

NEW ORLEANS REGIONAL TRAFFIC SAFETY COALITION

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Regional Transportation Management Center



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Safety and Smart Growth presentation: Meredith Soniat, Regional Planning Commission

Meredith presented an overview of the planning concept of Smart Growth and its connection to safe transportation, discussing two current studies in Jefferson Parish: Oakwood on the

Westbank and Metairie Road. Smart Growth encourages safe transportation by combining uses to allow shorter trips between residential and commercial areas; incorporating safe travel options for all users, including motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians; and considering public transit, which reduces crashes both through reduced exposure and by providing an alternative to driving after drinking.

Member/agency updates

- Tricia Keffer (NORPC): There are several upcoming statewide meetings, all occurring at state police headquarters in Baton Rouge, 12:30-3:30pm on the following dates:
 - July 14: Young Drivers
 - July 29: Occupant Protection
 - August 13: Impaired Driving
- Autumn Thompson (DOTD): The statewide safety summit will be held October 20-22. Registration should open in the next couple months.
- Dan Jatres (NORPC):
 - DOTD will be hosting a public meeting to discuss the statewide Long-Range Bicycle Map on Monday, June 22, 6:00-7:30pm, at the Regional Transportation Management Center, 10 Veterans Blvd., in New Orleans.
 - A two-day workshop to train NOPD on bicycle and pedestrian enforcement occurred earlier this week at the Transportation Management Center. This is part of a new approach the City of New Orleans is taking to educate the public on the rights and responsibilities of sharing the road.
- Bill Triay (MMAC): Work is ongoing with engineers to improve signal timing through the city. If timing is off, it can create issues for slower vehicles like bicycles moving through intersections; there is also an issue with self-driving vehicles.
- Dan Kiff (ILH): They will be moving into the new Level 1 Trauma Center on August 1.
- Rob Mire (LSP): State police are gearing up for hurricane season by preparing for the possibility of contraflow. This includes ensuring there is no construction planned that would interfere with evacuation, and educating the public on how to use it.
- Chris Laborde (NORPC): Tommy Waller, director of the Center for Security Policy, will be speaking at the emergency preparedness meeting Friday, June 19, at the Transportation Management Center. Space is limited and RSVPs are required; contact Chris at (504)483-8540 or claborde@norpc.org.
- Tammy Crumpton (NSC): Over the summer, she is working on outreach to summer camps, most in Central City, to educate on seatbelt use; Tammy has found that many kids are riding in the front seat and not using booster seats.
- Bridget Gardner (ILH):
 - On June 19 there will be a free child passenger safety technician conference at the state police training academy at 7901 Independence Blvd, Building A, in Baton Rouge; no RSVP is necessary. Presenters include Kerry Chausmer of Safe Kids Worldwide and Sarah Tilton of Britax.

- The Trauma Center is currently involved in a program to educate on the dangers of leaving children in cars in the summertime; five children have suffered heat stroke in the United States this year, one of which occurred in Baton Rouge.
- OMV booklets have been distributed to coalitions, and will be available for coalition partners' use following the Young Drivers statewide meeting next month.
- ILH employees will have new contact info once the new Trauma Center opens, so be aware if you're trying to contact them.
- Bridget offered to host an upcoming coalition meeting at the new Trauma Center to show the updates and services that will be offered.
- There will be a booster seat event on August 1 at Clearview; help from technicians or responsible teen volunteers would be much appreciated.
- Child Passenger Safety Week will occur the final week in July.
- They are planning an event in either New Orleans East or LaPlace for National Seat Check Saturday in September. This could be an opportunity for traffic safety partners to table and give out information.
- Steve Strength (LTAP):
 - LTAP is currently in a training cycle for hurricane season prep.
 - LTAP will be partnering with the coalition to host an RSA workshop in the region this fall.
 - Local safety plans are being developed for each parish statewide, which will include crash analyses and suggested locations for local road projects. Livingston and Ascension Parishes are currently piloting the program; other parishes are expected to start receiving plans by the end of the year, depending on the availability of roadway data.
- Scott Boyle (DOTD):
 - There are two big projects Scott wanted to mention, including the completion of the MacArthur interchange, which is expected to take another year, and the start of an overlay on I-10 between Causeway and Clearview.
 - About a month ago, a truck got stuck under the Pontchartrain Expressway as a result of cars parked there; cars have been removed and parking is not allowed, so that should no longer be an issue.
- Buddy Micheu (NOPD):
 - NOPD has been participating in Click It Or Ticket and writing hundreds of tickets a week; they also expect to start No Refusal events by the end of the year, hopefully increasing eventually to 24/7.
 - After participating in the bike and pedestrian enforcement training, NOPD will be passing out literature to educate bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists on laws that make interacting with each other safer. After two weeks, they will begin strictly enforcing these laws. They are currently working through questions on citations for bicyclists and whether traffic violations should result in the same penalties as motor vehicles.
- Brad McGlothren (LHSC):
 - Multi-agency checkpoints are becoming more and more common.

- There is an upcoming Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign over July 4.
 - LHSC is reviewing grant applications this week for the next grant cycle.
- Peter Maggiore (DPS/Crescent City Connection): They will be partnering on checkpoints with state police and NOPD in New Orleans East.
- Mike Ince (City of Kenner): Kenner recently received a Safe Routes to School grant and will be installing sidewalks and bike lanes.
- Charlie Thomas (Bike Law):
 - There has been an increase in hit-and-runs in which motor vehicles are hitting bicycles, so they are teaming up with state police to expedite the process of getting footage from traffic cameras.
 - He is partnering with Bike Easy to put together some education for judges to better understand bike laws.
- Stephanie Kreller (Lighthouse Louisiana): Children's Hospital purchased land next to Lighthouse Louisiana, and traffic flow will obviously change when they start construction and open for services. This is of concern to Lighthouse because so many employees and clients with visual disabilities walk along that street. The hospital will be conducting a traffic study which will include an intersection that Lighthouse is particularly interested in, State, and Tchoupitoulas, as an employee was killed there while crossing the street.
- Nicole Rizzo (DOTD): DOTD is currently updating their inventory of contraflow equipment in preparation for hurricane season.

Adjourn

Next meeting:

Wednesday, August 19, 2015; **Note that there will be no meeting in July.**

Please contact us if you have questions, comments, or corrections to these notes.

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