

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Road Safety Authority**

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The Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Road Safety Authority was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Kamal Dayani, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Port and Transport Department at 16.00 hours on December 01, 2020 in the Committee Hall of Transport Department. The list of members who participated in the meeting is attached as Annexure-A.

At the outset, Shri L.P. Padalia, IAS (Retd.), Road Safety Commissioner, welcomed the Chairperson and all the members of the Executive Committee, present in the meeting.

The Chair took a serious note of NHAI representative not being present in the consecutive third Executive Committee meeting even after intimations by mail, letter and phone calls; and instructed that NHAI must make sure that its representative attends the meetings of Executive Committee, GujRoSA without fail.

Road Safety Commissioner introduced Mr Amit Khatri as the newly appointed member of the Executive Committee to the Committee. Then he took up the business of the meeting as per the Agenda as under:

- As there was no suggestion by the members, the minutes of the last meeting of Executive Committee held on 22.09.2020 was approved.
- The Road Safety Commissioner informed the Committee that the Gujarat Road Safety Authority had been coordinating with and issuing regular instructions to the District/City Road Safety Committees to make road safety one of the priority matters during the process of unlocking the State economy. The Chair instructed to all the stake holder departments to make road safety an integral part of the process of unlocking the State economy. **(Compliance: All)**
- Talking about the establishment of administrative machinery, the Road Safety Commissioner informed the Committee that to take the work of Authority to regional level, three regional offices (viz. Ahmedabad, Surat, Rajkot) had been sanctioned for which allocation of staff was underway. As per the Gujarat Road Safety Authority Rules, 2020, the required staff will be deputed from the

Transport department. He further informed the Committee that a proposal for setting up three more regional offices (i.e. Mehsana, Vadodara, Kutch) had also been sent to the Government as a New Item for the year 2021-22.

- While reviewing enforcement of provisions of M.V. Act, the Motor Vehicle Prosecutor informed the Committee that the Motor Vehicle department had sent a proposal to the Government on 16.09.2020 regarding prescribing the fines/penalties for traffic offences as provided in the M.V. (Amendment) Act, 2019, and added that the matter was under consideration of the Government.
- While reviewing actions taken to disqualify persons found to be driving a motor cycle without wearing helmet, the Motor Vehicle Prosecutor informed the Committee that the Motor Vehicle department had sent a proposal to the Government on 16.09.2020 regarding this matter and added that the matter was under consideration of the Government.
- While reviewing Highway Patrolling status, the Chair instructed the Police department to speed up the process of procuring vehicles for the purpose, and further instructed to make sure that such vehicles are deployed on priority basis at the vulnerable stretches and Black Spots strategically to maximize impact. The Inspector General of Police informed the Committee that the State Traffic Police had been issuing necessary instructions to all concerned to strengthen patrolling on highways and for strict enforcement so as to ensure safety for road users.  
***(Compliance: Police)***
- The Transport Commissioner informed the Committee that a proposal for three years' planning for setting up of Computerized Driving Testing Tracks had been submitted to the Government. He further added that the Commissionerate of Transport had floated an RFP (Request for Proposal) for Video Analytics based computerized Driving Skill Test Solution in which all 36 RTO/ARTO offices were planned to be covered. After the selection of Agency, nine months' period is proposed for completion of test tracks, he added.
- The Chair instructed NHAI, Road and Building department and Urban Development Department to formulate location specific strategies for the black spots and all other vulnerable road segments and send the compliance to the

Authority in time. They must arrange to take corrective measures urgently and send the compliance report. **(Compliance: NHAI, R&B, UDD)**

