

MINUTES
San Antonio Traffic Jam Coalition
Thursday, August 13, 2015

Members and Visitors in attendance:

Mario Jorge P.E.	Texas Department of Transportation
Mona Lisa Zertuche	Texas Department of Transportation
Laura Lopez	Texas Department of Transportation
Cathy Zimmerman	502 ABW/SEG
Tiffany Harris	AACOG
Allison Blazosky	Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Org.
Art Pue	Bexar County District Attorney's Office
Lt. Dennis Casillas	Bexar County Sheriff's Office
Sgt. A. Pruneda	Bexar County Sheriff's Office
Ed Cimics	City of Live Oak
Rebecca Pacini	City of San Antonio TCI
Mary Lanoue Gers	Cox Media Group
Melinda Cox	Johnson High School PTSA
Matt Malone	Live Oak Police Department
Joel Zulaica	San Antonio Police Department
Mel Feldman	San Antonio Senior Shopper Shuttle
Steve Abrams	Stop Killing Cyclists
Rubi Mares	Teens In The Driver Seat
Shannon Barkwell	Teens In The Driver Seat
Orlando Moreno	Texas Department of Public Safety
Dean Cockrell	Texas Department of Public Safety
Anthony Rodriguez	Texas Department of Public Safety

Introductions

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

Monthly Guest Speaker

Monica Caban, President of the Now You See Me Foundation spoke this morning to our Traffic Jam Coalition partners. Monica is a triathlete and in 2012 she was struck by an elderly motorist and her spinal cord was severely injured. As Monica continues her recovery and working towards competing in another Ironman competition, her message is to implore motorist to be mindful that cyclists legally share the road, in hopes that

such accidents such as hers can be averted in the future. You can Google Monica Caban and see her story.

Round Table Monthly Updates

Texas Department of Transportation – Laura Lopez announced TransGuide will be celebrating their 20th anniversary with a press event on September 10th at 10:00am, located at 3500 NW Loop 410, everyone is invited.

City of San Antonio/Capital Improvements – Rebecca Pacini announced that SA Tomorrow campaign conducted 14 open house meetings throughout the City between July 23rd and August 4th. The next largest scale meeting will be October 13th at the Central Library from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. They are asking for the public input on how people would like the roadways to be in the future taking into consideration accessibility for all road users.

Bexar County Sheriff Department – Lt. Dennis Casillas requested additional “Be Kind to Cyclists” signage. I will put him in contact with that organization.

Texas Department of Public Safety – Trooper Anthony Rodriguez share with the coalition that at the age of 80 motorists has to go into the Department of Motor Vehicles to receive an updated license. This topic was discussed after hearing Monica Caban’ story.

Bexar County District Attorney’s Office – Art Pue provided year to date DWI arrests for the 2015. DWI 1923, DWI-2D 632, DWI-3D/more 406. Breakdown of these offenses are on file.

Stop Killing Cyclists – Steve Abrahm announced the City of New Braunfels adopted an ordinance prohibiting the use of cell phones while operating a motor vehicle inside the New Braunfels city limits. You can read this story at: <http://www.keyetv.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/New-Braunfels-prohibits-cell-phone-use-while-behind-the-wheel-183890.shtml>

Closing Remarks:

Next Traffic Jam meeting will be held on September 10, 2015 at TransGuide.