



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
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KATIE BOWER  
 CHAIR

Thursday, September 12, 2023  
 9:00 a.m.  
 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Ms. Katie Bower	Office of Highway Safety Planning
Mr. William Miller	Local Representative
Mr. Bobby Gwizdz	Michigan Department of State
Ms. Ashley Ellsworth (virtual)	Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports - Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration
Mr. Troy Hansbarger	Michigan Department of Education
Mr. Steve Kiefer (virtual)	Governor's Office
Major Ryan Pennell	Michigan State Police
MEMBERS ABSENT	REPRESENTING
Mr. Gregg Brunner (Ms. Kim Zimmer reporting today)	Michigan Department of Transportation
Sheriff Michael Poulin	Local Government Representative
Ms. Linda Scarpetta	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Vacant	Local Government Representative - Awaiting Reappointment
STAFF SUPPORT	REPRESENTING
Ms. Katelyn Mullin	Office of Highway Safety Planning

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (GTSAC) meeting was called to order by Chair, MS. Katie Bower, at 9:00 a.m.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Katie Bower welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call conducted with public introductions made.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. William Miller made a motion to approve the June 29, 2023, meeting minutes; Major Ryan Pennell supported; all ayes; motion carried.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Sgt. Travis Fletcher, MSP SIGNED INTO LAW:**

**HB 4250 - 4252 - Hands-free Driving (Koleszar/Carter, T./Mueller) PA 39, 40, 41'2023**

- Tie-barred together
- Would prohibit holding or using mobile electronic device
  - Exceptions for: law enforcement/etc.; emergency; GPS; hands-free voice-operated use; continuously recording or broadcasting video inside or outside the vehicle
- "Enhances" penalties; if a crash, LEO must indicate use on crash report\*
- Allows for 90-day drivers license suspension after 3 or more violations in a 3-year period
- First offense: 0 pts / \$100 fine
- Second offense: 1 pt SOS abstract / \$250 fine
- Doubled fine if a crash

Katie Bower, Office of Highway Safety Planning • Steven Kiefer, Governor's Office • Bobby Gwizdz, Department of State • Gregg Brunner, Department of Transportation • Linda Scarpetta, Department of Health and Human Services  
 Maj. Ryan Pennell, Department of State Police • Ashley Ellsworth, Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports • William Miller, Local Representative • Sheriff Michael Poulin, Local Representative • Troy Hansbarger, Department of Education

- Third offense: 2 pts SOS abstract
- \*HB 4252 would require MSP report to legislature re 602b violations/data\*\*
- For operating a vehicle while sending or receiving a message on an electronic wireless device.

*3/9/2023: Introduced; To Transportation, Mobility, and Infrastructure Committee  
6/07/2023: Signed by the Governor with immediate effect*

#### **Senate Bill 125 - Local Grade Separation Grant Program - Traffic Control PA 22'2023**

- Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to create a grade separation grant program for the separation of traffic and railroad traffic in this state.

*3/1/2023: Introduced Sen. Camilleri & referred to Senate Transportation  
5/10/2023: Senate Vote 38Y - 0N  
5/17/2023: Rule suspended - Second Reading  
6/14/2023: House Vote 93Y - 16N  
6/27/2023: Ordered Enrolled  
7/18/2023: Signed - Immediate Effect*

#### **House Bill 4153 - Local Grade Separation Fund - Traffic Control PA 67'2023**

- Provides parameters for MDOT when prioritizing approval of funding applications for railroad crossing projects.
- Within 5 miles of railyard
  - Within 5 miles of manufacturing facility
  - Within 5 miles of:
    - Courthouse
    - Assisted living facility
    - Hospital / Dispatch
    - Fire Station
    - Airport
    - School
    - Other

*2/28/2023: Introduced Rep. Churches & referred to Senate Transportation  
6/14/2023: House Vote 95Y - 14N  
6/27/2023: Senate Vote 37Y - 0N  
6/28/2023: Ordered Enrolled  
7/18/2023: Signed - Immediate Effect*

#### **FIRST CHAMBER BILLS / MOVING:**

##### **House Bill 4012 - Speed Limits - Traffic Control**

- Modify required analysis for min and max speed limits. Require speed to be set below the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile if engineering and safety study demonstrate safety hazard at 85<sup>th</sup>.

