

**Vision Zero Truckee Meadows Task Force
Meeting Summary**

Monday, August 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Contact ddoenges@rtcwashoe.com for questions and meeting invite

The VZTM Meeting began at 9:01 a.m.

Welcome/Introductions:

Paul Nelson, RTC Government Affairs Officer, worked at Channel 2 for 21 years, covering local politics, state politics and interacting with federal politicians. He looks forward to working with everyone.

- New Members

No new members present.

VZTM Task Force:

Dan Doenges (RTC), Nicole Coots (RTC), Lauren Ball (RTC), James Weston (RTC), Maria Paz Fernandez (RTC), Joe Dibble (WCHD), Graham Dollarhide (RTC), Juan Balbuena (NDOT-FHWA), Nick Mannering (Renown), Albert Jaquez (NDOT), Shawn Congden (Sparks PD), Amanda Brandenburg (DPS), Hao Xu (UNR), Kurt Dietrich (City of Reno), Paul Nelson (RTC), Pat Gallagher (Parsons), Matthew Brown (COR), Tiffany May, Robbie Pape (SRTS), Lolita Davis (RTC), Marjorie Martin (RTC).

Guests Present:

Kevin Tice (NV Office of Traffic Safety), Carrie Krupp (Office of Traffic Safety), Amber Bowsmith (RTC), Lacey Tisler (NDOT), Rita Hill (NHTSA), Scott Kelley (UNR), Cole Peiffer (Alta Planning).

Business/Update:

- FARS Crash Data Update and Trends

Dan Doenges presented fatalities statewide on a monthly basis and total crashes. He stated crashes are up for the year compared to last year, pedestrian levels are not as high, not a good year for motorcyclists, and no bicyclists fatalities.

- National Science Foundation – Smart and Connected Communities Grant Proposal (Cole Peiffer, Alta Planning; Scott Kelley, UNR)

Cole Peiffer, Dr. Howe and Scott Kelley are working on the Smart and Connected Communities Grant Proposal. Cole Peiffer requested a formal letter of support from the VZTM Task Force to ensure some future collaboration, if the proposal is accepted. He provided some background on the proposal, such as going out and doing a survey of community members, i.e., bicyclists or pedestrians, to identify locations that feel unsafe, then compare through a crash analysis, identifying areas that have been shown to be unsafe. Then provide locations to study using portable LIDAR sensors. The goal is to define near misses and countermeasures for making those areas safer. The grant has two phases: first phase would be planning to identify those locations. Scott Kelley is working on hosting geodesign workshop. Need to pull in the community and community partners. Letters of collaboration are a key component of these grant submissions.

The project, if funded, would start June or July 2023.

Scott Kelley will forward letter language to Vision Zero Task Force. Nicole Coots will produce the letter template.

- Review of Vision Zero Action Plan Update

Graham Dollarhide has been working with some of the local entities to gather information. Initial Vision Zero Action Plan was adopted in 2019. New funding has become available. The intent is to incorporate those elements into the update to better position us for federal funding and for some of the new funding that can help knock out some projects beneficial towards our goal. Also incorporating new safety data and capital type projects into the update. Graham hopes to have the draft version of the update at the end of August. He stated we are also working on our grant application materials for the safe streets and roads for all programs. Submission deadline is mid-September.

- Potential Funding Opportunities (Safe Streets for All)

Dan Doenges stated that the maximum amount of \$50 million is being requested. He stated there will be standing meeting with the local jurisdictions until the grant is ready to be submitted, which would be September 15th. Working to tie the grant application to Vision Zero Plan.

James Weston provided a presentation on “Identifying Safety Concerns”. Topics discussed were the analysis RTC performs to identify safety issues, such as Network Screening and the two types, including Observed Crashes and Predictive Method. He also presented an overview of the RTC’s use of EPDO to come up with safety scores. James stated the MIRE FDE is required to be delivered by 2026, and presented data requirements and future MIRE requirements. He further discussed the topics on FHWA proven countermeasures and Crash Modification Factors.

- New Bus Tail Campaign Launched in July

Dan Doenges stated through grant funding, RTC was able to launch the New Bus Tail Campaign last month.

Nicole Coots provided photographs and an update on the campaign signs installed on multiple buses. She stated there are 20+ signs and will most likely run for a couple of months.

- Vision Zero Truckee Meadows Task Force and Agency Updates

Dan Doenges suggested creating a press release to remind people to take it slow in school zones. He commented on the upcoming time change, recycling previous Dusk2Dawn posters and getting the word out.

Lauren Ball to provide a refreshed Dusk2Dawn press release from previous years to send out to PR team for review and post this week.

Other items/future agenda items:

Dan Doenges cited on Rebecca Kapuler no longer with the RTC.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2022

The meeting ended at 9:47 a.m.