

WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGIC MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY 29th
February 2024

| REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGIC COORDINATION GROUP DISCUSSION MEETING | | | |
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| Meeting Date and Time: | Thursday 29 th February Commencing at 9:30 hours | Venue:MS Teams | Virtual Meeting via MS Teams |

| Attendees: | |
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| - | ██████████ Transport for West Midlands |
| - | ██████████ – West Midlands Police |
| - | ██████████ – Birmingham City Council |
| - | ██████████) – Walsall Council |
| - | ██████████ - Solihull Council |
| - | ██████████ – West Midlands Combined Authority |
| - | ██████████ – RoadPeace |
| - | ██████████) - Police and Crime Commissioner |
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| - | ██████████ – Motor Insurance Bureau |
| - | ██████████ – Coventry City Council |
| - | ██████████ – National Highways |
| - | ██████████ – West Midlands Fire Service |
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| - | ██████████) – Transport for West Midlands |
| - | ██████████ – Sandwell Council |
| - | ██████████ – Walsall Council |
| - | ██████████ – Road Safety Foundation |
| Apologies: | |
| - | ██████████, Department of Health, and Social Care. |
| - | ██████████, Road Safety Foundation. |
| - | ██████████, Transport for West Midlands. |
| - | ██████████ – Hall, Transport for West Midlands. |

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| 1. | Welcome and introductions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ■ welcomed everyone to the meeting. | ■ |
| 2. | Minutes of last meeting and action log <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ■ requested if there were any issues with the previous minutes, minutes from the previous meeting were accepted. • ■ summarised open actions that were in the minutes from the last meeting. • ACTION 1: Monthly MARSO planner to be sent out to the group ■ to forward the planner onto ■ then ■ to send out to partners that require the planner. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ■ – advised that he doesn't believe he has had the planner come through and asked ■ if they could catch up on this. ○ ■ – advised that he has sent this to ■ at the start of the meeting as it was only just completed for the month ahead on the morning of the meeting. | ■ ■ |
| 3. | Updates from Sub-Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data insight Sub-Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ■ – ■ not in attendance today, no one else could provide an update on this sub – group. <p>It was asked if anyone had the update on behalf of ■ no update provided. (Need to see if ■ ■ has a written update for it to be added to the group.)</p> • Funding and Investment Sub-Group: ■ updated on this subgroup. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ■ – advised at the last subgroup it was discussed about having a better understanding of the current spending across the West Midlands on road safety initiatives. A spread sheet has been created to capture this, with the main aim seeing what we can do collectively and stop us from operating in isolation. The spread sheet has been circulated amongst the partnership for completion in each area. Please could this be emailed back to ■ before the next meeting (if possible before 26th April). ○ The subgroup continues to discuss and document potential funding through the funding opportunities register which records any current or upcoming opportunities for funding in the road safety space. This is will also be sent out after the meeting and it will be great for input from the wider partnership of any other opportunities that the subgroup is not aware off. If there is anything you want to add please do so and send it back to ■ before the next meeting (ideally before the 26th April). • ■ – I have put it in the chat, but we should add West Midlands Fire to that as well who is lead by ■ and ■. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The other thing is 2 of the road safety trust bids we have now had decisions on – illustrating the Irap intervention and measures this has been unsuccessful. The other project is the So Mo project – about having an advisory group regarding the | ■ ■ ■ ■ |

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| | <p>seat belt wearing and the process, this has also been unsuccessful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] – Asked if there was anyone else that should be added to the list for the spreadsheets. • [REDACTED] – introduced himself and advised he is a local police commander for [REDACTED] he advised on behalf of the LPA commanders he has been asked to join the meeting. He advised the 7 LPA commanders have around 70% of the force asset under their control, all of the 7 LPA are either chairs or vice chairs of community safety partnerships. [REDACTED] advised that he is not sure that the CSPs are aware of what the funding and investment subgroup is doing. [REDACTED] advised that he is here to try and help with getting the information around to the CSPs. • [REDACTED] – advised the spreadsheets will be sent out to everyone on the call, if anyone knows of anyone else who should be added please by all means add them to the spreadsheet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [REDACTED] advised on safer street update, a few months ago the Home Office told the OPCC that they would be given £180k less in Safer Streets funding. OPCC have made up this shortfall so all projects (including the anti-social use of roads) can continue as planned. Q3 monitoring form has been returned to the Home Office and we are now awaiting feedback on this. • Enforcement Sub-Group: [REDACTED] updated on this group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [REDACTED] – advised the last meeting was a few weeks ago, [REDACTED] from WMP was discussing if any of the LAs wanted data from the mobile speed vans they can be obtained from [REDACTED] ○ Advised there was discussion about the classification of the mobile van sites, there was feedback around what Dudley LPA are doing regarding working with residents about identifying locations within the Dudley borough, seems there is some best practise that could be looked at there. ○ [REDACTED] updated the group on some anti – social behaviour towards officers. ○ [REDACTED] was part of the meeting and he discussed about the community forum and community road safety champion network and the funding involved. ○ [REDACTED] also updated the group on the average speed enforcement proposals across the West Midlands. The group also have a conversation regarding the latest [REDACTED] data, looking like there has been a reduction in uninsured drivers in the Birmingham area. (Awaiting clarification from [REDACTED] on this) • [REDACTED] – advised the community speed watch, the funding has been requested, with the aim of taking the budget through to next to support the delivery of the action plan. No confirmation as of yet if this is going forward. | |
| 4. | <p>Average Speed Enforcement Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] – advised [REDACTED] put together a meeting earlier in the year, this allowed everyone to come together to be on the same page to look to achieve the same goals. We have managed to share all the blockages | [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] |

