

Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee

[July 16, 2021](#)

TEAMS-Only Meeting (due to Covid-19)

Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: [Michael Iwaj](#), Oregon State Police; [Jeremy Morris](#), Klamath County

Others Present via TEAMS: Nick Fortey, FHWA; Fahad Alhajri, Brendan Baggett, Frank Belleque, Roger Boettcher, Scott Cramer, Kevin Haas, Katie Johnson, Angela Kargel, Marie Kennedy, Justin King Eric Leaming, Christina McDaniel-Wilson, ODOT Traffic/Roadway Section; Kerry Franey, Jeffrey Hayes, Jason Kelly, ODOT Region 1; Keith Blair, ODOT Region 2; Christopher DeLorto, HDR; Wendy Cawley, Peter Koonce, City of Portland; Sarah Owens, Steve Gallup, Lane County; Bret Jones, City of Eugene; Jabra Khasho, City of Beaverton; Scott Miller, City of Springfield; Massoud Saberian, TAI

Policy Bullets for Further Dissemination:

[TRB Webinar: Guidance for Setting Speed Limits](#)

[MUTCD Interpretation Letter 3\(09\)-24\(I\) – Application of Colored Pavement](#)

[NCHRP 05-25 \[Anticipated\] Safety Performance of LED and Variable Lighting Systems](#)

Introductions/TEAMS Orientation/Approval of Minutes

Chair Joseph Marek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members introduced themselves and other attendees logged in to Teams chat. The [May 21 OTCDC minutes](#) were approved after motion by Karl MacNair, second by Jeff Wise.

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 7/16/2021 7AM.

Passed/Enrolled Bills

- [HB-2530](#) – repeals sunset for City of Portland's fixed photo radar program
- [HB-2644](#) – Designates I-5 between Salem and Albany as the Atomic Veterans and Atomic Cleanup Veterans Memorial Highway
- [HB-2700](#) – Adds POW/MIA to ODOT's roadside memorial sign program.
- [HB-2985](#) – Requires membership on ODOT advisory committees reflect racial, ethnic, and ability composition of Oregon
- [HB-3055](#) – Transportation omnibus bill. Section 16 updates driver responses to traffic control devices. Section 81 allows ODOT to delegate speed designation authority to cities and Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.
- [HB-3304](#) – Requires ODOT to report on how it's implementing the Blueprint for Urban Design. Requires feedback from cities, counties, and MPOs impacted by projects implemented using the Blueprint for Urban Design.
- [HB-5006](#) – Late session appropriations bill. One part dedicated \$80M to OR-213/82nd Ave Safety Improvements Project
- [SB-574](#) – VETOED. Would have allowed motorcycle lane splitting under certain conditions.

Dead Bills

- [HB-2019](#) – Would have allowed City of Unity to operate mobile photo radar.
- [HB-2744](#) – Would have required ODOT to evaluate segments of highway for jurisdictional transfer.
- [HB-2829](#) – Would have required ODOT to report on studded tires.
- [HB-3050](#) – Would have replaced "accident" with "crash" in several statutes.
- [HB-3319](#) – Would have required OR Department of Energy, in consultation with Department of Land Conservation and Development, to study light pollution
- [HB-3357](#) – Would have allowed a certified, trained agent to issue a citation based on photo red light evidence instead of a police officer.
in Oregon.
- [SB-395](#) – Would have increased minimum spending in projects on bike/ped facilities from 1% to 5%, other changes related to bike/ped facility design.
- [SB-441](#) – Would have added POW/MIA to ODOT's roadside memorial sign program. Didn't pass because a twin bill (HB-2700) passed.
- [SB-548](#) – Would have prohibited ODOT from designating a speed less than 60 mph on I-5 or I-205 in Portland.
- [SB-561](#) – Would have updated driver responses to traffic control devices. Died because the bill was rolled into HB-3055 (Section 16), which passed.
- [SB-790](#) – Would have designated US-30 as the Veterans Memorial Highway, added military branch seals to highway signs.

Membership diversity, amending bylaws/OAR's

This item was moved up in the agenda. Peter Koonce produced a [draft amendment document](#) to the Committee for discussion. Mike Kimlinger suggested some minor tweaks he received from Katy Johnson to the effect all membership should be encouraged to be diverse by adding to the beginning of the membership paragraph: "The Committee shall represent a diverse and comprehensive perspective on transportation issues." In addition the last of the first paragraph be modified for clarity: "...and an ITE Student Member or Transportation Professional with less than five years of experience appointed by Oregon Sections of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

Brian Barnett suggested ITE students are always welcome to attend but maybe it's not a good idea to have a student without adequate experience to be a voting member. The Committee agreed to tweak the language to "Graduate Student".

Joe Marek suggested ODOT should run new language through ODOT's Office of Equity to be sure we have language which meets with their approval. Mike said he'd do so.

Decision: Karl MacNair moved we approve in concept changes to Bylaws Janet Hruby seconded, and the Committee voted approval.

At this point, Scott Peter Koonce departed the meeting and Wendy Cawley stepped in to substitute for Patrick Marnell.

Bus shoulder lane projects & OAR Update

Eric Leaming [introduced a presentation](#) to the committee on bus shoulder lanes. Jason Kelly, Kerry Franey, Jeffrey Hayes from ODOT Region 1 presented concepts of the pilot projects. Eric wrapped up with discussion of rulemaking. Discussion was had on who would populate a rule advisory committee. Eric will update as necessary in the future.

Updates on National Meetings

Kevin Haas noted the long awaited [NCHRP 17-76 Final Report](#) (guidance for setting speed limits) has been published. A [webinar](#) on this is scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., PST, free for TRB-sponsored agencies.

Mike Kimlinger reported on [AASHTO meetings](#), updates, links to [MUTCD Webinars](#) from FHWA. Also [FHWA](#), including colors on [crosswalk treatments](#), safety performance of [LED and Variable Lighting Systems](#). Also AASHTO [Guidance](#) on Connected and Automated Vehicles.

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.

Other than appreciation for the topic and early outcomes, nothing substantive was added today.

Roundtable

Mike Kimlinger announced improvement between Sisters and Bend on Hwy 20 in next 3-4 years – more roundabouts installed between Tumalo and Bend. Kevin Haas announced ODOT will be holding more in-person meetings with eastern part of the state on roundabouts. We've already had one on the Cairo Junction Roundabout which is the first one in Eastern Oregon. Kevin noted positive feedback.

Mike Kimlinger said under ODOT's Strategic Action Plan to improve things along the system technologically, an initiative is being pursued to replace traffic controllers along the whole ODOT system in the next two years. Discussion includes how to include local governments in the advances. Nothing definite to add right now.

Joe Marek asked if others jurisdictions are having difficulties getting traffic line paint for their needs. ODOT will get back to the committee at next meeting.

Karl asked about in person meetings for OTCDC? Discussion ongoing. September 1 is scheduled for re-populating ODOT offices with some kind of hybrid meetings with remote option.

Business from the Audience/NOA Topics

Mike – fire season is more extreme, earlier than previous years. This could bring on more devastation along the highways. ODOT is issuing some emergency speed reductions on the North Umpqua Hwy East.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Update on OAR work for how speed zone delegation will work – SZRP will be advisory group for this effort. Also update to the Speed Zone Manual is needed

Adjournment

Mike noted we're able to have more meetings when travel isn't an issue. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by [Microsoft Teams](#)