

AASHTO TIG Road Safety Audits
Initial Panel Meeting
TRB week / January 11, 2005 1:30 – 3:30

Attendees:

Tom Welch (IA DOT) – Co-Chair – resurfacing projects
Terecia Wilson (SC DOT) – Co-Chair – new construction projects
Louisa Ward (FHWA/DC)
Jeremy Fissel (AASHTO Staff)
Richard Thackray (Performtech)
Kathleen Bergeron (FHWA/DC Marketing)
Eugene Calvert (LTAP/Collier Co., FL)
Craig Allred (FHWA Resource Center/Denver)
Marty Lipinski (University of Memphis)
Tony Giancola (NACE)

Jeremy met with TIG Oversight Committee the previous evening – reported that the Group would like to have multiple ‘regional’ peer exchanges, rather than 1 large workshop.

Tom Welch gave presentation to the TRB Subcommittee on RSA at their meeting the previous evening.

Terecia Wilson was paged and arrived later. She accepted to Co-Chair the panel, guiding the new construction RSAs.

Group focused on their work plan. Outline:

1. Jeremy will attempt to get an RSA speaker on the agenda for the AASHTO Spring Meeting “Safety Summit” – early May 2005
2. After the AASHTO Spring Meeting, FHWA Division Administrators to Contact State DOT Chief Engineers during their monthly meeting. Have RSAs on this agenda.
3. Survey State Safety Engineers (on the listserve Rudy Umbs is developing) to see if there is interest in attending a Peer Exchange on RSAs.
4. Peer Exchange workshop. 1st to be held where there is interest in trying RSAs.

Possible Venues for Presentations on RSAs and the TIG Initiative:

5. Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety (SCOHTS) – 3/20-3/22/05
6. AASHTO SCOHTS – 8/31-9/2/05, Norfolk, VA
7. AASHTO Annual Meeting – 9/15-9/20/05, Nashville, TN
8. County Engineers Annual Meeting – give RSA presentation
9. Announcements in LTAP and NACE Newsletters
10. NACE Meeting – 4/17-4/21/05, Bismarck, ND

Items 1-4 are critical at this point. Once these action items are met, the group will proceed to fine tune the peer exchange details.

Issue of involving the State DOT Attorney was discussed. The group believed it would be beneficial to include the State Attorney early in this program for reinforcement to the State DOTs that RSAs are not a ‘liability.’

Should invite Local Governments to the peer exchanges.

Jeremy will contact Mike Baglio (PennDOT) for panel membership.

Website improvement was recommended – more stories on conducting RSAs in States and locals should be told. Also include list of which agencies are conducting RSAs (need to get their permission to be listed). Shall keep <http://www.roadwaysafetyaudits.org> as the primary site. AASHTO's TIG site will include panel members, general information, and announcements only.

FHWA currently has RSA brochures. AASHTO should work with FHWA to develop a TIG/RSA brochure for the State DOTs.

Terecia Wilson acknowledged the Southeastern Safety Coalition which was recently formed.

Craig Allred to provide Jeremy the State Contact for Safety Impact Teams in New Jersey to invite him to join the TIG and possibly speak at the AASHTO Safety Summit.

It was stressed that LTAP's participation is essential for this project to reach local governments.