

ATTENDANCE: Taso Koutroulakis, HRM
Sam Trask, HRM
Jill Morrison, HRM
Anne Sherwood, HRM
Tanya Davis, HRM
Greg Mason, HRP
Mark Mendoza, HRCE

Jody DeBaie, HRM
Jeremie Landry, RCMP
Roddy MacIntyre, HRM
Breton Murphy, HRM
David MacIsaac, HRM
Michael Croft, Province of Nova Scotia
Sarah Rodger, HRM

REGRETS: Brad Anguish, HRM

No.	Item	Discussion
1.	Approval of Minutes of the RSSC March 10, 2021	The minutes were approved as circulated.
2.	<p>Road Safety Annual Report</p> <p>Action: Sam will confirm date and time of the TSC and will advise required attendees</p> <p>MicroTraffic Projects</p> <p>Data Resources</p>	<p>The Road Safety Annual report has been finalized and is now going through the approval process. It is anticipated that it will be going to Transportation Standing Committee on June 24, 2021. Breton’s group will be under a bit of a tight timeline but will have a draft copy of the glossy report for review tomorrow. Taso thanked Breton and his group for their efforts.</p> <p>HRM identified 10 signalized intersections to be included in a video analytics safety review that identifies near misses. The final report has been received from MicroTraffic. Sam presented an example and noted that this could be a good tool to use in the future.</p> <p>Bicycle Right Turn Safety is a follow up project with MicroTraffic. It is a National Study that we are partnering with them and we are currently in the beginning stages. Video analysis will occur at 10 locations throughout HRM with various cycling facilities. Conflicts between bicyclists and right turning vehicle traffic will be identified to create an expansive database that will inform future design guidance. This project is expected to continue into 2022.</p> <p>Sam went through a few different data resources that are available. Collision Data is now available through internal GIS</p>

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	<p>Traffic Calming</p> <p>Photo Enforcement Feasibility Analysis</p>	<p>and public Open Data. Traffic data is currently available through internal GIS and we are aiming to make this information available through Open Data on June 23, 2021. We are also working on a new iteration of the Road Safety Dashboard which is available on our webpage. The new version is expected to go live later this summer.</p> <p>Since initial implementation of the traffic calming policy, we averaged installation on 10 streets per year. Last year around 30 were completed and the aim this year is to install measures on 117 streets. Council approved an additional one million dollars this year which more than doubled the list of measures to be installed. This includes 40 school zone streets around 29 schools. All 2021 school zone implementations have been tendered. Speed and volume data are collected before and after traffic calming measures have been installed. We are extremely busy playing catch up with data collection as the program had been suspended last year during Covid. The majority of the 2021/22 projects are speed tables or humps on corridors but one interesting project will be a tactical multi-use pathway on Eisner Boulevard.</p> <p>Based on the evaluations completed to date, traffic calming measures are having the greatest impact on streets with higher original 85th percentile speeds.</p> <p>Following receipt of input from TSC, we are also in the processing of revising the Traffic Calming Administrative Order to better emphasize all road users. Our goal is to have the new AO ready for Council this fall.</p> <p>An RFP is currently being drafted to hire a Consultant to complete a feasibility analysis of implementing a photo enforcement system in HRM. The main goal is to identify what the best model would be moving forward and what resources we need to implement. A vendor recently reached out to Taso to do a presentation on available technology, with the understanding that we are not ready to purchase anything until after the feasibility analysis is complete. If any committee members are interested, please reach out to Taso. The tentative dates are June 21st or 23rd.</p>

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3.	Police Updates	<p>Jeremie Landry gave an overview of the RCMP enforcement during this last quarter and noted that there has been increased enforcement in the areas of aggressive and distracted driving which has resulted in increased SOTs. There has been an increase in the proactiveness and visibility as it is important to the RCMP membership but to everyone overall.</p> <p>Greg Mason gave an overview of HRP enforcement during this last quarter. They have been utilizing vacant cruisers to reduce speeding which has had positive impact in curbing driving habits in problematic areas. HRP has also seen an increase in traffic SOTs.</p>
<p>Action Item: Greg Mason will check with HRP to see if they are using HRM data resources. If not, he will share the resources that are available to them.</p>		
4.	Corp Communications	<p>Breton provided an update on the Heads Up Halifax campaign. June is in flight with emphasis on Road Safety print ads, digital print ads and paid social media promotion. Kudos to the Active Transportation team for the bicycle interactive map.</p>
5.	Update on MTQ provincial highway pilot project	<p>Anne gave a short presentation on a pilot engineering project in Quebec that is utilizing a cable guiderail as a median on a high-speed corridor. This solution has potential to reduce serious injuries and fatalities. Michael noted that the Canso Causeway currently uses cables.</p>
6.	Webinars	<p>Anyone interested in attending any Road Safety webinars, please send Sam an email.</p>
7.	Next Meeting date/location	<p>The next meeting will be held on September 9, 2021, via MS Teams.</p>

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.