*1/12/2023: Introduced Rep. Slagh & referred to House Transportation  
6/13/2023: Reported with recommendation and referred to second reading*

##### **House Bill 4028 - Wreckers / Spring Weight Restriction - Traffic Control**

- Exempt tow trucks from seasonal weight restrictions when actively towing a disabled vehicle or traveling to/from the location of a disabled vehicle for the purpose of towing or servicing the disabled vehicle.

*1/12/2023: Introduced Rep. Zorn & referred to House Transportation*

**House Bill 4126 - Traffic Control - Speed limit - Sunset Repeal**

- Procedure for establishing certain speed limits; repeal sunset

*2/22/2023: Introduced Rep. Snyder & referred to House Transportation*

**HB 4183 - Historical Vehicles (Roth)**

- Would expand permissible drive time of historical vehicles
  - Currently, to/from exhibition, or any time in month of August
  - Under bill, any time between Memorial Day and Labor Day

*3/7/2023: Introduced; To Transportation, Mobility, and Infrastructure Committee*

**House Bill 4291 - Automated School Zone Speed Enforcement (Rep. Fitzgerald)**

- Use of automated traffic enforcement devices in school zones to enforce speed limit reductions.
- County or local authority

*7/18/2023: Introduced and referred to Gov. Ops*

**House Bill 4491 - E-Bike Incentive (Rep. Rogers)**

- SOM Voucher up to \$1,250 or 90% of retail price (whichever is less)
- For qualified residents.

*4/27//2023: Introduced and referred to Tax Policy*

**House Bill 4511 / 4512 - Child Restraint Safety Seats (Rheingans)**

- Rear facing
  - Weight or height limit set by the manufacturer
  - Until child is 2years of age or older
- Forward facing
  - Weight or height limit set by the manufacturer
  - Until child is 5 years of age or older
- Child booster
  - Height of 4'9"
  - Until child is 8 years of age or older
- Court may waive civil fine or assessment if violator can provide evidence to court that they have the proper car seat and received education from a certified child passenger safety technician.

*5/4/2023: Introduced by Rep. Rheingans*

**House Bill 4869 - Mackinac Bridge Toll**

- Bridge Authority to be prohibited from charging a toll

*6/28/2023: Introduced by Rep. DeSana*

**House Bill 4916 - Railroads**

- Requires minimum freight train operating crew size (2)

*7/18/2023: Introduced by Jasper Martus referred to House Transportation*

**House Bill 4921 - School Zone Automated Speed Enforcement**

- Use of automated speed detection system in a school zone

*7/18/2023: Introduced by Rep. Fitzgerald Referred to local government and municipal finance*

**House Bill 4930 - School Bus Stop-Arm Automated Enforcement**

- Automated stop – arm bus camera enforcement

*8/23/2023: Introduced by Rep. Tyrone Carter – Reg Reform*

### **Senate Bill 21 - Mackinac Bridge - Critical Infrastructure Designation**

- Would designate:
  - Any movable bridge in the state, Mackinac Bridge, Zilwaukee Bridge, Rouge River Bridge, MacArthur Bridge, and each international crossing in the state (Ambassador Bridge, Blue Water Bridge, Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, Gordie Howe International Bridge, and International Bridge)
- As KEY FACILITY “if the portions of the facility does not open to or intended to be used by the public are posted with signage as required by subsection (4)”
- Significance of this is = 4-year felony for trespass
- Designates the whole thing a key facility - not just those areas not open to public

*1/17/2023: Introduced Sen. Damoose & referred to Transportation*

### **Senate Bill 459-461 - Mobile Driver’s License / ID**

- Mobile ID’s/ License

*7/20/2023: Introduced by Sen. Anthony*

## **SECOND CHAMBER:**

### **Senate Bill 43 - Traffic Control Devices - FWY**

- Requires use of certain traffic control devices when closing a highway or portion of highway under certain conditions.
- Re MDOT: if freeway closed completely, concrete barriers // if portion closed during dark, concrete barriers
  - Does not apply if freeway closed for less than 3d for emergency work

*1/26/2023: Introduced Sen. Cheery & referred to Senate Transportation and Infrastructure*

