

The NTIMC held a full Coalition meeting in Washington, DC on Wednesday, September 30, 2009. Attendees received Coalition partner updates and reports from the working groups formed in the spring. The group also discussed the NTIMC Roadmap and reviewed upcoming member events.

Second Meeting with US DOT Executives Planned for December

Coalition and TSAG leadership will conduct a second meeting with US DOT Executives on December 16, 2009. Topics that



will be discussed include how the Coalition is making progress towards implementing the National Unified Goal (NUG) for TIM progress to date among State, regional, and local transportation agencies, outreach to other offices within the Department of Transportation, and progress in addressing the NUG communication technology strategies.

NTIMC Foundation

The Foundation grant making process has been emailed to members with a request for comments. Foundation leadership is considering assembling a working group to discuss the solicitation of funds once the grant making process is adopted. The final draft of the operating procedures has been distributed for voting with ballots due back by October 12. Representatives are still needed on the Foundation to represent law enforcement, emergency medical services, and the general public. Please contact Donna Clark at donna.clark@atssa.com if you are interested or would like to recommend someone.

FHWA Emergency Transportation Operations FY 10 Planned Activities

Paul Jodoin reviewed planned activities for FHWA Emergency Transportation Operations in FY10. Some of the items discussed included:

- Complete and distribute a revised *TIM Handbook & Best Practices in TIM*.
- Consolidate all TIM guidance, products and tools into the *Best of Traffic Incident Management CD*.
- Conduct TIM practitioner workshops in top 10 metropolitan areas.
- Create a NUG training module.
- Establish a TIM Peer-to-Peer and domestic scan program.
- Conduct 4 webinars to discuss various TIM topics.
- Assist NTIMC with a National Virtual TIM Conference to allow communication among remote locations.
- Develop the FY09 TIM Self Assessment Report and conduct the FY10 TIM Self Assessment.
- Continue work on TIM performance metrics that also includes secondary crashes.
- Launch the TIM Performance Measurement Knowledge Sharing System.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

December 16, 2009

NTIMC/TSAG Executive Briefing to US DOT

November 20 – 22, 2009

American Towman Exposition

January 6 – 8, 2010

National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Annual Meeting

January 10 – 14, 2010

TRB 89th Annual Meeting

Working Group Activities

Communications and Training Working Group

Planning is underway for the 2010 National Virtual TIM Conference. The FHWA Resource Center is prepared to offer assistance with web-conferencing capabilities for this event. The National Virtual TIM Conference could be a good place to introduce the Foundation since there will not be a TIM event at TRB in 2010.

Practices & Procedures Working Group

The group is considering development of a lane designation issues brief and recommendation to present to the Temporary Traffic Control Committee at the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Annual Meeting in January. To assist with this effort the group would determine the current practice and/or preference by polling agencies such as State DOTs, toll facilities, State Police, etc.

The Practices & Procedures working group will conduct a technical review and provide comments on the TIM Handbook.

Research Working Group

In June 2009, a new project was approved under the SHRP 2 Reliability Research Program for training and certification of traffic incident responders (Project L12). A focus group on certification was conducted in August and a list has been developed of core competencies that should be included in a training and certification program for emergency responders. As part of this project, a certification model scan will also be conducted. Work is continuing on the development of a course that will be a two (2) day train-the-trainer. Within that course will be a one (1) day practitioner course. There will be a pilot test in two (2) states; Indiana, which will serve as the newer model state and Georgia, which will serve as the experienced state. These courses will be held in May 2010.

Task 221 of NCHRP 20-07 will summarize findings and approaches related to TIM safety and will establish a set of recommendations for national action to enhance the safety of TIM workers. Currently, a literature review and preliminary research agenda are being developed for this project. A workshop will be conducted in March for those who have experience with research in this area.

Transportation Safety Advancement Group

The TSAG Case Study Series includes operational lessons and also have a technological focus. NTIMC members are encouraged to share case study ideas with TSAG as well as participate in case study development meetings. The most recent case study focused on the bus crash near Mexican Hat, Utah. The next case study will focus on Next Generation 911 (NG911). TSAG has been asked by RITA and NHTSA to develop logical next steps for USDOT support on continued development of NG911.

Industry News

- Congressman Ellsworth (D) of Indiana's 8th Congressional District is drafting legislation to establish a roadside emergency worker safety grant program.
- The Final Rule for the next edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices is expected by the end of 2009.
- The inaugural meeting of the Trucking Industry Mobility and Technology Coalition (TIMTC) was held October 6 – 7 in conjunction with the American Trucking Association's Management Conference & Exhibition. Membership is open to anyone and a follow-up webinar will be held to discuss the Coalition's first annual meeting. For more information visit www.freightmobility.com.

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