



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Safe System Approach Focus Area: Safety Funding in Action

Thursday, April 27, 2023

2 PM – 4 PM

Presented Via Zoom; 96 attendees

All presentations and related meeting handouts are located on the RSTF Website:

www.dvrpc.org/Committees/RSTF

Welcome Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 2 PM by Kaylen Phillips, DVRPC. RSTF co-chair Sean Meehan, Senior Research Specialist at Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, went over the agenda, then introduced and welcomed Christine Norris, Communications Manager for the Center for Injury Research and Prevention at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), as the new Pennsylvania co-chair. Christine said a few introductory remarks about her commitment to safe streets and excitement as co-chair. Then, Sean stated the goal of the RSTF: to reduce roadway crashes and eliminate serious injuries and fatalities from crashes in the Delaware Valley and humanized the issue by sharing an example of a recent crash where a driver fatally struck a pedestrian. He then introduced the RSTF safety [action items tracking list](#), a spreadsheet where volunteers can claim unclaimed action items that were proposed in previous meetings.

Kevin Murphy, DVRPC, transitioned to an overview of the Safe System Approach, the regional framework for all safety transportation planning, and detailed the crash data trends in the region. He then referenced DVRPC's Transportation and Safety Analysis & Plan (TSAP) [storymap](#), the Road Safety Plan for the Greater Philadelphia Region. Afterwards, he transitioned to his main presentation.

Presentation 1: Kevin Murphy, DVRPC

Kevin Murphy's presentation was an overview of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program and DVRPC's approach to the regional Vision Zero 2050 Action Program. First, attendees were presented with the notion of traffic fatalities being a public health crisis— 42,915 lives were lost on U.S. roads in 2021. Next, Kevin detailed the SS4A program. He noted the two grant types (action and implementation), outlined the criteria for each, and supplied high level takeaways. The follow-up was about DVRPC's funding for the Regional Vision Zero Action Plan, including: how it was funded, the action planning process, and next steps. The planning process started with obtaining leadership commitment, and has moved to detailing planning structure, and identify planning process inputs and outcomes. The Plan will have an online platform and data dashboard. Kevin concluded by mentioning a potential kickoff for the Plan this summer.

Next, Kaylen Phillips introduced guest speakers Kelley Yemen and Alan Huff.

Presentation 2: Kelley Yemen, OTIS

Kelley Yemen's presentation focused on Philadelphia's awarded SS4A implementation grant of \$30 million (the maximum award for cities) and how the City was able to acquire it. The presentation started with the history of Philadelphia's Vision Zero journey: Mayor Kenney's 2016 executive order committing to Vision Zero and the development of a Vision Zero Action Plan within 120 days. Kelley stressed that establishing a planning to project pipeline is very important, emphasized by the SS4A implementation grant requiring a Vision Zero or similar action plan. A brief description of how the City placed projects in all three implementation funding areas followed. These funding areas include supplementation action plan activities, pre construction activities, and construction. Of note, Kelley mentioned that it is exciting that SS4A implementation grants will fund pre construction activities such as planning, design, and development, because funding for these areas is harder to find than construction funding. She wrapped up the presentation by recommending her version of a winning formula: put in the early work, bring in outside partners, and combine different types of work.

Presentation 3: Alan Huff, SJTPO

Alan Huff's presentation was about the process of creating the Cumberland County Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and using that to achieve the SS4A implementation grant for Chestnut Avenue in the City of Vineland. This was the only implementation grant awarded in New Jersey and received \$20 million. Alan explained that the Plan was created according to local safety program guidelines, not SS4A, because it was created prior to the announcement of SS4A. However, the inherent goals and focus areas were similar enough that after consultation with the SS4A eligibility self-checklist, the Plan was able to be edited for the sake of SS4A implementation grant eligibility. The City of Vineland then applied for a \$20 million grant to fund a construction project on Chestnut Avenue, the only remaining priority project identified by the Plan without a funding source.

Special Strategies Breakout Rooms

Each of the five breakout groups discussed their reactions to the presentations and potential "action items," with a focus on the Safe Systems Approach, that each person could take on to support the RSTF goal of eliminating KSI in the region. These action items were recorded and are being tracked by DVRPC, which will check in on progress before future meetings. Breakout group discussion lasted approximately 35 minutes and each began by discussing reactions to the presentations, following with discussion on potential action items.

In reaction to the presentations, breakout groups reiterated the importance of the following points:

- Collecting comprehensive data and having access to it is extremely important in creating action and implementation plans.
- There needs to be more education around Safe Streets and Safe Streets for All Program.
- More resources for identifying partnerships are needed to further SS4A projects.

Some of the proposed action items included:

- Sharing impact data after an SS4A project is completed.
- Make a landing page for SS4A with resources.

After the breakout sessions finished, RSTF members left their groups and returned to the main session. One person from each group reported back on their discussion.

