

Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee

[May 21, 2021](#)

TEAMS-Only Meeting (due to Covid-19)

Meeting Minutes

Members Present via TEAMS: [Joseph Marek](#), Chair, Clackamas County; Kevin Haas for [Mike Kimlinger](#), Secretary, ODOT State Traffic-Roadway Engineer; [Brian Barnett](#), City of Springfield; [Laurel Byer](#), Benton County; [Janet Hruby](#), Vice Chair, City of Bend; [Patrick Marnell](#), Q-Free; [Karl MacNair](#), City of Medford; [Jeremy Morris](#), Klamath County; [Jeff Wise](#), ODOT Region 5

Members Absent: [Michael Iwaj](#), Oregon State Police

Others Present via TEAMS: Nick Fortey, FHWA; Fahad Alhajri, Brendan Baggett, Doug Bish, Roger Boettcher, Scott Cramer, Kevin Haas, Katie Johnson, Angela Kargel, Marie Kennedy, Eric Leaming, Kathi McConnell, Christina McDaniel-Wilson, ODOT Traffic/Roadway Section; Peter Schuytema, ODOT Planning; Chris Primm, ODOT Region 2; Ray Lapke, ODOT Region 3; Jessica Berry, Ae-young Lee, Multnomah County; Ed Chastain, Retired; Jordan Cole, Brian Worley, Association of Oregon Counties; Jamie Jeffrey, Peter Koonce, Charles Radosta, City of Portland; John Fasana, Sarah Owens, Shaun Quayle, Washington County; Steve Gallup, Lane County; Bret Jones, City of Eugene; Jabra Khasho, City of Beaverton; Scott Miller, City of Springfield; James Philp, Jackson County; Massoud Saberian, TAI

Policy Bullets for Further Dissemination:

None this time

Introductions/TEAMS Orientation/Approval of Minutes

Chair Joseph Marek called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Members introduced themselves and other attendees logged in to Teams chat. The [March 19th minutes](#) were approved after motion by Pat Marnell, second by Laurel Byer.

Public Business from the Audience/NOA Items

None

Highlights from Legislative Bills Traffic-Roadway is tracking

Eric Leaming gave an update on Legislative bills ODOT Traffic-Roadway is currently tracking as of 5/21 7AM.

Major Deadlines

- May 28 - deadline to hold committee work sessions for 2nd chamber measures (house bills in senate committees; senate bills in house committees).
- June 27 - Constitutional sine die (end of session)

Bills which have passed legislature

- [HB-2644](#) - Atomic Veterans and Atomic Cleanup Veterans Memorial Highway
- [HB-2700](#) - POW/MIA Memorials
- [HB-2985](#) - racial/ethnic/ability representation on ODOT advisory committees
- [HB-3304](#) - ODOT implementation report on the Blueprint for Urban Design (BUD)
- [SB-574](#) - Motorcycle lane splitting (*vetoed by the Governor 5/26/2021*)

Bills still in play

- [HB-2530](#) - Fixed photo radar on urban high-crash corridors. [-7 amendment](#) passed JCT, changes the bill so it only repeals the sunset on the City of Portland's fixed photo radar program.
- [HB-3055](#) - Omnibus bill. Section 81 allows ODOT to delegate authority to designate speeds. [-14 Amendment](#) removes Lane County and adds Clackamas County.
- [HB-3050](#) - the [-1 Amendment](#) replaces "accident" with "crash" in several statutes. (resurrects [HB-3134](#) which had died in committee earlier)

Bills which appear dead at this point

- [HB-2019](#) - would have allowed City of Unity to operate mobile photo radar. (I didn't mention this during my summary)
- [HB-3357](#) - would have allowed an agent of a law enforcement agency to issue a citation based on photo red light (instead of a sworn police officer).
- [HB-2744](#) - would have required ODOT to evaluate corridors for jurisdictional transfer and would have established a pot of money for jurisdictional transfers.
- [SB-395](#) - would have updated Oregon's 50-year-old Bike Bill.
- [HB-3319](#) - would have required Department of Energy to study light pollution in Oregon. Possible impacts to street lighting. (I didn't mention this during my summary)

Draft OAR's for Delegating Speed Zoning to Local Jurisdictions

Doug Bish [presented](#) Draft [OAR language](#) which we'll be generating if HB 3055 passes. There are still many details which will need to be worked out in terms of how local jurisdictions will document their investigations, orders and what ODOT will need to do to work around it.

Sign Policy & Guidelines Update

Marie Kennedy [briefed](#) the committee on upcoming changes to the Sign Policy and Guidelines which will be ADA compliant and are in the new ODOT standard format. The new document should be out by the end of June.

Strategy for OR Supplement to new MUTCD

Eric said when the final Rule is published, the clock for developing the Oregon Supplement begins. Kevin said we're aware of other comments from other states which asked the feds to go back to the drawing board and not issue the new Rule. Oregon is moving forward as if this will not happen. Scott Cramer noted in the last Rule, everything Oregon submitted not related to Oregon statutes was rejected. ODOT is looking to invite a meeting with the FHWA Division Administrator Phillip Ditzler and Nick Fortey to get further direction on what will be permitted. Nick Fortey said FHWA will be happy to confer down the road. There's still too many unknowns to do it now. With the amount of comments FHWA needs to go through, it may be beyond the summer. Joe Marek suggested checking back in with Nick Fortey at the time of the July OTCDC meeting. Peter Koonce may hear something at the June NCUTCD executive meeting which he would pass on if it happens. More will be revealed.

Continuing Agenda Item: brief reports from committee members relaying whether or not their local traffic control device meetings feel ODOT, through the OTCDC is helpful to their local operations

Should ODOT get more involved nationally in traffic control device conversations and committees such as AASHTO and the NCUTCD, report back to the committee? Mike suggested this as a future agenda item for further conversation.

Nothing further was added today.

Roundtable

None

Business from the Audience/NOA Topics

Angela Kargel announced Kathi McConnell's retirement at the end of June and thanked her for her service.

Kathi brought up Peter Koonce's suggestion at the last meeting about adding a junior engineering representative added to the committee by the ITE. Membership is in OAR

and this would need to be amended to make such a change. The committee is not being seen as subject to new diversity law in Oregon but it's probably a good idea to keep with the spirit of this law if we do decide to make changes. This wouldn't necessarily be a student, but a young professional career person. Kevin suggested we could change the Bylaws to allow a young professional appointed by ITE to participate in the committee as a non-voting member and later work towards making the member a voting position after changing the OAR at the time of adopting a new MUTCD. This will need to be discussed with Mike Kimlinger upon his return.

There was consensus support for the concept of creating a space for a professional with xx number of years' experience or an engineering student in the community as a non-voting member nominated by ITE to the committee. Patrick Marnell, Peter Koonce and Brian Barnett volunteered to work up draft language for the change to the bylaws to present to Mike Kimlinger before the next meeting. The language will be sent to Angela Kargel, Kevin Haas and Mike Kimlinger (copy to Craig Chadwick and Joe Marek) for review when it's been completed.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Bus on Shoulder projects – Angela Kargel with Region 1 folks (OAR process coming, OTCDC will be advisory for this OAR)
- Membership diversity, amending Bylaws and then amending OAR – subcommittee working on draft language for change to Bylaws – this will need to be voted on and approved by STRE
- Legislative Update – Eric
- Rail diagnostic teams – Mike Kimlinger will talk to Rail Section, possibly have them present
- National meetings – have ODOT folks present on national meetings they attend
- Strategy for Oregon Supplement to MUTCD

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by [Microsoft Teams](#)