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| | <p>and barriers that prevent us moving forward. Within this forum we have managed to agree an interim working agreement, this will run until April 2025 – agreement around no caps of upper level of enforcement, this will allow WMP to really push the average speed enforcement. No finance returns from WMP while getting house sorted out, looking to extend the fence, not only having average speed camera also looking to have fixed camera location, this can help with red light camera enforcement. The working we are looking at for this is moving traffic indorsement offences, where points could be awarded to the driver or disqualification. LAs have come back with confirmed sites that can support the fixed infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This takes us to April 2025 by which point we will already be working on the new joint working agreement, with joint legal services at West Midlands police, we are working to pull together a draft document so that as a group we can all agree to the wording and they are happy to commit, potential looking around October and November, this will allow enough time to get into cabinet meetings. ● ■ – advised within that progress from now until we get to governance, we are going to procure some support to help us develop a business case aligned with HM treasury 5 case model. Still quite a bit of work to do but we are having weekly meetings on a Wednesday, where we have an action plan that we are working through. ● ■ – Asked if ■ could circulate the 5 bullet points for the interim working agreement. ● ■ – Advised all the LAs have the wording already, not sure that I have forwarded the wording onto ■ ● ■ – advised she had not received the wording. <p>■ to forward on the wording to ■</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Regional Road Safety Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ■ – Shared a presentation with the group (TfWM road safety annual review – this has been sent out to all on the call via email) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional road safety strategy 2023 – 2030 was launched in Sept 2023. ○ Pushing forward with the action plan, broader transport policy includes all the 6 big moves. ○ Vision zero aspiration there is no set in date for this at the moment, looking at the dates that London and Leeds have set 2040 and 2041 the stats at the moment are going in the wrong direction hence why I have pushed to not have a date set in stone. The worry for the group is if a date is set and we do not achieve the target we will damage the reputation of the group. ○ 2030 target 50% reduction in the number of killed and seriously injured on our roads. ○ We believe that Solihull had zero fatalities in 2023. | ■ |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TfWM data insight team have been doing a lot of work around time of day and the deaths that happen on the network. Also looking at areas of deprivation <p>Areas of deprivation (IMD 1 and 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 33% of land mass ▪ 44% of all roads ▪ 54.3% of all KSIs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More work is needed into this area, and we will continue to investigate the understanding of this. ○ Enforcement – [REDACTED] hoping the final 4 LAs will receive their designation orders, Birmingham, Coventry, and Walsall already have their orders. ○ [REDACTED] use of the near miss sensors – project continues and good to see them investing in our region, at interchange in Manchester over the last few days, both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] have given shout outs to the Combined Authority and road safety partnership work that we are doing with all out partners in the LA. ○ Think campaign will be about seatbelts this year and we are part of a working group. ○ Road safety action plan 2024 – 2030 going out for consultation today more information on this later in the meeting. ○ NRSC2024 Birmingham 6th and 7th Nov, [REDACTED] advised meeting to have been taking place regarding this and that he will send out the early bird offers out to the group. • [REDACTED] – its important to remember the vision zero 3 year rolling average has had the covid years as part of the average, whereas the next data at the end of this year, will be outside of those years, so it is expected the numbers will be higher than previous years. Since the introduction of operation trident, we have seen the number of KSIs lower each month than the corresponding months for the last 3 years. • [REDACTED] – asked [REDACTED] regarding the MTC will there be any forum about the learns that the LAs who already have them in place like Coventry, Birmingham, and Walsall? Will this forum still happen from TfWM? • [REDACTED] – It would be good, its something that has not taken place as of yet, we are happy to facilitate the start of that learning process, by bringing everyone together, happy to pull that together. <p>ACTION – [REDACTED] to arrange a forum about the learns from MTC found by Coventry, Walsall, and Birmingham.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] – advised that he has noted that [REDACTED] have released their data and they are comparing 2022 data with 2019, they are not really considering 2020/2021 data. I have been doing the same as this as well to give a more accurate response rather than having the big drops through the covid years. | |
| 6. | <p>Regional Officer Group Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] – advised the West Midlands regional road safety group last met on 13th December 2023. | [REDACTED] |

