

Quarterly Progress Report

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(NCHRP)

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DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE AASHTO SCOD TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ROADSIDE SAFETY (TCRS)

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Introduction

The objective of this research is to develop a strategic plan for TCRS that guides the technical committee activities in its role as the focal point for roadside safety policies and guidance. This report describes the progress achieved in this project in the previous quarter with respect to the six tasks identified in the work plan. The following sections describe the task-by-task progress identifying work items accomplished and any problems encountered in the research. A section describing the contractual status of the project (i.e., funding, schedule, etc.) appears at the end of the report, and the progress summary tables and plots appearing in [Attachment A](#). [Attachment B](#) contain the responses to panel comments from the last QPR.

This quarterly report and attachments can be found on the World Wide Web at http://www.roadsafellc.com/20-7_360.html. In order to comply with NCHRP requirements regarding the Limited Use of project documents, all the attachments are located in a password-protected subdirectory. The password for all the project documents is “TCRSplan.”

Task 1. Information Gathering

A review will be conducted of relevant documents, research programs, and research needs identified by roadside safety stake holders with the intent of preliminarily identifying strategic areas, research needs, and other issues.

This task was completed last quarter, however, member of the research team, community and panel continued to identify significant documents. These documents have been included in the discussions below. As this project progresses, please share additional information which you feel may be applicable to this research with the research team.

Task 2. Development of white papers

White papers will be developed for critical focus areas to provide a vision for the future and identify activities for furthering the objectives of TCRS in the next five to ten years.

Annotated outlines were drafted this quarter for the topics proposed last quarter and will be presented at the AFB20 business meeting of the TRB annual meeting in January for feedback. The outlines are attached as follows:

- TCRS strategic plan as a wrapper ([Attachment C](#))
- Roadside Policy, now called Comprehensive RDG ([Attachment D](#))
- Hardware, now called Pioneering MASH ([Attachment E](#))
- Safety Performance, now called Data-informed Programs ([Attachment F](#))

The research team has received limited feedback to date from the community as a whole, but is hopeful that these detailed outlines will provide a renewed opportunity for the community to begin to envision this plan, comment on the direction of the research, and provide feedback.

Please also provide your comments on these preliminary outlines. You will find many questions posed to you throughout the outlines. It would be helpful if you could provide your feedback/answers and reference the number section of the question.

It is anticipated that these outlines will be developed into white papers and will include fully developed research needs statements in the appendix of each white paper.

Task 3. Facilitate discussions

Identify goals and objectives for the TCRS strategic plan. Hold strategic planning discussions with the TCRS at their annual meeting to refine goals for the strategic plan.

This quarter the research team attended the September meeting of AASHTO/AGC/ARTBA Task Force 13 to facilitate a discussion on roles within the roadside safety community. The discussion was interesting and illustrated many different views about who plays which role. There was not much agreement about roles of FHWA, AASHTO, and the States, however, representatives of the FHWA and AASHTO were in attendance and clarified their agencies respective charge. A questionnaire was also distributed to the attendees to encourage additional feedback. The questionnaire and unedited responses are included here as [Attachment G](#). These discussions of roles indicated that some clarity is needed within the community, which has been reflected in the developed plans and white paper outlines.

As discussed under Task 2, the annotated white paper and strategic plan outlines will be presented at the AFB20 business meeting of the TRB annual meeting in January to facilitate discussions. The research team has suggested to the program officer that a web-enabled teleconference be considered following that meeting to allow for the panel to provide feedback on these outlines and for the research team to convey the feedback received from the community. Please indicate if you believe this teleconference is well-timed in your comments to this QPR.

Task 4. Draft strategic plan

Draft the strategic plan.

As discussed under task 2, this task was initiated this quarter. An annotated outline of the strategic plan was prepared and is included in this QPR as [Attachment C](#). Following the feedback received in January at TRB and from the panel, the research team will draft a complete document and submit it to the panel as part of the draft interim report.

Task 5. Draft interim report

Submit a draft interim report.

This task has not been initiated.

Task 6. Final Report

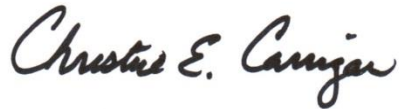
Submit a final report.

This task has not been initiated.

Contractual

The project was initiated on July 23, 2014. A summary of the progress and fiscal status of the project is shown in [Attachment A](#).

Sincerely,



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Attachment A:	Progress and Fiscal Summary
Attachment B:	Responses to Panel Comments
Attachment C:	TCRS strategic plan outline
Attachment D:	Roadside Policy outline
Attachment E:	Hardware outline
Attachment F:	Safety Performance Outline
Attachment G:	Roles within the Community Questionnaire and Responses
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