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**OREGON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, June 14, 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, Brandy Anderson Gillock, David Beatty (DPSST), Vasily Alagoz, Doug Bish, Vanessa Churchill, Michelle Godfrey, Jeff Greiner, Kelly Kapri, Heidi Manlove, Kelly Mason, Walt McAlister, Christina McDaniel-Wilson (HSEC), Nicole Charlson, Colleen O'Hogan, Jody Raska, Doug Bish, Joe Gardner, Vanessa Churchill, Shari Davis, Richard Godfrey, Carol Huffman, Nicole McAda, Lt. Jason Lindland (OSP), Kayla Hootsmans

**Public Attendees:** Matthew Bathke (Marion County Public Works)

### **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Victor Hoffer called the meeting to order at 9:32 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 [May meeting minutes](#). Traci Pearl reviewed the consent calendar. Ms. Aiken asked where the funds come from, and Ms. Pearl explained that the funds are there and have not been obligated yet. Ms. Aiken asked for this to be reviewed in greater detail at the next meeting.

**MOTION: Jane Aiken moved to approve the May 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 had nothing to report.

Jane Aiken

Jane Aiken had nothing to report.

Will Anderson

Will Anderson had nothing to report.

### **IV. CHAIR REPORT (Victor Hoffer)**

Chair Hoffer reported seeing more drug involved crashes every day. He also asked if evacuation plans are currently in place for fire or floods, etc. with the State Fire Marshal and local agencies. Ms. Aiken brought up a case about someone who was no longer safe to drive, and the committee discussed this. Kelly Kapri stated that there are resources on [TSO's Safe Driving Website](#) and suggested that the DMV's Karen O'Fearn could be a great person to come speak more to this topic in the future.

## **V. Transportation Safety Action Plan (Doug Bish)**

Mr. Bish reported on the Transportation Safety Action Plan and [shared a document](#) that is tracking progress. The TSAP team want this form to come to each PM for updates whenever a new project is added. They will publish an annual report to show the ongoing projects and progress.

## **VI. Oregon Impact Updates**

Janelle Lawrence reported on the different ODOT grants they manage at Oregon Impact and shared arrest numbers. She also reviewed details of the Safe Communities Grant and their Victim Impact Panels (VIPs) for Clackamas Co., which are hosted online. They will be helping the Oregon City Police Department with a children's camp for children of incarcerated parents. They have two crash cars that travel around the state to local high schools and fairs. Ms. Aiken asked if their information is available in multiple languages. Ms. Lawrence said they do have that available. Ms. Aiken asked if trauma-informed traffic-related programs exist. Ms. Lawrence said they do not yet, but she is going to investigate creating one.

## **VII. TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICE (TSO) MANAGER'S REPORT (Traci Pearl)**

Traci Pearl reported that TSO just physically moved to the DMV HQ building on Lana Ave. because of the budget concerns. TSO is still working on the 3HSP (Highway Safety Plan), which is due on July 1<sup>st</sup>. NHTSA is requiring a much deeper dive into data and more thorough explanations before granting funds. The HSP will not be approved by the OTSC prior to submission because of the tight timelines. NHTSA has 60 days to approve the report and then OTSC will see the report after approval.

## **VIII. Legislative Update (Traci Pearl)**

Ms. Pearl reviewed [SB 895](#) which pertains to passing in a no-passing zone. Mr. Anderson asked what kind of education will be going out about this. Ms. Pearl said Heidi Manlove is working with the public transportation division to plan this. She reported that [HB 2316](#) is still alive, which expands the definition for any impairing substance to be included. Mr. Cooper asked about updates on the *accident to crash* bill. Ms. Pearl said she will confirm for the committee that it is dead. [SB 422](#) was passed out of committee and got a public hearing in the Transportation Committee. The bill did not get a work session. Mr. Anderson said if it hasn't received a work session at this point, it is dead. Mr. Cooper asked about updates on [HB 2095](#), which allows photo radar in cities as long as certain conditions are met. It was confirmed that it appears to stand a good chance of passage.

## **IX. LIAISON REPORTS**

### Oregon State Police (OSP)

Lt. Jason Lindland reported that Lt. Sether was promoted to become the new Patrol Division Captain. Cpt Wood is now the NW Regional Captain. The new DRE state coordinator is Ryan Clarke. He shared kudos for Sgt. Ely, who oversees the ignition interlock device (IID) program. They are now at an 80% success rate since implementing their door hanger system. He said the team went to the Association for IID Professionals Conference in Charleston SC. Ms. Aiken asked if the IID team has been in touch with the OR Municipal Judges Association (OMJA) and shared [their website](#). Lt. Lindland concluded saying they had 19 recruits this session and have lost four, but they hope to fill a class of 40 in October. OSP will be running their own recruit school from start to finish at that point.

