

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF COLORADO
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2012

Chairperson Kathy Connell called the meeting to order at 2:53 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 in the auditorium of the headquarters building at 4201 East Arkansas Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

PRESENT WERE: Kathy Connell, District 6
Gilbert Ortiz, Sr., District 10
Douglas Aden, District 7
Heather Barry, District 4

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Harris, Chief Engineer
Herman Stockinger, Government Relations
Tom Wrona, Regional Transportation Director, Region 2
Heather Halpape, Public Relations
Heidi Bimmerle, Director, Admin. & Human Resources
Scott McDaniel, Director, Staff Branches
Ty Ortiz, Rock fall Program Manager
Tony DeVito, Regional Transportation Director, Region 1
David Eller, Regional Transportation Director, Region 3
Tracie Smith, Risk Manager, CDOT HQ
Reza Akhavan, Regional Transportation Director, Region 6
Johnny Olson, Regional Transportation Director, Region 4
Kerrie Neet, Regional Transportation Director, Region
Darrell Lingk, Director of OTS

AND: Other staff members

One audiotape and supporting documentation is filed in the Transportation Commission office.

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Commissioner Connell asked if there were any comments on the February committee meeting minutes. There were none and the minutes were approved.

Introduction of New Director of Transportation & Safety Darrell Lingk

Darrell Lingk talked about two main areas of focus; CDOT Safety Programs and CDOT's Safety Culture. Safety Programs provide the foundation for how we perform our work here at CDOT and define the limitations, expectations, and guidelines on how we conduct business. All existing safety programs are currently under review. Safety Culture is what drives our loss experience and

ultimately the number of on the Job Injuries and Motor Vehicle Accidents we incur. Within the next 60 days there will be a formal presentation made to the Senior Management Team and the RTD's regarding recommended improvements.

Highway Safety Public Relations Update

Public Relations (PR) Representative Heather Halpape provided an update on current Highway Safety Public Relations activities. The Tyler Presnell Tour took place in the month of April. Tyler was severely injured in a crash involving a teen driver when he was 14 yrs. old and now he is a motivational speaker. He visited 23 high schools, 18 communities and spoke to over 15,000 high school students. This was sponsored by AAA Colorado and CDOT with support by RETACS & coalitions.

Click it or Ticket took place for Rural Enforcement April 2nd thru the 8th with 2,116 citations (1,148 in 2010). There were 29 agencies along with CSP in 49 counties. National Click It or Ticket Mobilization occurs from May 21st – June 3rd with 91 agencies throughout the State with \$374,000 in federal funding for enforcement. There were "Seat Belts Save Lives" banners hung on both Eisenhower and Johnson tunnels and 80 other banners distributed around the State. There was limited paid media and was Op Ed by CDOT's RTD's and CSP's Majors. Up-coming events are the "Cone Zone Awareness", public education on "Zipper Lanes", the "Move Over Law", the "Broncos Caravan" and the "Rockies Designated Driver Challenge.

CDOT Risk Management Safety Performance Data and the Statewide Safety Report

Risk Manager Tracie Smith presented third quarter 2012 trends which showed an overall increase of 13% from Quarter 2 to Quarter 3 for workers' compensation claims.

There has been a decline in Maintenance and Engineering accidents and a significant increase in Office accidents. Office accidents may have to do with ergonomics. Employees with 0-5 years of service have the majority of injuries.

For Auto Liability there was a 12% decrease from FY12 3Q to FY11 3Q. Vehicle Backing remained constant, and CDOT has installed backing up alarms on all of its vehicles and off road equipment. Cameras are an option and have been place into some equipment.

The Winter Campaign has showed an 18% increase in Auto Liability accidents while Property claims decreased by 18% from FY12 3Q to FY11 3Q.

CDOT Rock Fall Report

Rock fall Program Manager Ty Ortiz presented a slideshow and update on fiscal year 2012 project statuses, third quarter assistance data and the 2012 work plan.

Current FY12 projects include I-70 Georgetown Hill in Region 1 where construction began this winter, SH 133 McClure Pass in Region 3 which is in the design phase, and US 40 Mt. Harris Canyon in Region 3 where construction is anticipated to begin at the start of FY13.

Currently, rock fall staff is assisting Region 1 with draped netting at the Eisenhower Tunnel site. In Region 3, I-70 Glenwood Canyon, staff is planning a pilot a monitoring radar implementation system that measures the velocity in change in rock movement. This system will look for up or down trends in movement on rock slopes.

Statewide, staff will continue rock scaling, rock fall inspection and emergency response. A rock fall call in system to report incidents has been created utilizing Century Link phone company so that Maintenance workers and CSP can call to report rock falls. The caller is asked 5 questions about the size and location of the accident. The program was implemented on May 10, 2012 and has received 25 calls so far.

One question was asked. "Do we have any other rock fall monitoring systems in any other locations other than Glenwood canyon." The answer was no because it is too cost prohibitive at around \$350,000.00 for each radar.

Other Matters and Adjournment

And there being no further matters to discuss, Chairperson Connell adjourned the meeting at 3:20p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado