HSIP funds can be used.

5. Member Reports (ALL)

Olson: TSR included solicitation for updating SHSP. Fatalities still down – continuing low numbers. Five and ten year averages by month handout.
Bremer: GCHS August 20th – 21st. Rulemaking closed on HSIP.
Hughes: Farm Tech Days – DOT exhibit Brown County. Town Hall meeting on impaired driving tentatively scheduled for August 14th (confirmed). Meeting is a joint venture with MADD and UW Resource Center on Impaired Driving.

Next Meeting – 9:30 AM, Thursday, August 7, 2008, Waukesha Conference Room (Rm 701, HFSTB)

Note that the teleconference number has changed – (DOT TEL DTSD NC TConf1 888-557-8511 Access 4289435 Host 4892).