- Dudley provided an update on their structure with [REDACTED] will be leading on the education side of things, with [REDACTED] continuing with the engineering side.
 - Couple of new members from the road harm prevention team – [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are the new sergeants heading up that team.
 - There was also an update regarding the last road safety away day from [REDACTED] there was a request from the group to if the minutes or actions from that meeting would be circulated. Important that all stakeholders and partners are included with the consultation for the action plan.
 - Update on [REDACTED] with the group.
- **Update from each local partner.**

Birmingham [REDACTED]

- Currently progressing with Road Safety Strategy
- Lowering 40 mph speed limit to 30mph on most Birmingham City roads, excluding Quinton and Aston express ways.

Dudley [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

- Also progressing with Road Safety Strategy
- Attending newly established Road Safety Subgroup, first introductory meeting will be taking place on 18/12
- Dudley instructor [REDACTED] won the personal achievement award at the National Bike ability Awards. [REDACTED] started with Dudley as a non-cyclist and is now a keen cyclist and delivering all levels of Bike ability training.
- The format of Bike ability delivery in Dudley will be changing next year to accommodate Bike ability's change in focus to level 2 priority outcomes. 2 x pilots of the new delivery format will be taking place at schools in February 24.
- Year 6 transition training uptake currently at 94%.
- 2 x school streets to be implemented by the end of March.

TfWM:

- Currently working on roll out of engagement plan.

Coventry:

- Currently looking at road safety plan and have a meeting scheduled for Jan 24.
- 4 x school streets with an implementation date of February 24.

WMP Road Harm Prevention Team:

- Investment has been placed in the road harm team with 2 new sergeants, 16 PC's to be in post within 6-12 months and a focus on off road bikes with 6 bikes purchased and 16 officers to be trained in this area by March 24.
- There will be 2 x designated officers working with/to be used as a direct point of contact for each local authority area.

Sandwell:

