

## Transportation Safety Newsletter, August 2023

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### Forecast: Smoky Days Ahead



When you work in Oregon, sooner or later you're going to drive down a road where, for whatever reason, you just can't see. Check out these steps you can take to stay safe – and share them with your friends and family!

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## Back-to-School Safety

Summer is winding down, and back-to-school is just around the corner. As parents and kids make their back-to-school purchases, now's the time to plan for dark winter days. Think ahead and consider purchasing school supplies and clothes that sport retro-reflective material to make those fall days safer. Reflectors of all kinds add little to the cost of clothes, but add big value for safety.



## National Stop on Red Week

Stop On Red Week is observed every year during the first full week of August — August 6 to 12 this year — to highlight the risks of running a red light and reduce traffic injuries and deaths caused by breaking red light laws. More than 4.2 million drivers ran red lights in 2021. For the people who experience crashes and for the loved ones of those who are killed and injured from red-light running, the safety issue behind these numbers is very real.



In Oregon, the law for drivers approaching a steady yellow traffic signal is similar to a red light in that drivers must stop if they can do so in a safe manner. Drivers failing to stop may be cited for failure to obey a traffic control device (a Class B traffic violation with a \$265 presumptive fine).

Safety is the responsibility of everyone — not just during Stop on Red Week, but every day and every time someone takes to the road. Together, we can protect our communities, families, and children by always stopping on red.

## Funding Multi-Use Paths

From a new bike path in Gold Beach to an overcrossing in Bend, from the Umatilla River Trail to the Grand Ronde Multi-use Path study, projects that improve travel for those who walk and roll are receiving \$34.6 million. The Oregon Transportation Commission approved the 25 recommended Oregon Community Paths (OCP) projects.



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## Death Rates by Vehicle Make/Model

Ever wonder how your vehicle type stacks up against other

cars in regard to safety? Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) calculates [vehicle safety ratings](#) and has been calculating driver death rates approximately every three years since 1989. This year for the first time, IIHS also calculated the best and worst models according to the number of drivers in other vehicles killed in crashes with them.



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