

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION MTSC

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present

Carol Heinowski
Kim Kelly
Rick Arnold
Jeffrey Lee
Michael Prince
John Harris
Randy Coplin
Jeremy Worm
Helen Zeerip

Commissioners Absent

Michelle Taylor

OHSP Staff

Spencer Simmons
Emily Upton
Kara Rueckert
Ross Anderson
Kimberlee Kenyon
Jessica Riley
Charlotte Kilvington

Guests

Michelle Zemla
George Bracco
Jon Crippin
Mickey Blashfield
Carol Flannagan
Charlie Culton
Scott Kennedy
Josh Weise
Karen Thornburg
Daniel Litzner

ROLL CALL

The Michigan Truck Safety Commission meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made by those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the May 12, 2021, subject to the verification of attendance of members. Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION - CMV Crash Data Updates – Dr. Carol Flannagan, UMTRI

Presentation will be sent out to all the commissioners.

STANDING REPORTS/UPDATES

A. Chair's Report – Capt. Rick Arnold

We have done some recent speed operations. We are finding that speeding has been a factor in many crashes in the last year and a half. We recently did a speed operation with other law enforcement agencies in the state that was organized by OHSP, we found some egregious speed violations.

Ionia westbound has a reconfigured bypass lane. Eventually Fowlerville will eventually have this reconfigured as well. The reconfiguration now allows vehicles to pull into two lanes, one that allows the trucks to pass by slowly and get back onto the highway and the other to pull into the weight station.

B. Commissioners' Perspectives

John Harris – There renewal cycle for CDL licenses has changed, people will now only need to come in person to renew once every twelve years.

Hours will be extended at branch offices until September 30th, this is to allow more appointments and try to reduce the backlog.

There is a package of bills called the decriminalization bills that will take effect October 1st, they are non-moving, non-traffic related, failure to appear in court, failure to comply, they will be terminated.

Effective February 2, 2022, we will be implementing the entry level CDL training program. That will implement some minimum standards for new drivers.

Helen Zeerip – No report today.

Carol Heinowski – No report today.

Randy Coplin – No report for today.

Kim Kelly – No report for today.

Jeff Lee – We are having a labor issue currently, a lot of workers in the industry are working a lot of hours, COVID did not slow us down at all.

Mike Prince – We had a seatbelt enforcement in May. Following that we had a statewide belt survey. We see an increase in fatal crashes, but a decrease in non-fatal crashes. Seatbelt use, speed, and impaired or distracted driving could all be culprits to that.

Jeremy Worm – No report today.

C. Enforcement Grant Activity – Lt. George Bracco – MSP CVED

STET Activity – Year to Date Totals

ACTIVITY	FY21 TSF YTD	FY21 TZD YTD
Stops	3232	31
Inspections	2556	31
Verbal Warnings	2352	22
Citations	1153	13
TOTAL HOURS	5564.66	37.50

CMV-Related Fatal Crashes Comparison – FY 2021 Year to Date Totals

CMV INVOLVED CRASHES	FY21 YTD	FY20 YTD	Percentage change YTD
CMV Fatal Crashes	27	45	-40%
Total Fatal Crashes	461	447	+3%

STET Activity 10-1-20 till 4-30-21. Crash data source: TCRS on 5-03-21.

TACS Update: During a recent review of the activity generated by the TACS system. This activity is from two locations.

11-1-20 to 3-12-21	59 tire violations
3-15-21 to 4-30-21	88 tire violations of which 45 were Out of Service

D. FY2021 Project Updates – Charlotte Kilvinton – OHSP

No changes since the last meeting.

MTSC Annual Report

The 2020 MTSC Annual Report was posted on February 4, 2021 online at:
https://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-72297_64773_22760---,00.html.

FY2021 projects:

Project: Truck Driver Safety Education Project

Recipient: Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)

Grant Award: \$1,127,000

Description: Fund staffing and administration for training programs.

Status: Grant approved.

Project: Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Enforcement and Outreach

Recipient: Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (MSP-CVED)

Grant Award: \$2,575,000

Description: Fund overtime CMV traffic enforcement.

Status: Grant approved.

Projects in exploration phase:

Project: Michigan Center for Decision Driving (MCDD) Skid Pad

Description: With the closing of the Eaton Corporation skid pad in 2015, the MCDD Committee was exploring the feasibility of a new MCDD.

Status: The MCDD conducted a virtual call on December 14, 2020 to discuss options. It was decided that the MTA and the MCTS would work with the Eaton Corporation to develop a proposal to restart the Marshall Skid Pad and bring that back to the MTSC for review and cost analysis.

Projects on hold:

Project: Records Management System for MCTS

Description: Based on the recommendations made by the 2015 UMTRI report, the MCTS may consider obtaining a records management system for all training records for trucking companies, safety managers, and CMV drivers if funding becomes available.

Status: The MCTS put this project on hold in FY2016. The costs continued to be explored in FY2021.

Project: CMV Seat Belt and Hand-Held Device Use Rate Study

Description: This research project conducts direct observation surveys regarding CMV drivers' seat belt and hand-held device use rates. This project was completed in 2015 and is updated every 2-3 years.

Status: This project has been tabled for future consideration.

Project: Truck Safety Road Team

Description: The Road Team had been a MCTS-sponsored event in the past. Various members supported resurrecting this educational program that involves taking a truck to various locations to educate drivers on how to share the road safely with large vehicles.

*This project has been tabled for future consideration.