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New strategic road safety plan approved last week. - Currently working on an app based digital learning package. The app will include real life surroundings and will be realistic to practical pedestrian training. The current focus is KS1 but also looking to develop for year 6 as part of the transition training package. The app is part funded by the public health team. - 1 x school street started. <p>Solihull:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transition training ongoing with current year 7 pupils. - Conspicuity campaign launched to coincide with darker nights. - 11 x school streets launching in January, school streets team has been reduced from 3 to 1. - 84% level 2-year 6 reach for Bike ability cycle training and currently 2nd highest achievers in the UK in terms of delivery. <p>Wolverhampton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently going through a restructure which is due for completion in April 2024. - Hopeful that the restructure will allow improvements to be made. <p>Walsall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking at programme for capital funded schemes. - Annual school travel surveys undertaken. - A-Stars action plans. - Pedestrian training ongoing for reception pupils. - Transition training ongoing for year 7 pupils. - Supporting MARSO campaigns. - Be bright be seen campaign to coincide with darker nights. - Looking at black country partnership campaigns for next year- don't hurt the one you love. - Driving safer for longer courses to take place in the spring. - 10 x school streets. | |
| 7. | <p>Data Transition from ██████ to ██████</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ██████ – advised the data subgroup has not met for a while but there has been some changes to how we are reporting and how we plan to report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ██████ - shared a presentation on road traffic collision data (Slides should have been sent out to the group) ○ Advised that TfWM will be reporting in ██████ ██████ this has come about due to several factors, one being the end of the ██████ contract, the funding for this contract has now been dropped, which means we do not have any dedicated staff within the team working of this ██████ contract. ○ Advised need to save money as dropping the contract is a loss of £600k a year. | ████████ ████████ |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WMCA moving to Microsoft 365, review of ██████ usage and requirements, recreation of products in ██████ including the road safety dashboard. Looking at all systems to see where they can be streamlined and brought together so that we are all using the same systems across the board. This will be looked at by project manager ██████ with the deadline date Dec 2024, when the ██████ licensing ends. ○ Asks for the RRSSG – inform existing users of the changes, encourage them to provide feedback on usage/needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What road safety/collision data systems are being used at each authority/organisation. ▪ Who uses the data insights road safety products? (Data downloader, road safety dashboard, road safety insights and RTC app). ▪ What products/pages are utilised/still required? ○ We do have a West Midlands analytical forum every month, that's data modellers and planners, if there are anyone who feels they can give good feedback that could be a good forum to be a part of. (Get in touch with ██████ if you know of anyone who could benefit to being part of this forum) ○ ██████ have provided an update of stats 19 reporting, this will change the data itself and how we collect it. (Links to the full paper are within the slides). ○ ██████ – advised on the timeline of changes from the ██████. Advised on a contact at ██████). ○ New training is required on the new CRASH 2024 system. ○ New CRASH system to export the data it will be a case of download all, which means more work to pinpoint data requirements. • ██████ – advised he has forwarded on to the intel teams the changes to some of the categories. Advised the Police will be going to the new CRASH app in May, will remove the double inputting of data and everyone will have access to this. • ██████ – Asked ██████ how they are managing the £600k financial loss? • ██████ – advised they are managing it through their software providers, as well as taking some funding from CRSTs allocations. In terms of the people within the team it has had no impact. The allocations have gone through the finance teams at all 7 LAs. • ██████ – Asked if the data subgroup keeps an eye on how the loss of money to the data insight team affects performance? • ██████ – advised he agrees with this as an action. <p>ACTION – advise ██████ could the data subgroup keep an eye on how the performance from the data insight team is affected by the loss of funding.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Regional Road Safety Action Plan 2024 – 2030 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ██████ – advised the action plan would be going out for consultation 29th Feb. its not providing a list of all the actions that was highlighted in the away day, it's a summary of the safe systems, suggesting these are the things that we could do. | ██████████ |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We didn't want a consultation saying this is what we have already decided to do, the public need to advise what they think is important. ○ the actions will be under safe system header excluding road safety management. ○ The public are being asked to rate each action in a 7-point scale – strongly disagree → strongly agree. There will also be a free text box at the end as well for comments. ○ The consultation will be out until Friday 10th May, it will be out before the start of pre-election period, which is a positive as it could of be delayed until 2025. ○ Advised that ■ has provided a quote for the press release, ■ thanked the chair for this quote. ○ Next step will be to get the analysis that human intelligence team will pull together, this will be shared with the partnership. Then a further away day will be booked to determine what we do with the results, allowing us to put to get a formulated action plan. This will not only have the actions but who the lead partners are and the funding for the action. ○ Will need to work quickly if we are to hit out target of launching this at the national road safety conference in Birmingham in Nov 2024. ○ Comms team at TfWM and ■ have been engaging with communities to ensure that when the consultation is out it's not the first-time communities are hearing about it. ○ We are trying to reach out to all areas of the West Midlands including the areas that normally get left behind, this is to ensure that we get the best possible results to help support with the action plan. ○ ■ asked if all partners/LAs could please look to circulate the links to the consultation to ensure a broader scope is managed. ● ■ – advised he was really pleased that the action plan was going out for consultation and pleased to see the engagement piece to ensure the feedback from all communities can happen. Asked if everyone in the group can get behind promoting the action plan across their areas. | |
| 9. | <p>RSGB National Conference 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ■ – advised the conference 6th and 7th November in Birmingham at the Hilton Hotel, would be great to see as many people there as possible to showcase our areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advised there has been one meeting already with the conference organisers and had a look at the venue and facilities that will be used. ○ The conference will be sending a call for papers in early March. ○ Advised the program at the 2023 conference was very good and the attendance was the highest there has been at the RSGB conference, there was some comments about presentation being the same each year. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed about themes – the role of technology, funding for road safety, active travel and road safety, deprivation and road safety and the role of road safety in place role approach. ○ Advised that the conference is looking to repeat the speed dating session from the 2023 conference. ○ Early bird rate is out now, and [REDACTED] has sent out to the group. • [REDACTED] – advised you can look to purchase a day delegate pass which works out at around £250 for both days and then there is an option to go to just one day for a lower price. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asked the group if you know anyone locally that is interesting in being an exhibitor to please send the details over and can look at the costings for that as well. | |
| 10. | <p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] – shared a video West Midlands Drone Network – highlight the technology where drones can work out speed vehicles are going; this is not for an enforcement purpose and can only be completed after a survey has taken place. Wanted to highlight the technology to the group as it might help from a road safety point of view. Could help with monitor the speed of vehicles coming out of tunnels like [REDACTED] mentioned earlier. We are looking to have this function live while the drone is the air but now it can only be done after the flight. • [REDACTED] – advised the group the deadline for Birmingham’s Road harm strategy is coming up. The next away days none have been booked in but will look to book one in for after we get the feedback from the consultation for the action plan. Going forward we will not have the Young foundation supporting with the away days so we will need to chair these meetings ourselves as a partnership, we will be asking for people to lead on these away days going forward. | [REDACTED] |
| 11. | <p>Close and date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting to take place 16th May 2024 | |