- The Chair instructed NHAI Road and Building department and Urban Development Department to properly follow the Standard Operation Procedure issued for work zones by the Authority in all the ongoing and upcoming road construction projects. **(Compliance: NHAI, R&B, UDD)**
- The Chair instructed NHAI, Urban Development Department and Road and Building department to take physical traffic calming measures on all vulnerable road segments on straight roads in rural/open areas and at all junctions on lower hierarchy roads before they join higher hierarchy roads. **(Compliance: NHAI, R&B, UDD)**
- The Road Safety Commissioner informed the Committee that a proposal to delegate adequate financial powers to the Authority had been sent to the Government. Another proposal to sanction Gujarat Road Safety Fund to the Authority as per the Government Resolution had also been sent to the Government. The Chair instructed to the Deputy Secretary (Transport) to look into this matter urgently and do the needful so that compliance can be sent to the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety. **(Compliance: Transport Department)**
- Reviewing the procurement status of equipment to detect traffic violations, the Chair asked the Police department to speed up the process of procuring deficit Speed Guns, Interceptor Vehicles, and CCTV cameras, which is a major part of strategy to be adopted to reduce or prevent fatal road accidents. **(Compliance: Police)**
- Considering the directions of SCoRS, the Chair instructed again to the Health department to propose more trauma centres based on proper statistics and justifications to the Finance department for approval. **(Compliance: Health)**
- The Chair asked stake holder departments to ensure that both long term and short term measures for recommendations of DIMTS report are carried out in a time frame. **(Compliance: ALL)**

- Shri Amit Khatri informed the Committee that there was lack of implementation of Work Zone Traffic Management Plan on the ongoing work of Ahmedabad-Rajkot highway. The Chair instructed the R&B department to urgently look into the matter, take corrective measures and ensure road safety. **(Compliance: NHAI / R&B)**
- Shri Narendra Gohil, Manager (GVK EMRI 108) requested the Committee to not mention names of Emergency Medical Staff as a witness in FIRs. The Chair instructed the Police department to ensure that an instruction pertaining the same is passed on to all the Police stations and strictly followed. **(Compliance: Police)**
- The Road Safety Commissioner discussed the fatal accident occurred at Vaghodiya Bridge, Vadodara on 18/11/2020. He informed the committee that the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety had had sought a report on the accident, which was submitted to the committee after coordinating with the stake holder departments. He further informed that necessary short term measures had been carried out by the concerned departments to prevent such accidents. The Chair instructed R&B, NHAI and State Traffic Police to take necessary measures to prevent such accidents.

The Chair instructed all stakeholder departments to make sure that the same member Officer attends all the Executive Committee meetings, so that better co-ordination and compliance between the Authority and respective department can be ensured. He again emphasised that all the departments are supposed to send compliance/reports within the time frame without waiting for reminders.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the members.



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Chairman, EC &  
Principal Secretary,  
Port and Transport Department

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To,  
All the Members of Executive Committee

## ANNEXURE-1

### Members Present in Executive Committee, Dt. 01.12.2020

| No. | Name                          | Designation                             | Department                         |
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| 1   | Shri L P Padalia, IAS<br>(Rt) | Commissioner                            | Road Safety Authority              |
| 2   | Shri Rajesh Manjhu,<br>IAS    | Vice Chairman &<br>Commissioner         | Transport                          |
| 3   | Shri Piyush Patel, IPS        | Inspector General of<br>Police, STB     | Home                               |
| 4   | Shri N. K. Patel              | Chief Engineer                          | Road & Building                    |
| 5   | Shri P. B. Patani             | Joint Secretary                         | Urban Development                  |
| 6   | Dr Hitesh Brahmhatt           | Asst. Director                          | Health                             |
| 7   | Shri A. N. Mistry             | Officer on Special Duty                 | R&B                                |
| 8   | Shri Bharat Patel             | Under Secretary                         | Transport                          |
| 9   | Shri S. A. Mojanidar          | Chief Enforcement<br>Officer            | Road Safety Authority              |
| 10  | Shri Sanjay Pandya            | Motor Vehicle<br>Prosecutor             | CoT                                |
| 11  | Shri N. V. Parmar             | Assistant Regional<br>Transport Officer | RTO Ahmedabad                      |
| 12  | Shri P.J. Mehta               | Office Superintendent                   | C.H.E.                             |
| 13  | Shri D. D. Patel              |   | Primary Education                  |
| 12  | Shri D. N. Baranda            | Add. City Engineer                      | Ahmedabad Municipal<br>Corporation |
| 13  | Shri B K Chaudhari            | Co-ordinator                            | Road Safety Authority              |
| 14  | Shri Narendra Gohil           | Senior Manager                          | GVK EMRI 108                       |
| 15  | Shri Amit Khatri              | Appointed Member                        | Expert, Road Safety                |