

Minutes

SMPAC Travel Lane Widths Work Group Session

Meeting Date & Time: Wednesday, July 26, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Stakeholders

- ✓ Marie Dodds
- ✓ Jana Jarvis
- ✓ Walt Gamble
- ✓ Mark Gibson
- ✓ Evan Sether

ODOT

- ✓ Rich Crossler-Laird
- ✓ Bill Gross
- ✓ Erik Havig
- ✓ Jessica Horning
- ✓ Christy Jordan
- ✓ Mike Kimlinger

Discussion Summary

Introduction

Mike Kimlinger convened the meeting and asked Bill Gross to list the discussion topics. Bill said the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the action items from the last work group meeting on June 1, 2023:

- Mike to send the proposed statute changes to the Department of Justice (DOJ).
- Mike and Rich to review the comments from the meeting and see if there is additional guidance that would be useful to include in the Highway Design Manual (HDM).

Bill also introduced Captain Evan Sether with the Oregon State Police, who is replacing Captain Cord Wood on the Safety and Mobility Policy Advisory Committee (SMPAC). The rest of the work group members introduced themselves as well.

Proposed Statute Changes for DOJ

Mike Kimlinger said he sent the draft Statute Changes Summary document to Serena Hewitt, who is an attorney at the DOJ. (Bill emailed a copy of the latest version to the work group members).

Mike said he met briefly with Serena earlier this month. He said she is looking forward to reviewing our request, and that she might have something back to our group in time to share at the next scheduled SMPAC meeting on August 23, 2023.

Mike said he is not sure of the process for proposing potential bills to the legislature, and it is typically not something done by state agencies. He said that step will require further discussion, and we may need to rely on our SMPAC partners for help.

Potential Additional Guidance for the HDM

Rich Crossler-Laird shared a draft paragraph that was added to 2024 version of the HDM in Part 300. The paragraph emphasizes that permanent changes to routes that are not subject to ORS 366.215 (e.g. non-Reduction Review Routes) may also require engagement with the Mobility Advisory Committee per various department policies and practices (such as proposed roundabouts, traffic calming features, vertical clearance reductions, etc.). Rich said ODOT expects to publish the 2024 HDM within the next few months.

Mark Gibson asked if the Blueprint for Urban Design Manual (BUD) has been incorporated into the HDM. Rich said the BUD was incorporated into the 2023 version of the HDM (the original BUD and current HDM is [available at this link](#)).

Next Steps

Mike Kimlinger will touch base with Serena Hewitt prior to the next SMPAC on August 23rd, to see if she will have anything available to share with the committee by then.

Bill Gross will schedule another work group meeting 1-2 weeks after the August SMPAC meeting. The primary discussion topic for the next meeting will be to determine next steps for submitting draft statute changes to the legislature.