*3/07/2023: Senate Hearing (testimony)*

*3/23/2023: Senate Vote 28Y-10N*

*6/20/2023: House Second Reading*

### **SB 87 - Registration Plates (Moss): Amends timing for dealer transfer and fees.**

- Would afford a vehicle purchaser 21 days (rather than 15) to transfer vehicle registration [to avoid extra \$50 transfer fee, and to avoid vehicle being deemed unregistered]

*2/21/2023: Introduced; to Senate Regulatory Affairs Committee*

*3/9/2023: Committee Hearing*

*3/22/2023: Senate Vote 32Y - 6N*

*3/22/2023: Referred to Transportation*

### **House Bill 4132 - Traffic Control - Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement**

- Use of automated traffic enforcement devices in work zones to enforce speed limit reductions.
- TIE BAR 4133

*2/22/2023: Introduced Rep. Snyder & referred to House Transportation*

*6/22/2023: House Vote 67Y - 42N - Referred to Senate Transportation*

### **House Bill 4133 - Traffic Control - AWZSE; Civil Infraction**

- AWZSE - Revise to reflect the distribution of certain fines related to automated speed enforcement systems.

- TIE BAR 4132

*2/22/2023: Introduced Rep. Mueller & referred to House Transportation  
6/22/2023: House Vote 68Y – 41N – Referred to Senate Transportation*

#### **HB 4191-4193 - Corrections (Aiyash)**

- Tie-barred together
- Provides program to provide driver license and state identification cards to parolees.

*3/7/2023: Introduced; To Criminal Justice Committee  
6/14/2023: House Vote 73Y – 36N – Referred to Senate Judiciary*

#### **House Bill 4352/3 - HOV Lanes - Traffic Control**

- Allows MDOT to designate a lane on a highway for the exclusive use of high-occupancy vehicles or other classes of vehicles approved by MDOT.

*4/11/2023: Introduced Rep. MacDonell & referred to House Transportation  
6/27/2023: House Vote 56Y- 52N & referred to Senate Transportation*

#### **RECENTLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION:**

- Stop-Arm Camera

#### **ACTION TEAM UPDATES - Ms. Carissa McQuiston - Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**

##### **Drivers Aged 20 & Younger**

- Meets virtually, quarterly. Meetings include new information sharing from Chair, informational presentation appropriate for group and sharing of information amongst attendees.
- 2023 meetings included presentations:
  - CRASH! The Science of Collisions™, John Kwasnoski, Prof. Emeritus of Forensic Physics, Western New England University
  - Public Participation and Engagement, Charlotte Kilvington, OHSP
  - Online Driver Education for Teens, Rachel Wilson, Director AAA Driver Education Programs
  - Introducing the Michigan Youth Cannabis Action & Education Alliance (MYCAEA), John Kroneck, Health Promotion Supervisor, Mid-Michigan District Health Department and Barry Schmidt, Prevention Consultant
  - Safe Systems Approach to Transportation Safety, Brandy Solak, Federal Highway Administration.

##### **Distracted Driving**

- Meets quarterly, virtually.
- Programs during 2023 include:
  - Data information from Leveraging Technology to Improve Roadway Safety, Ben Henrichs, Cambridge Mobile Telematics,
  - Grant Funds for Distracted Driving Enforcement, Pat Eliason, OHSP
  - Discussion of national/state Distracted Driving Awareness Month.
- Attendees were updated on status of hands-free driving legislation as the bills moved forward.

##### **Impaired Driving**

- Meets quarterly, virtually and hybrid.

##### **Occupant Protection**

- Meets quarterly, virtually.
- Meetings included Click it or Ticket enforcement updates, updates on media and other campaigns, any proposed or progressing legislation and discussion of new topics or proposed initiatives.

### **Senior Mobility & Safety**

- Meets quarterly, virtually.
- Presentations included:
  - Safe Drivers Smart Options Strategy: Public Awareness and Expansion with Advanced Driver Assistance System Technology Information, Dr. David Eby, UMTRI
  - Towards Zero Deaths, Roberta Habowski, Area Agency on Aging 1B

### **STANDING REPORTS**

#### **Local Representative - Sheriff Michael Poulin**

No report due to commissioner absence.

#### **Local Representative - Vacant - Awaiting New Appointment**

No report due to vacancy.

