

Traffic Records Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

ODOT Transportation Safety Division Building

In Attendance

Voting members: Gary Will (Chair), Dave Ringeisen (Vice-Chair), Robert Burchfield, Troy Costales, Ed Fischer, Alan Hageman, Joseph Marek, Dan Wells

Non-voting members: Nicole Charlson, Greg Fredericksen

Guest: Chris Madill, Robin Ness

Absent

Voting members: Lana Cully, Bob Leopold, David McKane

Non-voting members: Nick Fortey

Introductions

5 minutes

Decision: Meeting minutes from November 18, 2008 were approved by the Committee.

Washington TRCC Guest Presentation

65 minutes

Chris Madill from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission gave a presentation about how the Washington Traffic Records program was developed and some of their efforts. After their state assessment was completed in 2003, Chris conducted six months of discovery interviews and developed the Washington State Traffic Records Resource Manual to use as an education tool. The Washington TRCC is composed of both an executive level team and a technical level team. There was some discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of inviting the Governor's Office and agency heads to the Oregon TRCC. Washington's eTRIP project is advancing their statewide electronic citation and collision reporting initiative. The WEMESIS project uses the ImageTrend EMS Bridge software and is similar to Oregon's EMS Data Project.

Final Project Approval

10 minutes

The TRCC discussed approval of either the Citizen Crash Form or Highway Safety Manual Data Analyses projects with the remaining unallocated \$75,000 in grant funds. Alan motioned and Ed seconded the motion to delay the Citizen Crash Form project until after the legislative session ends. Ed motioned and Joe seconded the motion to also delay approval of the Highway Safety Manual Data Analyses project for 5-6 months until the ODOT COI committee approves the project. Each division within ODOT has the opportunity to request approval for three COI priorities. The TRCC plans to nominate projects in July and make final project selections at the September meeting this year.

Action Item: Citizen Crash Form and Highway Safety Manual Data Analyses projects will be added to the list of projects to consider in July for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Crash Reporting for Non-Motorized Users

15 minutes

Robert Burchfield distributed a handout with some concerns relating to bicycle and pedestrian crashes when a motor vehicle is not involved or when the damage is less than \$1500. Legislative Concept 1495 (Senate Bill 291) was introduced to address this issue and amend ORS 811.720. Examples of crashes not included in the state crash database are bicycle run off the road crashes, bicycle versus pedestrian crashes, single bicycle crashes, bicycle versus bicycle crashes, or bicycle crashing due to train tracks. DMV is the owner of the crash report forms and their primary function is insurance verification. One of the issues with bicycle or pedestrian crash reporting when a motor vehicle is not involved is determining the consequences of not reporting. Would it be placed on the driver record? If a motor vehicle is not involved, the cost associated with maintaining the records could not be paid by the State Highway Fund, so DMV would need General Fund support to place it on the driver record. The statewide crash database is defined by statute to contain motor vehicle related records, so this statute would need to be changed and general funds needed in order to accommodate maintaining these records. Perhaps another solution would be for the reports to be maintained by the cities directly. As the professionals in traffic safety, it is important to raise these questions to make the statewide crash database comprehensive for all users. The proposal on the table does not include all pieces of the puzzle and the group cautioned against oversimplification of a complicated issue. It was suggested to recommend changing the Oregon Vehicle Code to match ORS 161.015 definition of possible injury to "impairment of physical condition or substantial pain." Next steps will be to more clearly define the issue and add it to the Strategic Plan.

Action Item: Add crash reporting for non-motorized users to the Strategic Plan as an emerging issue.

Next Meeting

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Agenda topics include: reviewing membership and charter, Strategic Plan, compiling a non-408 funded project list, and project status updates.

Action Item: The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 24 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

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