E. Financial Report – Mr. Spencer Simmons – OHSP

Total Revenues:

1. Received/Expended YTD- \$2,127,365
2. Annual Budget- \$2,909,000
3. Remaining Budget- \$781,635
4. % Received/Expended YTD- 73.13%

Total Expenditures:

1. Received/Expended YTD – \$985,864
2. Annual Budget – \$3,862,881
3. Remaining Budget – \$2,877,017
4. % Received/Expended YTD – 25.52%

Excess of Revenues over Expenditures:

1. Received/Expended YTD – \$1,141,501
2. Annual Budget – -\$953,881
3. Remaining Budget – -\$2,095,382

Fund Balance:

1. Total Beginning Fund Balance YTD- \$4,040,994
2. Ending Fund Balance YTD- \$5,182,495
3. Ending Fund Balance Annual Budget- \$3,087,113

F. Education Grant Activity – Ms. Michelle Zemla – MCTS

GOAL ONE Provide commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety training to CMV drivers and industry personnel (1500)

The Center has provided training to 160 individuals to date for the 2nd quarter of FY21. The training was provided via zoom and was industry requested.

GOAL TWO Strengthen CDL Programs by providing outreach to include seminars and community events (5000)

The Center has provided training seminars to 766 individuals to date for the 2nd quarter of FY21. The seminar training was provided via zoom and was industry requested.

In addition to the industry requested seminar training and outreach, the Center offers Facebook Live events and ongoing zoom programs. The Center has reached 693 individuals through ongoing prescheduled Zoom topics. The Center has also reached many individuals via Facebook Live events with 2021 views.

G. Skid Pad Update – Mickey Blashfield

1. Securing a viable, safe facility: Eaton Marshall, MI Facility

A. Preferential access/residency fee (annual, includes utilities, wifi, etc.):	\$110,000/yr.
B. Plus daily use facility rental: \$1,936/day (x 144 days/year)	\$278,784
C. Vehicle storage @ \$200/vehicle/month: \$2,400 (X 4 vehicles)	\$9,600
D. Onsite fueling @ 15% mark up (Invoiced Monthly, cost plus markup)	\$ TBD
Annual Facility Cost (first year)	\$388,364

2. Equipment Acquisition & Maintenance Estimates

A. Acquire 4 trucks & trailers @ \$50,000* (up to 8 trucks year 2)	\$200,000*
(*Assumes availability and purchase; Donations or leasing would reduce costs)	
B. Vehicle Fuel, Maintenance, Repairs Estimate (\$150/week@ 4 vehicles/48 weeks)	\$ 28,800/yr
C. Vehicle Insurance (@\$50/day144 days)	
D. Electric signal signage, communication equipment, computers	\$12,000
E. Incidentals (Revising, printing curriculum; refrigerator, etc.)	\$10,000
Equipment & Maintenance Estimates	\$279,600

3. Operating Costs: Labor/Operations

A. Labor costs: 2.5 Trainers, 1 Admin support* (*Significant inefficiencies operating at 3 days per week...)	\$180,000
B. Employee Benefit Costs	\$ 60,000
C. Administration, technology, legal consultants, office support, marketing, etc. (To be determined and billed as indirect costs, percentage TBD)	\$ TBD
Operating Cost Projections (annual)	<u>\$240,000</u>

Total Facility & Operational Costs

\$907,964

4. Contemplated Charges for Truck Drivers

Skid pad operating days per week (Assumes 10 drivers/day)	2 days 96/yr	3 days 144/yr	5 days 240/yr
A. Charge per driver \$325-375	\$312,000/360,000	\$468,000/540,000	\$780,000/900,000
B. Cost to Driver \$110-125	\$105,600/120,000	\$158,400/180,000	\$264,000/300,000
C. MTSC Scholarship to MI Drivers \$220-250*	\$211,200/240,000	\$316,800/360,000	\$528,000/600,000

*(*Historically, when the skid pad operated from 1992-2015, the MTSC invested approximately 2/3 of the cost of each , Michigan based truck driver via scholarships, with the driver contributing 1/3 of the cost of MDDP training. The drivers and their companies have a substantial investment in the results and enough financial commitment to command their attention. The MTSC furthers its mission of improving the skills of truck drivers while improving the safety for the motoring public on Michigan roads.)*

5. Summary

The MTSC in December requested that the MTA explore the feasibility of utilizing the Eaton facility and estimating the costs associated with re-initiating the MDDP and conducting skid pad training. This conceptual framework of cost estimates are submitted to the MTSC for further discussion and review so that all parties have a clear starting point to develop next steps to utilize the Eaton facility in Marshall, MI on a leased basis and contemplate a long-term commitment to occupying, potentially partnering in expanding the facilities to maximize proactive crash avoidance training to the benefit of the Michigan trucking community and the traveling public of the state.

ACTION ITEMS

A. FY22 Funding Level Recommendations for MCTS/MSP

Budget committee has meet and has some recommendations.

Truck Education Grant - \$1,000,000.00

Enforcement Grant CVED - \$2,000,000.00

Some of the reasons that the committee recommends these amounts is due to the upcoming skid pad proposal and potential research grants for FY22.

Motion for approval made by Randy Coplin, seconded by Jeff Lee.

Randy Coplin – Approve

Jeremy Worm – Approve

John Harris – Approve

Carol Heinowski – Approve

Kim Kelly – Approve

Rick Arnold – Abstain

Helen Zeerip – Approve

Jeffery Lee – Approve

Mike Prince – Approve

Motion Carries

B. CMV Driver Shortage and Retention Research Project RFP

Randy Coplin made a motion to table Action Item B until Septembers meeting, seconded by Carol Heinowski.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed projects on hold earlier in meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.