

TSAP Public Input Session

John Day

11/18/09

***(= # voted, if no # then no vote.)**

Attendees:

Tom Davis, Ontario
Shane Griffin, Canyon City
Victor Hoffer, Mt. Angel
Debi Hueckman, John Day
Mike Lavery, Depoe Bay
Walt McAllister, Salem

Occupant Protection

- ◆ Rural Area, Car Seat Awareness. Reality, availability.
- ◆ More training for Techs
- ◆ Public Awareness of correct use.
- ◆ Enforcement to assist with increased use/install.
- ◆ Tech training is a big investment; too time consuming for typical volunteer.
- ◆ Can't do a clinic in Grant County as there are no service techs.
- ◆ Work to reduce personal cost to trainees and techs.
- ◆ Sub/Segments of population. 57% of high school students are not using belts. That is below the State average. We need better in town and county attention to these groups.

Speed

- ◆ Speed limits may be too low for remote areas. John Day is 2 hours from next sizable city. Speeding is occurring regularly. A higher limit in the right places could build respect for limits and make enforcement more palatable.
- ◆ Rumble strips are cost prohibitive but desirable. Shouldn't be asked to choose between Rumble Strips and lane miles paved.
- ◆ Motorists don't perceive dangers of remote roadways and forget about animal hazards, drowsy driving, etc.
- ◆ Winter Maintenance; bordering states use salt. The effectiveness differences create questions and safety concerns since visitors are driving in a different environment.
- ◆ Investigate transition zones, more effective products, signage to ease change for motorists.
- ◆ Consider fire protection systems for state highways to protect and keep system open.

Roadway/Engineering

- ◆ Nighttime speed and animals are a bad mix and/or enforcement would help.
- ◆ Major highway intersections in small towns are reaching exceeding capacity and plans for improvement don't seem to be making progress due to politics and time to solution.
- ◆ ODOT should buy Right of Way when it's cheap, prior to build out of Community.
- ◆ Safety is ODOT's # 1 priority but archeology/environmental studies exceed budgets and don't allow safety fixes. Safety needs can't and don't overcome other priorities.
- ◆ Consider prepaid studies to allow improvements.

Driver Education/Community

- ◆ Driver's Education should be mandatory.
- ◆ Driver's Education should be part of school year and convenient.
- ◆ Summer courses are a barrier.
- ◆ Traffic Safety Coordinator positions are critical to Region 5.

Emergency Medical Services

- ◆ Need a program to offer better and quicker responses in remote areas.
- ◆ Recruit and retain more volunteers.
- ◆ Consider "Ready Response" EMS pickups or vans scattered strategically in frontier/rural areas.
- ◆ Bring more accessible training to Eastern Oregon.
- ◆ 60 hours is too much to ask Fire Fighter 1 volunteers to stay certified each year.

Impaired Driving

- ◆ Public doesn't understand rules around drinking and driving.
- ◆ Any amount can't mean impairment but public doesn't understand- need more and better us of message. Need clear brochure(s) about alcohol and other drugs and how low mean impairment amounts.
- ◆ More awareness of drowsy driving as a hazard.
- ◆ Need more and better messaging about prescription and over the counter medicines. Consider offering employer policies.