

APPROVED
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OREGON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Transportation Safety Office
In-Person and Virtual Hybrid Meeting
Salem, OR

Members via Phone/Teams: Chair Victor Hoffer, Vice Chair Jerry Cooper, Jane Aiken, Marian Owens

Absent Members: Will Anderson

Liaisons and Guests via Phone/Teams: None

Staff via Phone/Teams: Amy Joyce, Traci Pearl, Alycen Ozawa, Suzanne Gill, Kelly Kapri, Heidi Manlove, Vasily Alagoz, Doug Bish, John Bonnet, Don Hamon, Michelle Godfrey, Kelly Mason, Walt McAlister, Christina McDaniel-Wilson, Colleen O'Hogan, Jody Raska, Ryan Stone, Tiana Tozer

Public Attendees: None

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Victor Hoffer called the hybrid teleconference meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Chair Hoffer welcomed everyone and had them introduce themselves. Traci Pearl introduced Vasily Alagoz and Doug Bish who recently started with the Transportation Safety Office (TSO).

II. CONSENT CALENDAR AND MINUTES

Chair Hoffer called for a review and approval of the Consent Calendar and the February meeting minutes.

MOTION: Jerry Cooper moved to approve February 2023 meeting minutes. Chair Victor Hoffer seconded. Majority approval by the committee. Motion approved.

III. MEMBER REPORTS

Jane Aiken

Jane Aiken presented a notebook from the first DUII Multi-Disciplinary Training Conference held on April 15, 1995. The notebook contains all the materials the students received, and she will be making a copy for the historical keeping for ODOT.

Vice Chair Jerry Cooper

Vice Chair Jerry Cooper reported that Tim Plummer, Sergeant with the Oregon State Police will be retiring and will be taking over the Chief of Police position in Madras, Or. Vice Chair Cooper reported on the death of Veneta Howard and said he would comment more during his GAC report.

Marian Owens

Marian Owens inquired why the trees on I-5 between Canyon Mountain and Stagecoach Pass are being cut down. Chair Victor Hoffer suggested having an arborist from ODOT to come to an upcoming

meeting to report on this. Amy Joyce added we would get a summary from Operations in ODOT focused on that area and will bring it to the next meeting. Ms. Owens asked about the study at rest areas and the lack of commercial truck parking and if we could get her a follow up on that. Chair Hoffer agreed we would add all of these to the agenda for next month's OTSC meeting. Chair Hoffer would like to have a member training at the end of next month's meeting as well. Jane Aiken suggested having a meeting in the future from the public safety aspect for the Move Over Campaign, Distracted Driving and Following Too Close, do we have these and what is the status on getting them out to the public. Traci Pearl shared we have this information and she would bring it for the committee to review.

IV. CHAIR REPORT (Victor Hoffer)

Chair Victor Hoffer reported on an upcoming meeting on the Oregon Revised statute and their role as OTSC members. He planned to have this all at the next meeting. Chair Hoffer welcomed Amy Joyce, DMV Administrator and inquired if she had anything to share with the committee.

Amy Joyce introduced herself and reported that tomorrow, Director Strickler and Mack Lind would be presenting at the legislative commission on Indian Services regarding transportation safety. Ms. Joyce will forward the agenda and the link to the meeting to anyone interested.

V. TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICE (TSO) MANAGER'S REPORT

Traci Pearl reported on the Transportation Safety Conference coming up next week on March 14th & 15th at Spirit Mountain Conference Center in Grand Ronde. Ms. Pearl recommended reaching out to Suzanne Gill or Alycen Ozawa if you would like to register.

Ms. Pearl introduced Vasily Alagoz, Doug Bish and Suzanne Gill.

Ms. Pearl reported on the New Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and that there are new rules that came out on that law February 7th. Ms. Pearl reported they met with NHTSA on February 7th in Boise, Idaho and learned about all the changes in the law. Included in that are new grant programs that states can apply for funding. One of the programs targets educating the public and driver education on traffic stops and how to correctly interact at those stops and the other program is targeting roadway safety.

Ms. Pearl reported that the TSO now needs to provide a Triennial Highway Safety plan on July 1st, for years 2024, 2025 & 2026 as well as an Annual Highway Safety Plan on August 1st that will list all the grant projects that are being submitted for approval by NHTSA. Ms. Pearl added that they plan on getting information to the May meeting for approval of the Triennial Plan due on July 1st and then again in the June meeting for approval of the Annual Highway Safety Plan due on August 1st.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

Oregon State Police

Lieutenant Evan Sether shared that Tim Plummer will be retiring at the end of the month and OSP is in the process of opening a position for a new DRE State Coordinator for the Drug Recognition Expert Program to replace Mr. Plummer. Mr. Sether checked in with ignition interlock and there are no new updates with everyone monitoring bills and asked if anyone has questions. Jerry Cooper asked if they had any recruits going through DPSST training. Mr. Sether responded yes, two weeks ago they had a

pre-academy class with 8 or 9 recruits that are doing field training now. Mr. Sether reported this past Monday they started a class with lateral recruits that has around 14 total in-state recruits. This will be a 6-week training and from there will go to do their field training. Finally, they are interviewing recruits for the June classes. Question from the chat, do you know if the person taking over for Sgt. Plummer will take over the data collection. Mr. Sether responded yes.

Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII (GAC-DUII)

Vice Chair Jerry Cooper reported for GAC-DUII that the death of Veneta Howard was a great loss as she was a great ally to the GAC and a scribe who wrote many articles for the Statesman Journal regarding DUII and to keep the public informed. Jane Aiken presented the obituary for Veneta Howard and read out her accomplishments over the years. Ms. Aiken suggested reaching out to the Statesman Journal to get the articles that Ms. Howard wrote over the years to support the history of the Traffic Safety Division.

Department of Public Safety Standards & Training (DPSST)

David Beatty reported that DPSST has a new director, Phil Castle from Washington State and that Mr. Castle previously was a Deputy Director for the Employment Department. Mr. Beatty reported they are working on instructor development courses and have completed a Radar Lidar course and will be running another Radar Lidar course in Pendleton in mid-May. They will also be doing their annual SFST Instructor Training course for DPSST soon. The DUI Task Force Conference will be April 27th & 28th in Canyonville. Mr. Beatty recommended registering at duitaskforce.org.

Clear Alliance

Tory Kurtz reported for Clear Alliance that they finished their impaired driving commercials which have content in English as well as in Spanish. They are hopeful to have the commercials ready to view by next the next month or two.

Drivers Education

Jody Raska reported on the PacNW Conference which introduced the new curriculum to the instructors. At the conference the instructors were given time to work with the curriculum and ask questions. They will be rolling this out in phases this year.

Highway Safety Engineering Committee

Christine McDaniel-Wilson reported they were in the process of updating the intersection safety implementation plan and have issued the notice to proceed. Ms. McDaniel-Wilson shared they are getting ready to launch the Arts Program and that they are working on a CD2 summary of the preliminary of the 2021 data and she will put this in the chat to share with the committee. It is comparing the average fatal and serious injury crash data averages from 2021. The information will be used to help guide our programs and policies in the right direction.

VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Traci Pearl shared two Legislative Trackers one for the Transportation Safety Office and one for GAC-DUII. Ryan Stone shared that for the GAC-DUII, all five of the bills have introduced as house bills through Representative Jeff Helfrich. The concept for changing the language from accident to crash has been

requested to have a hearing scheduled and Mr. Stone is expecting to hear from that soon. Mr. Stone shared there is a work group on HB2316 this morning, which is not a GAC bill, but it has to do with any impairing substance, so he will be watching that closely.

VIII. PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT

Distracted Driving

Kelly Kapri shared a PowerPoint on the Distracted Driving media for 2022. She reported on the primary focus from HSP, how they put each strategy in play and highlighted the projects with the costs of each. Ms. Kapri highlighted the annual National Connect to Disconnect, Hang Up and Drive and presented the numbers from OSP of all the citations and warnings. Ms. Kapri reported the Distracting Driving Awareness Course is going well and that 2023 April Distracted Driving Awareness Month Declaration is going to OTC for approval. She shared the digital billboards that are throughout the state and then highlighted each ad on social media, television as well as from the NASCAR event. Evan Sether asked about the first offense classes and how many county circuit courts are adopting this as an option. Ms. Kapri responded she does not have any information back from the providers and that they are not required to report so it is not getting tracked.

Ms. Kapri presented the GARD Distracted Driving Report from 2022. The report highlighted the media overview for billboards, airports, theaters, radio, and Spanish TV. The report had an overview of Facebook, Instagram and Google ads, and showed how many signs were displayed at the NASCAR event. Ms. Kapri reported they are working on a new PSA this year, filming this week that will include distracted driving, roadway departures and pedestrian crashes. Ms. Kapri shared the ads that are shown at the theaters, on the radio and on Spanish TV.

Roadway/Work Zone

Colleen O'Hogan introduced herself as the new Roadway Safety, Work Zone and Vehicle Equipment Program Manager. Ms. O'Hogan discussed her programs and shared that the person teaching the courses for safety features for local road courses retired. Ms. O'Hogan has worked hard to get a new grantee and is pleased to announce Oregon State University is taking over the grant and will be creating the new curriculum. Ms. O'Hogan shared she is working on a work force task force. As a result of an employee survey sent out last year, the ODOT staff in the work zones expressed concerns about near misses on the job site. A task force has been created and the information they are receiving is that people are ignoring the flaggers and the automated flaggers, as well as continuing issues with distracted driving and speeding. This information will be reported back to the ODOT director and will be used to help make sure all road workers can work safely. Ms. O'Hogan shared they are transitioning from having work zone grants that are issued out to law agencies to now into actual projects. The RTSC's work with the region engineers and project managers and have a 30-step process that has now been implemented and is running smoothly.

IX. Public Comment

No public comments at this time.

X. NEXT MEETING & AGENDA BUILD

The next meeting will be held April 12, 2023 at the ODOT TLC building and virtually.

- *DMV License Testing (CDL, Class C)*
- *Karl Citek, M.S., O.D., PhD, FAAQ (Nystagmus – Part 1)*
- *Tim Plummer, OSP (Nystagmus and the DRE Program – Part 2)*
- *Statewide Tow Truck Report*
- *Comprehensive Legislative Review of the Motor Vehicle Code*
- *TSAP Implementation Plan (January)*

XI. ADJOURN

With no further business brought before the committee, Chair Hoffer officially adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.