

# Safety & Mobility Policy Advisory Committee

## MEETING SUMMARY (DRAFT)

November 14, 2025  
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Via Microsoft Teams

### MEMBERS:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Bates, OTA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brodie Harvey, Knife River |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Campbell, AAA         | <input type="checkbox"/> Erik Havig, ODOT                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ed Chamberland, ACEC        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Hickey, APAO          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marie Dodds, AAA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jana Jarvis, OTA           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Fender                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Kim, Chair           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Gambatese, OSU         | <input type="checkbox"/> Evan Sether, OSP                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walt Gamble, AGC | <input type="checkbox"/> Erik Zander, OTA                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Gibson, OTA |  |

### RESOURCES:

- ☒ Christy Jordan, ODOT
- ☒ Angela Kargel, ODOT
- ☒ Justin Moderie, ODOT
- ☒ Oscar Njuju, ODOT
- ☐ Audrey Lawson, ODOT
- ☒ Tova Peltz, ODOT
- ☐ Carla Phelps, ODOT
- ☐ Katie Scott, ODOT

### FACILITATOR:

- ☐ Bill Gross, Mobility Program

### GUESTS:

- ☒ Justin King, ODOT Engineering & Technical Services
- ☒ Gary Obery, ODOT Engineering & Technical Services
- ☒ Ryan Stone, ODOT Transportation Safety Office
- ☒ Colleen O'Hogan, ODOT Transportation Safety Office
- ☒ Jody Raska, ODOT Transportation Safety Office

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS AND OUTCOME
<b>Roll Call, Minutes &amp; Agenda Review</b> Bill Gross David Kim	<p><b>Bill Gross</b> convened the meeting took roll call.</p> <p><b>David Kim</b> welcomed everyone and reviewed the discussion items on the agenda. David also provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announced leadership changes: Director Strickler departing; interim director starts January 2.</li> <li>Multiple key vacancies (e.g., Chief Engineer) are being actively recruited; candidate pool is strong.</li> <li>Budget bill passed by the legislature, enabling critical hires; maintenance crews already working on winter safety.</li> <li>Emphasized continuity during transition and focus on safety and staffing despite challenges.</li> </ul>
<b>Brainstorm ideas for improving driver education related to heavy trucks and work zones</b>	<p><b>Mark Gibson</b> kicked off the brainstorm session by providing a re-cap of the presentation he gave at the 2025 Safety Symposium. He provided the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlighted <b>truck overrepresentation in work zone crashes</b>, especially rear-end collisions.</li> <li>Shared data showing <b>80% of truck crashes are caused by automobile driver errors</b>.</li> </ul>

All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explained key truck characteristics impacting safety: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Large blind spots, longer stopping distances, brake lag.</li> <li>◦ Wider turning radius and slower acceleration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Presented graphics from FMCSA illustrating blind spots, stopping distances, and truck size comparisons.</li> <li>• Emphasized need for <b>public education</b> on driving near trucks and through work zones.</li> <li>• Suggested incorporating these topics into <b>driver training programs</b> and DMV manuals, while exploring broader outreach beyond manuals</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed Solutions &amp; Ideas from the brainstorm session:</b></p> <p>Enhance Driver Education Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include impactful visuals and videos showing real-life truck braking scenarios.</li> <li>• Develop interactive modules or simulations for driver's education programs.</li> <li>• Add mandatory video-based training with quizzes for DMV testing.</li> </ul> <p>Broaden Outreach Beyond Manuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch social media campaigns targeting teens and adults.</li> <li>• Partner with high school marketing/CTE programs to create peer-driven content.</li> <li>• Explore gaming concepts (e.g., "Navigate a Work Zone" challenge) to engage younger audiences.</li> </ul> <p>Public Awareness Campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand billboard contest to include digital/social media formats.</li> <li>• Consider movie theater ads or streaming platforms for educational videos.</li> <li>• Highlight life-and-death stakes in messaging for stronger impact.</li> </ul> <p>Truck Driver Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinforce training for commercial drivers on speed control and work zone awareness.</li> <li>• Address common issues like wide turns and safe merging practices.</li> </ul> <p>Partnerships &amp; Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize FMCSA and Virginia Tech resources for graphics and curriculum.</li> <li>• Investigate existing video campaigns (e.g., past ODOT movie theater ads).</li> <li>• Explore collaboration with large carriers (e.g., Walmart) for data and tech insights.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John Hickey:</b> Engage CTE educators on social media campaign feasibility.</li> <li>• <b>Mark Gibson:</b> Draft updated presentation for Safety Symposium on truck/work zone safety.</li> <li>• <b>Bill Gross:</b> Share FMCSA and Virginia Tech links with committee.</li> <li>• <b>Colleen O'Hogan:</b> Review DMV manual content and explore video integration.</li> </ul>
<b>Vulnerable User Crash Response</b>	<b>Angela Kargel</b> and <b>Gary Obery</b> provided the following update on the Vulnerable User Crash Response Program:

<p><b>(VCR) Program Update</b> Angela Kargel Gary Obery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Purpose:</b> Install quick-build safety countermeasures within one year of a fatal bicycle or pedestrian crash on state highways.</li> <li>• <b>Scope:</b> Analyze crashes, implement short-term fixes, and identify long-term improvements for STIP.</li> <li>• <b>Program Components:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Responsive:</i> Immediate safety measures after fatal crashes.</li> <li>◦ <i>Systemic:</i> Larger corridor projects on high-risk routes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Progress:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ 84 crashes analyzed since program start (Jan 2024).</li> <li>◦ Common treatments: illumination (most frequent), signage, median islands, speed zone changes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Funding:</b> \$10 million from House Bill 2017 safety funds.</li> <li>• <b>Process Improvements:</b> Expedited mobility review for VCR projects to accelerate delivery.</li> <li>• <b>Examples:</b> Median islands in Beaverton/Portland, traffic separators, speed limit reductions on OR99E.</li> <li>• <b>Key Emphasis:</b> Transparency and collaboration while prioritizing quick implementation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Blue Light Work Zone Agreement Review Subcommittee Update</b> Justin King John Hickey</p>	<p><b>Justin King</b> and <b>John Hickey</b> provided the following update on the subcommittee's work to review and update the Blue Light Agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Purpose of Review:</b> Update existing agreement on using blue lights in paving work zones to improve worker safety and slow traffic.</li> <li>• <b>Key Changes Approved:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Expanded use from interstates/freeways to <b>any multi-lane highway with free-flow traffic</b> (e.g., Hwy 22).</li> <li>◦ Blue lights allowed on <b>paving machine and nearest roller</b> for better visibility.</li> <li>◦ Added <b>purpose statement:</b> enhance worker safety and encourage speed reduction.</li> <li>◦ Clarified that <b>blue lights cannot be used when positive protection is in place.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Next Steps:</b> ODOT drafting final agreement for review and signature by AGC and APAO.</li> <li>• <b>Effectiveness:</b> Anecdotal feedback from crews indicates blue lights significantly slow traffic; prior OSU research supports effectiveness.</li> <li>• <b>Action Item:</b> Share 2019 ODOT research report on blue lights with committee for reference.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Work Zone Safety Technical Work Group Updates</b> Tova Peltz</p>	<p><b>Tova Peltz</b> provided an overview of recent activities, including planning for the Work Zone Safety Symposium and progress on the Billboard Contest timeline.</p> <p><b>Key Focus Areas:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Work Zone Safety Symposium Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Reviewed and refined the draft agenda for the upcoming <b>Work Zone Safety Symposium</b> scheduled for February.</li> <li>◦ Discussed session topics, keynote speakers, and logistics.</li> <li>◦ Emphasis on including real-life case studies and emerging safety technologies.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<p>2. <b>Billboard Contest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Timeline confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Student submissions due:</b> December 19.</li> <li><b>Billboards installed:</b> Mid-January, ahead of the February symposium.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Contest aims to engage youth and promote work zone safety awareness.</li> </ul> <p>3. <b>Work Zone Specifications &amp; Safety Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addressed concerns about <b>Kubler Delaney project</b> and how drivers navigate work zones.</li> <li>Internal follow-up initiated to review design specifications and ensure intended safety outcomes are met.</li> </ul> <p>4. <b>Overlap with SMPAC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed that overlap between this technical group and SMPAC is intentional for coordination and alignment on safety priorities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue refining symposium program and assign specific tasks in December.</li> <li>Monitor flagged work zone safety issues and address them promptly.