#### **Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports - Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration - Ms. Ashley Ellsworth**

Updates from the Safe Drivers, Smart Options Committee:

December 4-8, 2023, is Older Driver Safety Awareness Month with highlighted topics daily (anticipated changes that can impact driving and family conversations). Posters available if interested in obtaining please contact Ms. Ellsworth.

#### **MDOT - Ms. Kim Zimmer reporting on behalf of Mr. Gregg Brunner**

MDOT appreciated the invite to participate in the 08/01/2023 Safety Day at MSP headquarters. It was a great opportunity for us to showcase what we are doing in the area of safety plus bring along some of our equipment to better explain what we do on the roadways.

Both the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HISP) Implementation Plan and the HISP Annual Report have been submitted to FHWA. The Implementation Plan is in response to MDOT not meeting the annual Safety Targets for 2021. The Annual Report include the targets for 2024.

We are finishing our review of the final report for *Effective Pedestrian/Non-Motorized Crossing Enhancements Along Higher Speed Corridors* as done by Western Michigan University. We expect publication in the next couple months.

#### **[Evaluating the Performance and Safety Effectiveness of Roundabouts - an Update](#)**

#### **[Measure the Operational Cost and Benefit of Speed Feedback Signs](#)**

Examination of Lighting Practices at Crosswalks - start May 2023

Covid and Traffic Crashes/Impact on Safety Targets - start December 2023

Safety Effectiveness of Non-Freeway Sinusoidal Shoulder Corrugations - start January 2024

Friendly reminder to motorists regarding drivers moving over for emergency responders or crews working along the side of the roadway. Crews were out working the aftermath of the storm that did damage along I-96 in Williamston and people were not attempting to move over to give crews a safe space regardless of how close the equipment was to the roadway.

#### **Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) - Ms. Linda Scarpetta**

No report due to commissioner absence.

#### **Michigan Department of State (MDOS) - Mr. Bobby Gwizdz**

Road to Restoration is a free clinic to assist Michigan residents in understanding the steps to restore their driving privileges. Residents are strongly encouraged to register for the clinics in advance.

For more information, including additional clinic dates and locations and sign up information, visit <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/license-id/Road-to-Restoration>

The MDOS is in the process of developing and testing with the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administration (AAMVA) for the implementing of the Driver History Program. The purpose of the project is to facilitate the movement of Commercial Driver License (CDL) Driver histories electronically so that states are better able to ensure accurate records for their citizens. This effort enables states to take proper, timely action to promote traffic safety. Key components are accurate data received from the roadside law enforcement, timely adjudication, and transmission of the conviction to the Department of Motor Vehicles for placement on the records and taking the appropriate sanction against the driver. Michigan is in the process of doing our structured testing with the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administration (AAMVA). As of September 5, we are over 50% completed with our testing and are on schedule for our October 16, 2023, implementation.

A contract to upgrade the testing kiosks in the branch offices was recently approved. This will better enable the recent legislation that will allow properly vetted individuals to take their operators written knowledge tests remotely and not have to come into the branch offices for this portion of their tests. The new technology will enable more languages to be used to help us serve our citizens more effectively. This will also reduce some of the wait times in the branch offices when there have been waiting times for various tests (operator, CDL, mechanic). Our technology partners are working to finalize the business requirements to allow us to move forward with the development, validation and placement of the new machines and the usage of the new technology.

As many of you know, in 2019, MDOS and OHSP had a grant with a contracted vendor, the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, to develop, implement and evaluate a Pilot Parental Involvement in Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program. The program consisted of a parent meeting to explain the importance of their role in GDL with the goal of reducing teen crashes and their associated fatalities and injuries. Unfortunately, the project was cancelled due to COVID after the materials were developed but before the meetings could be implemented. MDOS and OHSP have now contracted the same vendor to utilize the previously developed materials into a mandatory training for driver education providers, many of whom offer parent meetings like the one initially envisioned by the original project. MDOS and OHSP were able to provide feedback to UMTRI on the developed training and will be participating in a Train the Trainer meeting with UMTRI next week Tuesday, September 19. Upon completion of that meeting, MDOS staff will begin providing the training to driver education providers as part of their mandatory training.

The department will have a booth at the North American International Auto Show at Huntington Place in Detroit from September 16-24, 2023. MDOS staff will be available to answer questions and assist with transactions during the auto show. Our mobile office will be available for transactions, such as license and ID or tab renewals from noon-6 p.m. each day.

