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MINUTES
San Antonio Traffic Jam Coalition
Thursday, February 12, 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
Tiffany Harris	Alamo Area Council of Governments
Leroy Alloway	Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Org.
Audrey Cavazos	Bexar County Commissioners Court
Art Pue	Bexar County District Attorney's Office
Mario Cervantes	Bexar County Sheriff's Office
Steve Abrams	Citizen
Rebecca Pachi	City of San Antonio
Steven Zumaran	City of San Antonio District Attorney Office
George Williams	City of San Antonio Risk Management/Safety
Mary Lanoue Gers	Cox Media Group
Melinda Cox	Johnson High School PTSA
Raul Betancourt	Joint Base San Antonio
Lt. Heath Purvis	New Braunfels Police Department
Matt Engel	New Braunfels Police Department
Dawn Koester	O'Connor PTSA
Christian Bove	San Antonio Fire Department
Deborah Foster	San Antonio Fire Department
Ralph Guerra	San Antonio Fire Department/Bike Patrol
Bryant Soldevila	San Antonio Police Department
Brent Smith	San Antonio Police Department
Joel Zulaica	San Antonio Police Department
Teresa Stewart	SACADA
Rubi Mares	Teens In The Driver Seat
Karen Tucker-Engel	Texas A&M San Antonio Police Department
Maranda Tupper	UTSA Police Department

Introductions

Robbi Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

Monthly Updates

Robbi updated the coalition on the following:

- Teen Click It or Ticket – February 1-28, 2015.
- Spring Break College/Young Adult Impaired Driving Campaign – UTSA Campus March 4, 2015.
- Energy Sector Campaign– January 15 - February 28, 2015.
- Ford Motor Driving Skills for Life – Free Teen Driving Program will be held at the Manheim Auto Action on March 21-22, 2015. Registration is required, please visit www.drivingskillsforlife.com.
- Fiesta Volunteers are needed for Oyster Bake on Friday, April 17, 2015 from 5:00pm – 10:00pm and Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 9:00am – 9:00pm.
 - San AntonioTxDOT will have their first Fiesta P.A.S.S. banner to display during Fiesta and we are asking the Coalition members to assist in reaching out to businesses that will be willing to display the banner at their company location.

Round Table Monthly Updates

San Antonio Police Department – Officer Brent Smith announced since the new cell phone ordinance for the City of San Antonio went into effect January 1, 2015, the San Antonio Police Department has issued 2100 citations and/or warning for “distractive driving”. Officer Joel Zulaica stated they will be working with Reagan High School on their Shattered Dreams event scheduled for March 6, 2015. Officer Bryant Soldevila announced they will be assisting Trinity University and UTSA with their Spring Break Impaired Driving Campaigns on March 3-4, 2015 and collaborating with Ford Motor Skills for their free teen driving program scheduled for March 21-22, 2015.

Bexar County District Attorney’s Office – Art Pue announced that no further changes in staffing have been made thus far with the new District Attorney Nico Lahood. Art also stated that 15 fatalities have been identified this year and three have been alcohol related. As of date, no stats to report for the month. Additionally, Steven Zumaran introduced himself as the Director of Community Initiatives for the District Attorney’s office.

Circles of San Antonio Community Coalition – Teresa Stewart reported that SACADA is in need of Regional Needs Assessment staff person. Please contact the agency for further information.

City of San Antonio – Rebecca Pachi stated the City of San Antonio continues to work on green lanes for bikes. April 11, 2015 everyone is invited to attend the SA Tomorrow Kick-Off Event.

UTSA – Officer Maranda Tupper reminded everyone that April is Sexual Assault month. Officer Tupper also stated that she writes a monthly newsletter and if anyone has an article that you would like to contribute please let her know.

Texas A&M San Antonio – Officer Karen Tucker-Engel stated that February is Crime Prevention month on their campus. Additionally, the campus is preparing for their Fiesta event on April 26, 2015 and everyone is invited to attend.

San Antonio Fire Department Bike Patrol – Ralph Guerra stated that he is working with community partners to effectively get bike patrol involved in more community events.

San Antonio Fire Department – Christian Bove announced that the department is gearing up for the Any Baby Can event which is scheduled for April 1, 2015.

New Braunfels Police Department – Lt. Heath Purvis announced that they continue to have a manpower shortage in the department; however they will continue to manage the 2015 STEP grant. The NBPD will have the following upcoming events on their calendar: TxDOT Health and Safety Day scheduled for March 4, 2015 and Cops & Kids event slated for May 2015. Additionally, two officers received their Child Passenger Safety certifications last month.

Bexar County Sheriff Department – Deputy Mario Cervantes stated there has been extra DWI enforcement on the roads for the San Antonio Rodeo. Additionally, five deputies have been selected to work with the Ford Motor Skills team for the teen driver training program scheduled for March 21-22, 2015 at the Manheim Auto Auction.

Joint Base San Antonio – Raul Betancourt announced that the new safety video has been completed with the community partners and will be shown to the new cadets during their initial training.

Bexar County Commissioners Court – Audrey Cavazos announced that Honorable Celeste Brown is now the new judge for the DWI Court effective January 1, 2015.

Cox Media Group – Mary Lanoue stated that Autorama & World on Wheels will be coming to San Antonio March 13-15, 2015. If you would like to share your educational materials at her table please let her know at your earliest convenience.

Texas Department of Transportation – Laura Lopez announced with the inclement weather TxDOT crews are ready to keep the roads in a safe driving condition. Laura also mentioned that TxDOT has gained more popularity on the social media scene and TxDOT-SAT sends tweets and #tags on traffic safety related issues daily. Please follow TxDOT-SAT via twitter or facebook for all your updated traffic safety information.

Teens In The Driver Seat – Ruby Mares announced that the Teen Summit will take place on May 17-19, 2015 and if you would like to be an exhibitor or contribute to teen goody bags for the event please contact her at your earliest convenience. Ruby also stated that the You in the Driver Seat college program will be working on spring break initiatives.

Johnson High School – Melinda Cox announced that five students were able to visit the State Capitol on February 3, 2015 regarding House Bill 25 and the students were recognized on the House Floor. The students were able to tell their stories on the importance of not texting and driving which was the highlight of their trip to Austin. Melinda also stated that students from Johnson HS will be attending the Ford Motor Driving Skills event on March 21-22, 2015 and that the Johnson HS Driving Club is in the process of working out details to attend the Spurs game on March 20th to further share the no texting and driving message as April is Distracted Driving month.

Closing Remarks:

Next Traffic Jam meeting will be held on March 12, 2015 at TransGuide.