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OREGON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 12, 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: Traci Pearl, Miguel Lopez, Walt McAllister, Billie-Jo Nickens, Brandy Anderson Gillock, Kelly Mason, Colleen O'Hogan, Jody Raska, Lt. Jason Lindland (OSP), Kelly Kapri, Ryan Stone, Jeff Greiner, Kristin Twenge, Jiguang Zhao (HSEC), Tiana Tozer, Bill Merrill (DMV), Kayla Hootsmans, Heidi Manlove

Public Attendees: Matthew Bathke (Marion County Public Works), Joseph Gardner

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Victor Hoffer called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. and asked for a moment of silence to remember those who have been impacted 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 June meeting minutes. Traci Pearl reviewed the consent calendar. Mr. Cooper requested a correction in the minutes: regarding [HB 2095](#), the four-hour limit should be stricken from the minutes.

MOTION: Jane Aiken moved to approve the consent calendar and the June 2023 meeting minutes with the requested correction. Will Anderson seconded. Unanimous approval by the committee. Motion approved.

III. Member Reports

Jane Aiken

Jane Aiken had nothing to report.

Will Anderson

Will Anderson reported moving to Milwaukie, OR.

Marian Owens

Marian Owens had nothing to report.

Vice-Chair Jerry Cooper

Vice-Chair Jerry Cooper had nothing to report.

IV. Chair Report (Victor Hoffer)

Chair Hoffer reported that in August he will be attending the Governor's Highway Safety Association Conference (GHSA) in August in NYC. He recently attended the automated vehicle training for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responders, where he learned a lot about their functionality. A committee has been formed to build a curriculum for training for all first responders to learn more about what they do. He is on the committee and the next meeting should be in about 60 days. He thanked the TSO team for their hard work through the move. Mr. Cooper stated that according to HB 2095, adjusting speed limits will be allowed by cities. The committee continued discussing this, as well as safety corridors. Chair Hoffer said both issues would be discussed further in September.

V. Grant Discussion (Miguel Lopez)

Miguel Lopez reported on TSO grants and funding. He explained the different types of funds and how they may and may not be utilized.

VI. TSO Update (Traci Pearl)

Traci Pearl reported that the Transportation Safety Conference was in March of 2023, and it will be going back to October/November moving forward. We are planning it now and the focus will be on underserved communities. The triennial Highway Safety Plan (HSP) was submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on July 1st. NHTSA has 60-days to review and approve. The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) Chair requested for an OTSC member to attend Area Commissions on Transportation (ACT) meetings. This will be discussed offline.

VII. Legislative Update (Traci Pearl)

Kristin Twenge reported that regarding [HB 2095](#), it used to be only allowed for ten agencies, and now any city that wants to (at their own cost) can utilize mobile photo radar. The four-hour requirement was removed. It may not be used on controlled access highways and signage must be posted. A city may establish a highway speed change by ordinance, up to ten miles per hour. Traci Pearl reported on the remaining bills that had passed, which can be [viewed here](#). There was discussion around [SB 895](#), which outlines when a driver can lawfully pass a cyclist, and Heidi Manlove explained the bill specifics.

VIII. Liaison Reports

Oregon State Police (OSP)

Lt. Jason Lindland reported that their HVE DUII team is getting up and running. Their first unofficial mission will be on the 21st in Bend. They are working on getting mobile vehicles with Intoxilyzers inside them. Recruitment interviews are occurring regularly and running background checks for new recruits. They expect a full class of 40 members in October. They are currently about 60 positions down, regarding staffing. OSP and American Legion will be hosting a week-long youth camp this summer for high school students to learn more about careers in law enforcement. There is an application online for anyone interested.

Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV)

Bill Merrill reported on last month's concerns. Chair Hoffer had asked about individuals who have had their license suspended at the recommendation of a State Hospital. Mr. Merrill explained that the director of the hospital could send a letter to the DMV to approve ending suspension, when requested, or the DMV medical determination officer can end the suspension. Alternatively, the suspended individual could go to court to ask to have the suspension lifted. Next, he addressed Ms. Owens question about the type of training that individuals go through for CDL's. He said the curriculum is overseen by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Driver curriculums are listed in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and that business entities must follow the CFR specs. This is not audited by the DMV. FMCSA is required to do these audits. If a provider falls short, their training provider can be removed from the registry. If DMV is alerted to violations, information will be forwarded to FMCSA.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Chair Hoffer reported that July 1st was the due date for EMS recertifications. He said there is a shortage of EMT's and Paramedics in Oregon, nationwide, and world-wide. An indication of the shortage is that San Diego is offering a \$50k sign-on bonus.

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

Jerry Cooper reported that at the last GAC-DUII was on July 7th. HB 2316 passed, which is the "any impairing substance" bill. The "accident to crash" got a hearing but died. The traffic team is being reinstated in Portland. He requested to hear from someone in the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) about progress since being reinstated.

GAC on Motorcycle Safety (GAC-MS)

Jeff Greiner reported that Oregon has 22 motorcycle and moped fatalities as of July 6th, which is half the number as the time last year. We are on track to match the 600 deaths reported last year for all road users, as we are currently at 255

fatalities, and last year at this time it was 252. The next meeting is July 20th at 4pm, where they will be talking about recruitment and the training program curriculum review, which continues.

Hwy Safety Engineer Committee

Zhao Jiguang reported that they are working on the vulnerable roadway user (VRU) assessment: they are working with a consultant to develop the safety assessment technical report, to fulfill the federal requirements. They are in the process of updating the Oregon intersection safety implementation plan. They will be developing a new tool to select intersections for safety improvements based on the risk score. They have also developed a cost-effectiveness index tool, which will help with selecting pedestrian and bicycle safety improvement projects. They will present the results at a national conference.

Speed Zone Review Panel

Chair Hoffer reported that the Speed Zone Review Panel will be meeting on August 30th.

X. Program Manager Reports

The Program Manager updates were moved to the next meeting, due to time constraints.

XI. Public Comment

No one signed up for public comment.

XII. Next Meeting & Agenda Build

The next meeting will be held September 13, 2023 at the ODOT DMV HQ building and virtually. There will be no August meeting. This will be an expanded meeting, running until 1:30-2pm.

Future meeting topics:

- *DMV License Testing (CDL, Class C)*
- *Karl Citek, M.S., O.D., PhD, FAAQ (Nystagmus – Part 1)*
- *Statewide Tow Truck Report*
- *2025 Transportation Package Discussion for Legislative Session (Jan 2024) (September)*
- *Aging Road Users (Karen O’Fearnna) (September/October)*
- *Safety Corridors (September/October)*
- *Portland Police Bureau (PPB) to Report on Effects of Reinstatement of Traffic Team (October)*

XIII. ADJOURN

With no further business brought before the committee, Chair Hoffer officially adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.