</li> <li>Maintain collaboration between technical work group and SMPAC for consistent messaging and implementation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Roundtable Updates</b> All</p>	<p><b>Marie Dodds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared AAA Foundation study on <b>Slow Down, Move Over laws:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only 64% of drivers comply (slow down or move over).</li> <li>Many drivers unaware of the law or misunderstand requirements.</li> <li>About one emergency responder killed every two weeks on U.S. roads.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Will provide link to full report and news release.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mark Gibson:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raised concern about <b>confusion in permit and restriction notification process</b> with the CCD ORION system. Suggested adding this topic to the next agenda due to potential safety implications.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jana Jarvis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supported Mark's concern and added that changes in public notification processes could create serious safety hazards. Recommended further discussion at next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Christy Jordan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledged confusion and committed to <b>follow up with CCD</b> and clarify processes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Justin Moderie:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted potential <b>technology from Iowa</b> to improve work zone notifications for federal data exchange.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>John Hickey:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed making designer site visits more prominent and possibly involving legislators to highlight real-world work zone challenges.</li> <li>Suggested follow-up discussions on case studies from the Safety Symposium at future SMPAC meetings.</li> </ul> <p><b>David Kim:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended inviting Oregon State University to present findings from the <b>recent roundabout study</b> published nationally. Emphasized importance of sharing results broadly and making them more readable for non-technical audiences.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jana Jarvis (Follow-up):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed national interest in roundabout research and stressed need for better formatting for accessibility.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Final Comments and Close</b></p> <p>David Kim</p>	<p><b>David Kim</b> wrapped up the meeting with the following closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanked members for their commitment, emphasizing the importance of continued collaboration.</li> <li>Noted upcoming leadership transitions and current <b>budget restrictions</b>, limiting travel and hiring.</li> <li>Encouraged maintaining focus on safety and advocacy despite fiscal challenges.</li> <li>Suggested inviting <b>OSU to present the roundabout study</b> at the next meeting.</li> <li>Confirmed next SMPAC meeting: <b>February 25, 10:00 AM</b>, after the Safety Symposium.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action Items</b></p>	<p><b>Brainstorm Session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>John Hickey:</b> Engage CTE educators on feasibility of a social media campaign for work zone/truck safety.</li> <li><b>Mark Gibson:</b> Draft updated presentation for the Work Zone Safety Symposium on truck/work zone safety.</li> <li><b>Bill Gross:</b> Share FMCSA and Virginia Tech educational resources with the committee.</li> <li><b>Colleen O'Hogan:</b> Review DMV manual content and explore adding video-based training.</li> </ul> <p><b>Blue Light Work Zone Agreement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Justin King &amp; John Hickey:</b> Draft final agreement with updated language, circulate for AGC/APAO review, and finalize signatures.</li> <li><b>Justin King:</b> Share 2019 ODOT research report on blue light effectiveness with committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Roundtable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christy Jordan:</b> Follow up with CCD to clarify permit/restriction notification process under Orion.</li> <li><b>Bill Gross:</b> Share OSU roundabout study article with committee. (Sent on 11/14/25)</li> <li><b>John Hickey:</b> Explore making designer site visits more prominent and consider legislative engagement.</li> </ul>