In July, in partnership with OHSP, MDOS developed and implemented a traffic safety educational message on the hands-free distracted driving law, which Ms. Mullin has graciously agreed to play for the commissioners at this meeting: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1My\\_49HIsbY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1My_49HIsbY)

This information is featured on the Motor Vehicle Network messages in Secretary of State offices, social media, and in regular outreach to Driver Education Providers and other partners.

#### **Michigan Department of Education (MDE) - Mr. Troy Hansbarger**

Received an email from Ms. Alicia Sledge regarding the Ford Driving Skills event taking place at MSP Academy in September 23-14, 2023, district and superintendents were routed the information so it can be shared forth with high school administration for student awareness.

Sgt. Matter and his team have started annual school bus inspections to start September 1, 2023. Preparing to be on-time with state funds to be dispersed to MSP which is set at \$1.8 million for the school year.



FMCSA - Received a message from a training agency with details tied to a taskforce for the month of September and October to audit school busses and staff. Review seems to be focused on staff credentialing (CDLs) and applicability for the drug-and-alcohol clearing house.

In the Governor’s latest bill, this will allow \$125 million dollars for clean energy bus grants throughout the state. Details are limited currently.

**Michigan State Police (MSP) - Major Ryan Pennell**

The MSP Third District Traffic Safety Enforcement Squad covers Midland, Saginaw, Flint, and Lapeer areas. For the month of August 2023, the team of seven traveled 18,000 miles patrolling highways and roadways in the third district with 23 motorists assist with 930 traffic stops with under 700 warnings.

**Local Representative - Mr. William Miller**

Last week, the Tri-County Summit for Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne County met. Charging stations and road funding were large areas of conversation.

Attended a recent event for construction agencies where discussion occurred around funding for families of road workers who are killed including college grants. If interested, Mr. Miller can help connect the GTSAC with this organization for a future presentation.

Invites the commissioner for a site visit to the Operator Engineers Training & Education Center located in Howell, Michigan.

Working with a few organizations to determine road funding.

**Governor’s Office - Mr. Steve Kiefer**

29 states are now onboard with the hands-free legislation with Michigan following suite. Upcoming Cambridge Telematics presentation will help to show the importance on this lifesaving legislature.

**Chair’s Report / Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) - Ms. Katie Bower**

The OHSP submitted our Annual Grant Application submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration requesting \$26.7 million dollars with approval to follow soon regarding the grant total award. We received a total number of 124 grant applications for fiscal year 2024 including a tribal agency and several equipment requests for emergency medical services.

Our Triennial Highway Safety Plan was morphed from an annual plan to a triennial plan. Michigan led by example with our detail of work and as a template for other states to follow format wise.

The Michigan Traffic Safety Summit is planned for March 12-13, 2024, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Michigan. Accepting speaker and topic submissions until September 29, 2023.

Crash Status Report - the table below shows a summary of some significant data elements with the difference calculated between our status this year (2023) compared to the previous 4 years.

- The red highlights indicate that the numbers show an increase
- The green highlights indicate that the numbers show a decrease

Year	Fatalities	Difference	A Injuries	Difference2	Total Crashes	Difference3	Truck/Bus	Difference4
2023	656		3,785		179,981		9,082	
2022	654	0.31%	3,615	4.70%	180,317	-0.19%	9,538	-4.78%
2021	674	-2.67%	3,737	1.28%	171,673	4.84%	8,020	13.24%
2020	624	5.13%	3,300	14.70%	150,622	19.49%	6,554	38.57%
2019	596	10.07%	3,696	2.41%	200,140	-10.07%	9,202	-1.30%



Upcoming campaigns:

- Child Passenger Safety Week in September
- Teen Driver Safety Week in October
- Pedestrian Enforcement in October and November
- Speed Enforcement in December through February
- Older Driver Safety Week in December
- Drive Sober starting in December

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Cambridge Mobile Telematics - Mr. Ryan McMahon - Cambridge Telematics**

Focuses from today's presentation:

- Overview of the company
- Data collection methodology
- Data analysis
- Application to road safety

Total of 96 programs over 25 countries with 25 million users in 18 languages.

