

Birmingham Regional Safety Coalition
Birmingham Regional Planning Commission
September 27, 2016
Meeting #5 Summary

Attendees

Name	Organization/Agency
Stephanie Vereen	University of Alabama
Amanda Deem	ALDOT
Allison Green	ALDOT
Scott Tillman	RPCGB
Zeke Willis	City of Birmingham
Mike Kaczorowski	RPCGB
Clay Ingram	AAA
Sam Meriwether	ADECA
Waymon Benefield	ALDOT
Ken Couch	ALDOT
Wendell Miles	ALDOT
Ray Pugh	ALDOT
Linda Guin	FHWA
Becky Malenke	Neel-Schaffer, Inc
Virginia Sisiopiku	UAB
Tim Barnett	ALDOT
Alex Maistros	Cambridge Systematics
Linda Crockett	ALDOT
Danena Gaines	Cambridge Systematics

[Welcome and Introductions](#)

Stephanie Vereen (University of Alabama) welcomed meeting attendees and had participants introduce themselves.

[Regional Plan Development Process](#)

Danena Gaines (Cambridge Systematics) reviewed the planning process shown in Figure 1. Danena explained that the project team and ALDOT regrouped after the last meeting to determine how to best complete the regional safety plan. At that time it was decided the regional plans would not contain specific action steps, but rather only objectives and strategies. It was also decided the vision, goals, and performance measures for the region would be determined during the statewide SHSP update process in 2017.

Figure 1- ALDOT SHSP Regional Plan Development Process



SHSP Infrastructure Presentation

Tim Barnett (ALDOT) presented to the group on infrastructure safety initiatives being conducted throughout the state. The purpose of the presentation was to provide the regional safety coalition with some ideas on the infrastructure strategies they could include in the regional plan. The topics covered included:

- Signalized intersections
- Roundabouts
- Unsignalized intersections
- Alternative design intersections
- Freeway ramps and ramp termini
- Wrong-way drivers
- Left- and right-turn lanes
- Median barriers along interstate highways
- Bridge rail and associated guardrail
- Rumble strips
- Highway pavement widening
- Safety edge
- Wet weather crash remediation
- Highway signing and marking
- Undivided four-lane highways
- Pedestrians and bicycles
- Motorcyclists
- Older and younger drivers
- Farm equipment

Review of Objectives and Strategies

Danena Gaines led a review of the objectives and strategies generated from previous coalition meetings for each of the emphasis areas including impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding, and younger drivers. The group made several comments on what it felt the State (ALDOT) needed to provide and include in the statewide SHSP to support the regional safety plan. Some of the specific comments included:

- Expand the use of the statewide speed management manual.
- Change Objective 1 of the Speeding emphasis area to “Continue high visibility enforcement to reduce the frequency of crashes associated with speeding.”
- Focus law enforcement efforts on advanced analysis to increase efficiency of the existing law enforcement efforts.
- Include results/ efforts of the statewide vulnerable road users initiative into the Younger Driver emphasis area.

Regional Safety Plan Outline

Alex Maistros (Cambridge Systematics) conducted a brief overview of the structure of the regional safety plan document. The general outline is as follows:

1. What is the Regional Transportation Safety Plan
2. Transportation Safety Statistics in the Birmingham Region
3. Roadmap to Reducing Fatalities and Serious Injuries
 - a. Vision
 - b. Goal
 - c. Performance measures and targets
4. Emphasis Areas
 - a. Distracted Driving
 - b. Impaired Driving
 - c. Speeding
 - d. Young Drivers
5. Implementations of the Plan

Next Steps

A draft Birmingham Regional Safety Plan will be prepared and submitted to ALDOT for review. As the AL SHSP process continues, ALDOT will develop a new statewide goal, performance measures, and targets. ALDOT will also determine a regional goal and targets to be included in the final Birmingham Regional Safety Action Plan.