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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY
Thursday, April 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Transportation Safety Office
In-Person and Virtual Hybrid Meeting

Members Present: Chair Don Hamon, Chris Henry, CJ Strauss, Ethan Lodwig, Debbie Weber, Graham Munsell

Staff: Jeff Greiner, Miguel H. Lopez, Suzanne Gill

Liaisons/Guests: Hanna Braziel (Oregon DMV), Officer Chris Cass (Portland Police Bureau, Aria Minu-Sepehr (Team Oregon), Pat Hahn (Team Oregon), Jason Lindland (Oregon State Police, OSP), Paula Leslie (BikePAC), Doug Bish Transportation Safety Office)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Don Hamon called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and asked for a roll call and introductions.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (March 2023)

Chair Hamon asked if there was a motion to approve the March meeting minutes.

MOTION: Vice-Chair Chris Henry motioned to approve the March minutes. Debbie Weber seconded. No opposition. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

III. Chair and Committee Member Reports

Chair Don Hamon reported on a meeting between himself, Jeff Greiner, Vice-Chair Chris Henry and Kelly Brooks, the Transportation and Infrastructure Advisor to the Governor. The GAC-MS has four open member positions that the Governor is responsible for appointing, which is an on-going effort.

Vice-Chair Chris Henry shared that he has been riding off road and expressed gratitude for his health and privilege that allows him to enjoy these activities, as well as having the knowledge and safety gear that contributes to his well-being.

Debbie Weber had nothing to report.

Ethan Lodwig had nothing to report.

CJ Strauss reported feeling privileged to be driving safely in her car today and not being out in the elements. Ms. Strauss said she has spent time lately in reflection after coming out of COVID, assessing her values and priorities to make sure she is living her life concurrent with her values.

Graham Munsell reported that he is grateful for what we have after COVID.

IV. Liaison/Stakeholder Reports and Public Comment

Portland Police Bureau (PPB) – Officer Chris Cass

Officer Chris Cass reported on a recent motorcycle fatality in Portland. The crash involved a TriMet bus turning left in front of a motorcycle rider who was riding at excessive speed. The motorcycle had multiple issues, including not having a speedometer or a front brake rotor. Jeff Greiner added that this report goes along with NHTSA's research that shows in right of way violation crashes, often the rider is traveling above the posted speed. Vice-Chair Henry added that the approaching speed also affects visibility and attention, and that the headlight is most important, more so than the color of gear the rider is wearing. Mr. Greiner said recent research shows that a three-headlight setup with one main headlight and two auxiliary lights is the safest option for riders.

Oregon State Police (OSP) – Lt. Jason Lindland

Lt. Jason Lindland reported on recent motorcycle crashes. Chair Hamon asked if all fatalities result in a toxicology report being done on the deceased. Lt. Lindland said that does not happen in single vehicle crashes. Lt. Lindland asked if the committee would be interested in seeing citations that are issued to motorcycle riders. The committee said yes. He will

have this information for the committee at the May GAC meeting.

Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV) – Hanna Braziel

Hanna Braziel reported they have an online publication with quick tips for doing business with the DMV that went live on Wednesday. Legislation has been quiet. The internal review of the Driver's Manual is almost complete. It should be available in mid-May for member review. She thanked everyone who already responded, stating they would like to review the manual and said she would ask again in May. The finalization of the manual will happen in late July, after having it translated into Spanish and then reviewed. She said the lane splitting bill is still sitting but has moved forward. She also highlighted a bill about passing bicyclists that require a speed reduction to 5mph. That bill is still moving forward.

Team Oregon – Pat Hahn

Pat Hahn reported that they have a total of 1,342 trained motorcyclists and courses are filling up. They have trained nine new classroom instructors, eight new range instructions, and have three more instructor preps scheduled this year. They are hoping to add 30 more instructors by the end of the year. Training will start in June at the Hillsborough High School site. Mr. Hahn recently joined the DMV field office at their weekly meeting to discuss the relationship between the DMV and Team Oregon, shared safety tips. He reported that post-COVID they are having more motorcycle events and shared the new training course, [RSP Road Training Tactics](#).

