

APPROVED

June 14, 2023

OREGON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 - Meeting Minutes
Transportation Safety Office
Hybrid Meeting - Salem, OR

Members in person: Chair Victor Hoffer, Jane Aiken

Members via Phone/Teams: Vice-Chair Jerry Cooper, Marian Owens, Will Anderson

Staff, Guests, Liaisons: Amy Joyce, Traci Pearl, Miguel Lopez, Brandy Anderson Gillock, David Beatty (DPSST), Jason Lindland (OSP), Nicole McAda (CA), Christina McDaniel-Wilson (HSEC), Vasily Alagoz, Michelle Godfrey, Jeff Greiner, Kelly Kapri, Heidi Manlove, Kelly Mason, Walt McAlister, Billie-Jo Nickens, Colleen O'Hogan, Jody Raska

Public Attendees: Matthew Bathke (Marion County Public Works)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Victor Hoffer called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and asked for a moment of silence to remember those who have been affected by crashes in Oregon and around the world.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR AND MINUTES

Chair Hoffer called for a review and approval of the Consent Calendar and the April meeting minutes. The Consent Calendar included approval of three new Driver Education Advisory Committee members.

MOTION: Jane Aiken moved to approve the April 2023 meeting minutes. Marian Owens seconded. Unanimous approval by the committee. Motion approved.

III. MEMBER REPORTS

Vice-Chair Jerry Cooper

Vice Chair Jerry Cooper had nothing to report.

Marian Owens

Marian Owens reported on the DUII Conference she attended and a paving project in her area. She thanked Jody Raska for her work with Driver Education Program; she said she is thankful to be gaining more instructors in her area.

Jane Aiken

Jane Aiken reported on the DUII Conference as well and said there were approximately four hundred attendees.

Will Anderson

Will Anderson reported on the 2025 transportation package, stating it is something that should be on the committee's radar. He suggested that within the next few months, they discuss what type of proposals should be presented to legislature. The committee decided that the September agenda will include this topic.

IV. CHAIR REPORT (Victor Hoffer)

Chair Victor Hoffer reported on the excellent quality of the DUII Convention and thanked Mr. Beatty for all his hard work.

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

Traci Pearl reported that TSO is completing the Triennial HSP for 2024, 2025, and 2026 grant years, which due July 1st to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). She addressed a question from the previous meeting about allowing out of country (Commercial Driver License) CDL drivers to drive legally in the United

States. The Oregon law (and US law) states that CDL's issued in Canada and Mexico can be used in the United States, except for the CDLs issued to engineers that need to be able to test trucks in the US and are here for a limited time. In April's meeting, Ms. Owens asked for an update on the 2020 study of commercial vehicle parking, what the implementation plans are and the status on the recommendations that were proposed as a result. Ms. Pearl said that Eric Havig from ODOT's Policy Data and Analysis team stated that ODOT is looking at truck parking information management systems, which can help improve efficiency of the existing truck parking. ODOT is also working on a multi-state effort with Washington and California for a potential grant along the I-5 corridor to install this type of system. The Oregon Freight Advisory Committee is developing an implementation plan for the statewide freight plan, and truck parking is an area focus. Ms. Pearl announced that Brandy Anderson Gillock, the former executive assistant prior to Suzanne Gill, is back in a temporary capacity, as Ms. Gill vacated the position. Recruitment has been requested.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Amy Joyce responded to Mr. Cooper's earlier questions about the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) membership and [HB 2095](#), the photo radar bill. She reported that HB 2095 has been signed by the Governor. Regarding the OTC, Chair Van Brocklin is stepping down. After reviewing a slate of candidates proposed by the Governor, the Senate Rules Committee passed two nominees through to fill the vacancy. They will go to the Senate floor next for review. Ms. Joyce shared some insights into the candidates and [an article](#) written by Alicia Chapman.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)

David Beatty reported on the DUII conference held April 27th-28th at the Seven Feathers Casino Resort in Canyonville and thanked TSO for the grants that helped put on the event, and OTSC for their support. He said they would be sending a survey out to attendees and requested a response from anyone who attended. The next conference will be in Bend at the River House on the Deschutes Convention Center, April 4-5th, 2024.

Oregon State Police (OSP)

Jason Lindland reported on a DRE school with ninety students currently underway in Hillsboro. They are still in the process of searching for a DRE Coordinator. He was recently on an interview panel for the Oregon State Tow Board. They interviewed five candidates for the Tow Board Administrator position; he said to expect an update on the position at the next OTSC meeting.

CLEAR Alliance

Nicole McAda reported having a new administrative assistant, Gracie Pacheco, who was present as well. They have completed their impaired driving commercials. They are ready for broadcast across Central Oregon and on streaming platforms. They are also available on their website for free download, and on their social media platforms. She said today is the launch for their counterfeit pill education course, which will take place in Prineville. They have also begun offering their curriculum at schools for a donation instead of a set cost.

Driver Education Advisory Committee (Jody Raska)

Ms. Raska reported that the DEAC did not meet in May due to low membership.

GAC on Motorcycle Safety (Jody Raska)

Jody Raska reported out on behalf of Jeff Greiner that the May GAC-MS meeting had been cancelled, and they are currently working to schedule their June meeting. They plan on discussing how the GAC-MS can support the OTSC in assessing motorcycle safety training curriculum. TSO is currently working with the Governor's Office to address OTSC and GAC member position vacancies and the lane splitting bill, [Senate Bill 422](#), which is currently scheduled for a hearing in joint transportation tomorrow at 5:00 O'clock.

Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC)

Walt McAllister reported that the TRCC met on May 4th. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) brought them a presentation that gave an overview of a data dashboard that will give information on traffic events and help learn more about pedestrian and bicycle activities. There was a proposal presented to improve accessibility by purchasing the Vision Zero software suite, and then hiring/training people to use it. The proposal suggested the state purchase the software, deploy it for a year, and then reassess.

The group also discussed the two vacancies they currently have on the committee. Judge Aiken and Mr. McAllister discussed the linking of DMV reports and public safety improvement.

Speed Zone Review Panel

Chair Hoffer reported that the panel Speed Zone Review Panel will be meeting June 7th, and he will be attending. He said Janelle Lawrence from Oregon impact had requested 15 minutes to make a report at the next OTSC.

GAC-DUII

Jerry Cooper reported that at the last GAC-DUII meeting Ryan Stone had reported on legislative updates. Fifteen bills died because they received no hearing. The *accident to crash* bill passed the House and is sitting with the Rules Committee. The lane splitting Bill, Senate Bill 422, has been moved to the Transportation Committee.

VIII. PROGRAM MANAGER REPORTS

Driver Education

Jody Raska reported on the driver education program updates, [which can be reviewed here](#).

Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety

Heidi Manlove shared updates from her two programs, [bicycle safety](#) and [pedestrian safety](#), viewable by clicking on the links above.

IX. Public Comment

Matthew Bathke introduced himself as the safety specialist for Marion County Public Works. He has been an EMT for 27 years and a volunteer firefighter for the last fourteen. On July 24th of last year, he and his 9-yr old daughter were on his motorcycle when a drunk driver struck them. His daughter underwent several surgeries but has made a full recovery. His leg was permanently damaged, so he can no longer practice as a first responder. He is still a member of the Fire District as the chaplain. He hopes to help Marion County Public Works to benefit public safety, as well as the safety of our road workers.

X. NEXT MEETING & AGENDA BUILD

The next meeting will be held June 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)*
- *TSAP Implementation Plans (June)*
- *2025 Transportation Package Discussion (September)*

XI. ADJOURN

With no further business brought before the committee, Chair Hoffer adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.