City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **September 26, 2016**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 4

From: Bradley J. Hamilton, P.E. Director of Public Works / City Engineer

Subject:

Presentation by the Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) regarding SEAGO's Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Discussion:

Changes in the way the State distributes federal funding for transportation safety projects will be changing in 2019. Instead of a regional allocation to council of government organizations (SEAGO), monies will be distributed based on a state-wide competitive process. In order to effectively compete, SEAGO and Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization (SVMPO) have hired consultant Amec Foster Wheeler to analyze traffic crashes over the past 5 years and identify transportation safety concerns within the SEAGO region. The resultant analysis and report will be used as the basis when competing for funds for projects.

To most accurately identify safety concerns within SEAGO boundaries, Amec Foster Wheeler has created and distributed a survey and is asking for participation. The survey can be accessed online at http://tinyurl.com/AZ-safety. The survey includes a map where participants can drop pins, comment and submit photos of locations they feel are unsafe.

Chris Vertrees, SEAGO's Transportation Planner, will present additional information on the process and the goals of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

Staff Recommendation:

Encourage participation in the online survey

11,537 CRASHES.
142 FATAL CRASHES.
167 DEATHS.
5 YEARS.

Your IDEAS should be the only thing spilling out of your head.

Someone should tell the city about that.

I don't like walking there, it's not safe.

Driving in that area worries me.

Someone should fix that.

That's a dangerous spot for bicyclists.

Go Online NOW to improve traffic safety in our community!

http://tinyurl.com/AZ-safety

Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) and Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization (SVMPO) Regional Transportation Safety Plan

If you have any questions about this study, please contact Chris Vertrees, SEAGO Transportation Program Manager at (520) 432-5301 x209 or cdvertrees@seago.org.

SEAGO and SVMPO

Crashes by Agency, Severity and Collision Manner

(2011 - 2015)

City / Severity	Single Vehicle	Rear End	Angle	Sideswipe Same Direction	Left Turn	Other	Head On	Sideswipe Opposite Direction	Rear To Side	Pedestrian	Rear To Rear	Pedalcycle	Total
Benson	**152**	**70**	**50**	**34**	**23**	**16**	**11**	**5**	**5**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**371**
Fatal	2		1							1			4
Incapacitating Injury	4	4	1	1			1			1			12
Non Incapacitating Injury	20	6	8	3	3	2						1	43
Possible Injury	13	13	10	2	3	2	3			1			47
No Injury	113	47	30	28	17	12	7	5	5		1		265
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