ODOT - Transportation Safety Office, Motorcycle Safety Program – Jeff Greiner

Jeff Greiner reviewed the [TSO report](#) and then reported on the NHTSA Impaired Driving Assessment held by TSO's Impaired Driving Program Manager Ryan Stone last week. A draft document of how the program can improve was shared with the agency last Friday and motorcycle impairment was included. The final version of the report will be shared with this committee once it's been finalized. Mr. Greiner reported that he reached out to the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee (OTSC) on behalf of the GAC-MS to inquire what the OTSC expects of the GAC-MS committee and what role they would like the GAC-MS to play in reviewing training curriculums that are being considered for approval in Oregon. He received some guidance and will be working on their request and getting that information back to this committee. Mr. Greiner wanted to recognize the efforts of the Rose City Club promoting safe riding with their organized rides, and all their efforts to keep riders safe.

BIKE PAC/ABATE – Paula Leslie

Paula Leslie reminded the committee that May 6th at noon is the Motorcycle Awareness Rally and asked for a member to volunteer to read the proclamation. The rally will be held at 900 Court St, across the street from the Capital in the fountain area.

V. DMV Statistical 2022 Presentation – Hanna Braziel

Hanna Braziel shared a presentation reviewing the [DMV Statistics in 2022](#). Registered Motorcycle and Passenger Vehicles both saw a small decrease in registered vehicles. Active Driving Privileges show instruction permits are much higher for 2022. Debbie Weber asked what the limit was on renewing permits. Ms. Braziel said that Oregon does not have a limit. Ms. Braziel reported that 86% of Oregon active riders are males, and the peak number of riders for both men and women are in the 65-69 age bracket. Ms. Braziel reported that in 2022 they expanded to accept out-of-state rider education courses, and a select few approved courses for Oregonians who are temporarily residing out of the state. It allows military members as well as their spouses or dependents to take rider education courses wherever they may be based.

VI. Legislative Update – Jeff Greiner

Jeff Greiner reported on the three remaining bills still alive in the Oregon Legislature: [HB3374](#), changing the word accident to crash, [HB2316](#), covering any impairing substance, and [SB422](#) that was moved to the Senate floor and is now in the Joint Transportation Commission Committee.

VII. 2024 Highway Safety Plan Discussion – Committee

Jeff Greiner discussed the Highway Safety Plan and the 2016-2020 fatal crash data. The data showed the total number of fatalities that involved speeding, drugs, alcohol, or both. This data can be used to find the leading causative factors for fatalities and then identify projects to reduce or eliminate those causative factors, resulting in fewer deaths. Per this data, speed and impairment are the leading causative factors of fatal crashes. ODOT has reached out to partners, interested parties, the committees, and grantees for input. As a result of the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), there is a new level of public input required, which needs to be demonstrated to NHTSA. TSO must explain in detail to NHTSA how they provide opportunities to interested parties to provide comment in the development of our highway safety plan, and to demonstrate a significant effort to reach out to historically underserved and/or overrepresented groups involved in crashes. The data shared today from Hanna Braziel showed us that .036% of registered vehicles are motorcycles on Oregon highways, and in the past five years they represented between 13-19% of the fatalities. This implies that they are overrepresented for the number of vehicles on the highway compared to the number of fatalities. The public input received at the Transportation Safety Conference and the input that this committee is providing ODOT helps ODOT meet this requirement. Recommendations included connecting with the insurance industry, identifying partnership opportunities to involve the academic community with specific knowledge of impairment, and developing continuing education for endorsed riders. Also recommended were promoting family friendly events hosted by non-alcoholic and drug free locations and identifying and promoting the health of drivers and riders. Regarding supporting efforts to lower the BAC to .03, Mr. Greiner pointed out that at the previous GAC-DUII meeting there was discussion with the OLCC representative regarding a report showing places that are over-serving alcohol and how it can be made available to law enforcement agencies. After collecting and analyzing the data, TSO can propose new projects to counteract these issues, and must demonstrate to NHTSA that the project is backed by data and former research. Mr. Greiner and his peers are working on the identification of potential grantees for projects to move forward with, to help address Oregon's impaired riding problem. There are two dates for submission for the Highway Safety Plan, one in July and one in August. Once submitted it will be reviewed and sent back with clarifying questions and if approved, action can be taken implementing the plans in 2024. This action plan will continue over the next two years.

VIII. Next Meeting: May 18, 2023 – Possible Topics:

- 2023 Legislative Session Update
- Oregon Health Authority Trauma Registry Update
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Reciprocity – Equity Lens and the Motorcycle Safety Program of Oregon – ODOT/Committee
- GAC MS Publications and Outreach Materials Update
- GAC MS Strategic Action Plan

IX. Adjournment

With no further business, the committee was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.