### CLEAR Alliance

Nicole McAda reported that they are close to print for impaired driving billboards on the North and South entry ways of Redmond. They have updating to do on their *did you know* campaigns. Professional photos to be posted online and available in print. They will be updating the tobacco and impaired driving courses. Vaping will be a stand-alone course. They have two digital billboards in Portland and are on the waiting list to get them posted throughout the state. They have impaired driving commercials running on KTVZ.

### Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV)

Bill Merrill reported that Real ID enforcement date is May 2025. They are working on online knowledge testing. The vision test rule that eliminated the vision test for online testers has expired, and the age requirement has been moved from 50-65, effective June 1, 2023. Ms. Owens asked about students in her area who have passed online CDL tests: does DMV oversee what the classes consist of, or is that the Motor Carriers Department? Mr. Merrill said he will research that and report back. Chair Hoffer asked about the OR State Hospital and patients with suspended licenses: how does this happen and how do they reinstate? Mr. Merrill said hospital administrators submit information to the DMV to suspend and then regain them, and approval must come from the OR State Hospital. He said will find out more and report back at the next meeting. He reported on a permit issuance error: between September of 2022 and April 2023, licenses/permits were erroneously printed and sent out; what should have been permits were issued as licenses. New cards and letters explaining what happened were sent out to affected individuals.

### Driver Education Advisory Committee (DEAC)

Ms. Raska reported that DEAC met on June 1<sup>st</sup>. and three new committee members were introduced. New curriculum will be completed soon and sent out. Mary Deferarri shared that five new private providers have been approved since February, one of which is a driver rehabilitation specialist who is able to work with students who may have difficulties in traditional classes and/or have learning disabilities. She can also work with students who need adaptive equipment in their vehicles. There was a Virtual PAC Northwest conference on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with about 100 attendees. She updated them on legislative developments. Ms. Raska hopes that over the next grant year DEAC will update the Committee Charter, the strategic plan for the driver education program, and create a manual for new providers or coordinators. They have discussed a weekend retreat to work on these items. Ms. Raska also hopes to hold listening sessions throughout the state and will be looking at dates for these. Helen Jones as elected for Chair and Rich Green was selected for the Vice-Chair seat. The next meeting will be August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Chair Hoffer reported that all EMTs and paramedics must be recertified by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Jerry Cooper reported that at the last GAC-DUII was June 2<sup>nd</sup> where they discussed legislative progress. HB 2316 looks like it should pass. The bill to change the word *accident* to *crash* in statute died. The .05 bill never got a hearing. The bill relating to open marijuana containers in the car never got a hearing. The next DUII conference will be held in Bend on April 4-5<sup>th</sup>. The next GAC-DUII meeting will be July 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am, held virtually and in person at DPSST. Ms. Aiken shared that the OR Municipal Judges (OMJA) Conference will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> in Hood River.

### GAC on Motorcycle Safety (GAC-MS)

Jeff Greiner reported that there are currently 14 rider fatalities as of June 8<sup>th</sup>. The May meeting was canceled but they will be meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>. They are working on recruitment plan for new members with the Governor's Office. The ABATE rally was May 6<sup>th</sup>. The GAC-MS is looking forward to assisting OTSC in curriculum review for outside providers.

### HSEC

Christina McDaniel-Wilson shared a presentation on the vulnerable road users report, which [can be viewed here](#). Their next meeting will be meeting will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Speed Zone Review Panel

Chair Hoffer reported that the Speed Zone Review Panel will be meeting in August at an as-of-yet undetermined date, as there are some appeals to the ODOT speed zone request.

## Traffic Records Coordinating Committee

Walt McAllister reported that the TRCC met on May 14<sup>th</sup> where they reviewed a presentation from OHA about traffic records and injury prevention. They approved three projects: one to improve trauma data quality, one will improve model inventory of roadway elements, and the third is the pursuit of a *Vision Zero* software suite that will allow engineers to better understand and conduct roadway audits.

## **X. PROGRAM MANAGER REPORTS**

### Region 1

Tiana Tozer reported on Region 1 updates and shared a presentation which [can be viewed here](#). Drug-related and polysubstance deaths have overtaken serious injury crashes, which has not happened before. The homeless population accounts for a surprisingly large number of pedestrian fatalities in Portland. Ten traffic team members have been added back in Portland since it was disbanded in 2020. She also reviewed her 2022 Final Report, which [can be viewed here](#).

### Occupant Protection

Kelly Mason reviewed Occupant Protection Program updates, which [can be viewed here](#).

## **XI. Public Comment**

No one signed up for public comment.

## **XII. NEXT MEETING & AGENDA BUILD**

The next meeting will be held July 12, 2023 at the ODOT DMV HQ building and virtually. There will be no August meeting. Chair Hoffer said he would like to resume the longer meetings and run until 2:15pm.

Future meeting topics:

- *DMV License Testing (CDL, Class C)*
- *Karl Citek, M.S., O.D., PhD, FAAQ (Nystagmus – Part 1)*
- *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)*
- *Aging Road Users (Karen O’Fearn) (Possibly September)*

## **XIII. ADJOURN**

With no further business brought before the committee, Chair Hoffer officially adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m.