



Ulster County Traffic Safety Board

August 1, 2022 Meeting Summary

Approved October 3, 2022

Members In Attendance:

Tom Polk, Bicycle Program Dir, Kingston/Ulster YMCA
Lou Klepner, Town of Saugerties
Sgt. Brandon Schiller, Ulster County Sheriff's Dept.
Joseph Sinagra, Saugerties Chief of Police

Steven Rice

Members In Attendance Remotely

Giovanna Russo, MHV School Transp, Supervisors Assoc.

Advisory Members

Dennis Doyle, Planning
Brian Slack, Coordinator
David Staas, Ulster County Transportation Council (remote)

Guests

Michael Reede, New Paltz
Gabrielle O'Shea, New Paltz
Stephen O'Shea, New Paltz

Absent

Eric Kight (excused)
David Corrigan (excused)
Brendan Masterson (excused)
Egidio Tinti, City of Kingston Chief of Police

Meeting Summary

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Public Comments

Gabrielle O'Shea was present with her father, Stephen, to provide comment on their experiences travelling by bicycle and as pedestrians in Ulster County. In 2016 Gabrielle was struck by a hit and run drunk driver while riding her bicycle on Route 299 in New Paltz. She continues to suffer from significant physical and neurological damage as a result of that crash but continues to work toward recovery and independent living. In doing so, Gabrielle has sought to use the Rosendale pool and travels by bus to the Rosendale Park and Ride lot. The lack of a safe and accessible pedestrian crossing presents a significant barrier to members of the public; they therefore inquired what it would take to reexamine the feasibility of such a facility at this location. Slack indicated that he would submit a request to NYSDOT to reexamine crosswalk feasibility at the referenced location; NYSDOT Region 8 Safety Division conducted an analysis in 2015 at UCTC request.

III. Approval of Minutes – June 6, 2022

Motion made by L. Klepner; Second by T. Polk

IV. Old Business (Open Items)

a. Status of Membership & Appointments



Slack reported that the County Executive has recommended Steven Rice and Rosemary Quinn to fill two remaining vacancies. Chief Sinagra indicated that JP Gramoglia has retired from Ulster PD, which will create one final vacancy for the Ulster County Executive to fill (the TSB has 12 members).

b. Public Safety Information Campaign

i. City of Kingston Road Hero

Slack indicated that the Kingston public safety campaign (“Be a Road Hero”) is underway; placards have been made and videos are available on the Kingston website demonstrating proper use of the cycle track and 2-stage bicycle turning box. The campaign has received significant feedback online. The city is expecting to receive analytics regarding the campaign from its consultant. Slack also indicated that the Road Hero campaign will be advertised on UCAT buses this fall and that is underway; large kiosk ‘tension signs’ may also be fabricated with the campaign message as well, which could be made available in public locations.

Klepner asked if crosswalks would receive emphasis. Slack indicated that the cycle track and Broadway area would receive focus. He also inquired as to whether there be enhanced enforcement? Could technology be used to enhance enforcement? Chief Sinagra indicated that in Saugerties there will be an enhanced crosswalk enforcement campaign being initiated in the coming weeks; such an operation could be a model for enforcement elsewhere in the county. Warnings and information are distributed in advance.

General discussion regarding safety at pedestrian crossings ensued. Enhanced enforcement was raised as an ongoing need. This agenda item will be recurring.

c. Website Content

Speed Resource Page under development; Slack described resources that he is considering and asked for further input. A speed trailer inventory is being developed which will allow members of the public to see what resources might be available to them.

Sinagra indicated that equipment purchases will be an allowable expense through the Governor’s Traffic Safety Board during the next grant round (2023).

d. 2022 TSB Workplan

Moved into New Business

II. New Business

a. NYS Institute of Traffic Safety Management and Research Data – Rosemary Quinn

R. Quinn not in attendance; item postponed.

b. 2022 TSB Workplan

Slack circulated a copy of a draft outlined that was prepared by L. Klepner. The draft outline as prepared by L. Klepner is shown below:

1) [Lou] Non-motorized connectivity study



- a) *Advocate for a study which examines non-motorized connectivity between areas of significant residential and/or commercial density which could be accessed by bike in 60 mins or less (a commonly accepted threshold of time) if safe routes existed*
- 2) *[Steve] Request DOT present long term bike/ped safety improvement plans*
 - a) *Could Sandra Jobson be invited to speak at a future TSB meeting?*
- 3) *[Lou] Local crash data*
 - a) *Crashes are currently invisible to board members.*
 - b) *Starting with the group at the highest risk on our roadways, can we get a 12 month history of non-motorized crash locations in UC?*
 - c) *Can we make plans to get timely crash data updates moving forward?*
- 4) *Bike in Lane Study*
 - a) *Can we review the deployment of Narrow Lane assembly (Bike in Lane) signs in UC?*
- 5) *Collect Citizen Concerns*
 - a) *Web form to input area of concern*
 - b) *Review by board members*
 - c) *Referral to relevant agency*
- 6) *Request speed feedback trailer deployment*
 - a) *Web form for requests*
 - b) *Review by board members*
 - c) *Referral to relevant agency*

Slack recommended that the items listed be focused primarily on the 'Three E's' of Engineering, Education and Enforcement which comprise the responsibility of the TSB. A viable work plan should establish goals that are temporal, assign responsible parties, and identify clear, actionable tasks which can be measurable. Some tasks listed are primarily planning or other responsibilities outside traditional TSB scope and responsibility; in such instances, the appropriate responsible agency should just be identified. Each item was discussed individually with some ideas raised as to how the items could be formally addressed.

Brian will work to reorganize the items on the list above into a table for further discussion.

III. Other Business

None

IV. Member Updates, News & Announcements

Sinagra announced that he has been participating in the development of a multi-agency presentation titled 'Traffic Enforcement Reengagement' which has been rolled out to primarily law enforcement audiences throughout the state. The topic addresses the apparent reduction of traffic safety enforcement during the pandemic and how agencies can begin to encouraging police reengagement with the public.

T. Polk mentioned upcoming bike repair clinics sponsored by the Kingston YMCA

V. Adjourn

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