Most of the data analyzed today are from Smartphone Telematics with the ability to pull information from the accelerometer, gyroscope, magnetometer, GPS, barometer, proximity sensor and ambient light. Distracted Driving is now analyzed in a variety of different content.

Partnering with highway safety offices to:

- Improve visibility on risk
- Analyze effectiveness of interventions
- Helping to prioritize infrastructure investments
- Lowering risk prevalence and improving roadway safety

**2022 Data Update - Mr. Patrick Bowman - University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI)**

Introduction for today's presentation:

- All data is official annual year-end data (with 2023 data received in Spring 2024)
- All data comes from the Criminal Justice Information Center, Michigan State Police Traffic Crash Database
- Ten years of data (2013-2022) most current available for year-end
- Data located on Michigan Traffic Crash Facts (MTCF): <http://www.michigantrafficcrashfacts.org/>

Key take-aways:

- In recent year (2021 and 2022), crash counts are still lower than prior to 2020.
- Fatality counts have increased since 2018, with a slight drop in 2022.
- Total injuries (suspected serious, suspected minor, possible) are trending downward.
- Injuries are similar to the overall crash pattern (up and down each year).
- Alcohol-involved crashes have generally decreased since 2017 (10-year high).
- Alcohol-involved fatalities have been increasing since 2019 (except for a drop in 2022).
- Drug-involved crashes have increased with a decrease in 2022.
- Drug-involved fatalities have increased.
- Speed-related crashes have decreased.
- Speed-related fatalities have increased in recent years.
- Motorcycle-involved crashes are more steady year to year than fatalities.
- Motorcyclist fatalities continue to increase.
- Unhelmeted motorcyclist fatalities continue to increase.
- Pedestrian fatalities have increased in recent years.
- Bicyclist fatalities have increased in recent years but tend to vary more year to year because counts are similar.

- Heavy truck/bus crashes were increasing prior to the pandemic, 2022 also shows this trend.
- School bus crashes have shown a reduction in recent years, partly due to the pandemic.
- In 2019, fatalities peaked for Michigan school bus-involved fatalities.
- Crashes in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) vary from year to year as weather usually plays a part.
- Fatalities in the U.P. have increased slightly in recent years.
- Except for 2021, younger drivers in fatal crashes have decreased in recent years.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **GTSAC Executive Order No. 2002-6, section 10**

The commission shall identify traffic safety challenges, and develop, promote, and implement strategies to address those challenges. Specifically, the commission shall:

1. Develop comprehensive solutions to traffic safety challenges through partnerships with all levels of government and the private sector.
2. Maximize and coordinate the use of existing financial resources, including federal highway safety planning funds administered by the OHSP.
3. Manage resources devoted to traffic safety research, ensure that research programs are effective, and identify additional needs for traffic safety research.
4. Develop and implement a communications plan that increases public awareness regarding traffic safety issues and the commission's activities addressing traffic safety issues.
5. Promote traffic safety education through programs developed in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Education.
6. Encourage the use of collaborative activities in addressing traffic safety issues by identifying and recognizing best practices used by traffic safety organizations in the state.

### **2023 GTSAC Traffic Safety Awards**

Electronic form created for 2023 nominations for the Richard Austin Long-term Service Award, Outstanding Traffic Safety Achievement Award, and the Student Award. Award winners will be honored at the Michigan Traffic Safety Summit on March 13, 2024, during a luncheon. Deadline to submit nominations by November 5, 2023.

Mr. William Miller made a motion to approve the form to move forth for submissions; Major Ryan Pennell supported; all ayes; motion carried.

GTSAC Traffic Safety Awards Selection Committee to be determined to include three to four commissioners (none of which participated in the selection committee last year). Our 2023 selection committee will consist of Mr. Miller, Major Pennell, and MDOT representation (once solidified). Ms. Katelyn Mullin will schedule a selection committee meeting for the week of November 13, 2023, or November 27, 2023.

### **2024 GTSAC Meeting Schedule**

- Tuesday, March 19, 2024
- Tuesday, June 4, 2024
- Tuesday, September 10, 2024
- Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Ms. Kim Zimmer made a motion to approve the 2024 GTSAC schedule; Major Ryan Pennell supported; all ayes; motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2023, starting at 9 a.m. at the Horatio S. Earle Learning Center (*this meeting was cancelled and the commission will reconvene in March 2024*).