Closing Remarks

Christine Norris, CHOP, concluded the meeting with gratitude to the attendees for participating in the program and asked attendees to complete the meeting survey.

Next, Christine invited RSTF members to share any announcements they may have. These included:

- A reminder to join the RSTF [Bang the Table webpage](#).
- An announcement about the [Voorhees Transportation Center's 25th anniversary](#) with a symposium even on May 5th.
- Dr. Kristine Metzter spoke about [NJSHO](#) - a partnership between CHOP and NJ Division of Highway Safety to create an integrated data center
- A shout out to Lois Goldman, with NJTPA, for supporting regional partners that have received SS4A grants.

Christine reminded attendees that the next RSTF meeting is scheduled for July 2023.

Meeting Attendee List

Aimee Jefferson, NJTPA
Alan Huff, SJTPO
Alex Sankaran, Chester County Planning Commission
Amy Bernknopf, DVRPC
Andre Bragg, City of Philadelphia
Andrew Thompson, Kittelson & Associates
Anita Vandervalk, Iteris, Inc.
Anne Messner, CCMPO
Anne Trifiletti, DRPA
Bill Houpt, FHWA
Brett Fusco, DVRPC
Brian Bockius, NJDOT
Cheryl Kastrenakes, Greater Mercer TMA
Chris King, DVRPC
Chris Townley, Greater Mercer TMA
Christian Regosch, BCPC
Christine Norris, CHOP
Cynthia Burch, Baltimore Metro Council
Dan Hutton, Urban Engineers
Darrell Merritt, PENNDOT
David Kanthor, PCPC
Doris Lynch, Port Richmond Neighborhood Action
Elizabeth Mastaglio, DVRPC
Emily Gates, Avenues in Motion
Felicia Park-Rogers, Tri-State Transportation Campaign
George Thiel, SICK, Inc.
Gregory Krykewycz, DVRPC
Hailey Graf, NJ Transit
Ian Schwarzenberg, DVRPC
Jacqui Baxter-Rollins, Partnership TMA of Montgomery County
Janaye Evans, City of Philadelphia OTIS
Jasmine Bailey, NHTSA
Jean Burock, Narberth Cycling Club
Jerrett Johnson, DVRPC
Joe Rapp, NJDOT
John Federico, WSP USA
Jon Dugan, RU
Jonathan Frederickson, 5th Square
Joseph Milanese, Sam Schwartz
Justin Neff, DVRPC
Kate Russo, RK&K
Kayla Bancone, DVRPC
Kaylen Phillips, DVRPC
Keith Hamas, NJTPA
Kelley Yemen, City of Philadelphia OTIS
Kenneth Wedeen, Somerset County Office of Planning Policy and Economic Development
Kevin Murphy, DVRPC

Krista Weaver, Hopewell Borough Pedestrian and Bike Safety Advisory Committee
Kristi Metzger, CHOP
Kruti Barot, GPI
Laureen Sendel-Grant, MCPC
Lily Reynolds, City of Philadelphia
Lisa Serieyssol, Princeton Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Lois Goldman, NJTPA
Marco Gorini, City of Philadelphia
Matthew Lawson, Mercer County
Matthew Popek, MCPC
MD Mahfuj Hosen, Rowan University
Michael Boyer, DVRPC
Michael Drumm, Delaware River Port Authority
Michael Sawyer, City of Richmond Virginia
Mike Mastaglio, Urban Engineers
Mohammad Islam, NJDOT
Nathan Grace, City of Philadelphia
Patricia Newton, NJTPA
Paul Delp, Lansdale Warehouse Company
Reba Oduro, NJDOT
Ricardo DeOliveira, DRPA
Richard Brahler, Bucks County Planning Commission
Richard Rabinowitz, NJDOT
Richard Simon, NHTSA
Ronda Urkowitz, NJDOT
Ruqaya Alfaris, Rowan University
Sam Rosenthal, Rutgers-VTC
Samantha Donovan, Sam Schwartz
Samantha Zrillo, DVRPC
Sean Connelly, Noroc
Sean Meehan, Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, Rutgers University
Sean Mohen, Tri-County Sustainability
Sharang Malaviya, PADOT
Steven DaCosta, Greater Mercer TMA
Suzanne O'Hearn, NJ DHTS
Titania Markland (Nick Zuwiala-Rogers), Clean Air Council
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Tonyelle Cook-Artis, DRPA
Tracy Barusevicius, Delaware Co TMA
Tracy Nerney, Jersey Shore Regional Trauma Center
Wideleine Desir, DVRPC
Will Fraser, CAC
Will Yarzab, NJTPA
William Beans, MBO Engineering
William Riviere, NJDOT
William Schiavi, SJTPO
William Spaeth, Sellersville Fire Department
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Yuriy Assekritov, NJDOT