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San Antonio Traffic Jam Coalition

Thursday, January 8, 2015

Members and Visitors in attendance:

Robbi Smith	Texas Department of Transportation
Mona Lisa Zertuche	Texas Department of Transportation
Laura Lopez	Texas Department of Transportation
Josh Donet	Texas Department of Transportation
Tiffany Harris	Alamo Area Council of Governments
Leroy Alloway	Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Org.
Allison Blazosky	Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Org.
Audrey Cavazos	Bexar County
Art Pue	Bexar County District Attorney's Office
Lt. Ronald Tooke	Bexar County Sheriff's Office
Boyd Baxter	Circles of San Antonio
Steve Abrams	Citizen
Ed Cimics	City of Live Oak
Greg Reininger	City of San Antonio
Wendell Campbell	City of San Antonio Risk Management/Safety
George Williams	City of San Antonio Risk Management/Safety
Mary Lanoue Gers	Cox Media Group
David Morris	Federal Highway Administration
Melinda Cox	Johnson High School PTSA
Raul Betancourt	Joint Base San Antonio
Johnny Smith	Joint Base San Antonio
Lorrie Calderon	MADD
Trina Salazar	MADD
Lt. Heath Purvis	New Braunfels Police Department
Justin Burdette	RUI Designated Drivers
Fernando Deanda	RUI Designated Drivers
Carly McClellan	RUI Designated Drivers
Brian Bielefeld	San Antonio Police Department
David McCall	San Antonio Police Department
Tracy Powers	San Antonio Police Department
Bryant Soldevila	San Antonio Police Department
Brent Smith	San Antonio Police Department
Joel Zulaica	San Antonio Police Department

Introductions

Mona Lisa Zertuche called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

Monthly Guest Speaker

Josh Donat, Public Information Officer, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) presented on the many road and highway develops that are occurring within the San Antonio District. Josh informed the group that the mission of TxDOT is to work with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas by maintaining a safe system, addressing congestion issues, connecting Texas communities and becoming a best-in-class state agency. This presentation is on file.

Monthly Updates

Mona Lisa Zertuche updated the coalition on the following:

- Football Season Impaired Driving – Now through February 28th.
- Energy Sector – January 15th through February 28th.
- Teen Click It or Ticket – February 1st through February 28th.
- Child Passenger Safety Seat Training on January 13th through 16th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can register at [www.cert.safekids.org/log_using_course_number TX20141112996](http://www.cert.safekids.org/log_using_course_number_TX20141112996)
- Project Celebration Workshop will be on February 7th at the VIA Metro Center Community Room, 1021 San Pedro, at 8:00 a.m.

Round Table Monthly Updates

San Antonio Police Department - Captain Tracy Powers announced that San Antonio Police Department had their Yuletide Task Force Roll Call and stated that there was a extensive law enforcement presence for the holidays during December 18th through January 1st. 278 DWI arrests were made.

Bexar County District Attorney's Office – Art Pue announced that no changes have been made thus far with the new District Attorney Nico Lahood. Art also provided DWI arrests for the year 2014. DWI 2,390, DWI-2D 1,014, DWI-3D/more 680 and DWI with a BAC 0.15 or higher 2,869. Breakdown of these offenses are on file.

Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization - Allison Blazosky announced on Wednesday, January 14th will be the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee's night meeting at VIA Metro Center, Community Room at 6pm. Allison also stated that with the FY2015 TxDOT grant the AAMPO had their first safety class on January 7th.

Circles of San Antonio Community Coalition – Boyd Baxter reported that Circle of San Antonio Community Coalition will be hosting their monthly coalition meeting on January 14th Strategic Planning for Policy Advocacy at 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Boyd also announced they will be forming a committee to review in depth social hosting and underage drinking and a new software called Snaptrans that scans all social media for key words such as party, alcohol and with the information that is received they can notify authorities of an underage party. Boyd noted that this software is very new.

RUI Designated Drivers - Carly McClellan announced that RUI offers solutions and education to their riders. She mentioned that WOAI interviewed RUI over the holidays and RUI was able to retain 6 additional volunteers taking home 22 individuals in two hours utilizing five teams. Justin Burdette stated that all volunteers now use a window mount for their phones and headsets. Justin mentioned RUI is working to increase RUI's media on all college campuses.

City of San Antonio Transportation and Capital Improvement - Greg Reininger stated the City of San Antonio continues to work on their Strategic Multimodal Comprehensive Plan. They are in the data collection phase and plan a kickoff event sometime in March.

New Braunfels Police Department – Lt. Heath Purvis mentioned that the City of New Braunfels is also looking into a city ordinance for Distracted Driving.

Bexar County Sheriff Department – Lt. Ronald Tooke stated the department is gearing up for the San Antonio Stockshow in February.

Joint Base San Antonio - Johnny Smith announced there will be a motorcycle safety event at Joint Base San Antonio and a date will be announced soon.

MADD – Trina Salazar announced that MADD does have a lot of events coming up and that she will let us know as they are confirmed.

San Antonio Police Department – Officer Joel Zulaica stated they are working on coordinating several Shattered Dreams programs at various downtown high schools.

Federal Highway Administration – David Morris stated that the final statewide fatality numbers would not be available until May 2015. David did state that pedestrian fatalities were down by 20% in 2014 and work zone fatalities were up 25% to 30% in 2014.

Cox Media Group – Mary Lanoue Gers continues to offer radio spots on Cox Radio.

City of Live Oak – Ed Cimics announced there is a program called Wreaths Across America where you can purchase a wreath to be laid at a National Cemetery for the holidays. Ed announced there will be a clean-up of these wreaths on January 17th.

Texas Department of Transportation – Laura Lopez announced with the inclement weather on the way TxDOT crews are already treating the roads and the Emergency Operations Center will open tomorrow at Transguide.

Johnson High School – Melissa Cox continues to keep the Smart Driving Club active by participating in various events around San Antonio. Melinda also mentioned that Officer Green, PIO San Antonio Police Department did a hands on interview with KSAT 12 regarding the new Distracted Driving Ordinance that was very informative.

Closing Remarks:

Next Traffic Jam meeting will be held on February 11, 2015 at TransGuide.