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

Members Present: Chair Don Hamon, Graham Munsell

Staff: Jeff Greiner, Brandy Anderson Gillock, Hanna Braziel

Excused: Chris Henry, Debbie Weber

Via Teams: CJ Strauss, Ethan Lodwig

Liaisons/Guests: Officer Chris Cass (Portland Police Bureau), Aria Minu-Sepehr (Team Oregon), Paula Leslie (BikePAC), Bob Thomas (ABATE), Jason Tolleson (Harley-Davidson)

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Don Hamon called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and asked for a roll call and introductions.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (March 2023)

Chair Hamon said he was unsure if there was a quorum or not, so decided to wait until the next meeting to confirm March and July minutes.

Chair and Committee Member Reports

Chair Don Hamon reported on his disappointment with riders' behavior and lane-splitting crashes.

CJ Strauss reported that construction on Hwy 217 continues; she finds it daunting.

Liaison/Stakeholder Reports and Public Comment

Portland Police Bureau (PPB) – Officer Chris Cass

Officer Chris Cass reported having the traffic division back. He shared fatal crashes online, which can be [viewed here](#).

Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV) – Hanna Braziel

Hanna Braziel reported on launching the new motorcycle and moped manual online and said the "Parent's Guide to Teen Driving" and the "What to Expect on Your Drive test" are almost complete as well. These will all be translatable. Online knowledge testing should be available in September or October.

Team Oregon – Aria Minu-Sepehr

Mr. Minu-Sepehr reported on the number of students they have enrolled and the official opening of the Hillsboro location. They have revised their website and the FAQ section. He [reviewed the report sent in](#) by Pat Hahn.

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

Jeff Greiner reviewed the [TSO report](#) and current fatalities. He said the 2021 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) fatalities report was available, and it [can be viewed here](#). He reported that TSO is still working on membership recruitment and drafting legislative concepts for 2025. He thanked Paula Leslie for inviting him to the rally again this year and said it was a special event. He also recently attended the Overland Expo in Deschutes County where they host a free event for people interested in learning to ride a motorcycle; they teach them how to ride safely.

BikePAC – Paula Leslie

Paula Leslie reported on her concerns about riders illegally lane-splitting, and said she hoped to enlist the help of the Oregon State Police (OSP).

ABATE

Bob Thomas reported on a multi-state rally in the works to include Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. It is set for

the upcoming spring or summer. He shared some bumper stickers they had created.

Harley Davidson

Jason Tolleson reported on some large events they have held recently and said they will be attending the State Motorcycle Safety Association (SMSA) conference this year.

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.

2023 Legislative Update Discussion – Jeff Greiner

Mr. Greiner reviewed the passage of [SB 615](#) and [HB 2316](#), which have ties to motorcycle safety. Ms. Leslie spoke to [SB 422](#) which is the lane-splitting bill; it was not passed.

2023 Meetings – Committee

The committee discussed and decided upon October 19th as the next and final meeting date of 2023.

Triennial Highway Safety Plan – Jeff Greiner

Mr. Greiner explained that what was previously an annual projection of grants and countermeasures has now become a triennial report.

Map Discussion – Committee

Mr. Greiner discussed the different versions of imaging being considered for the revised map.

Next Meeting: October 19, 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

Adjournment

With no further business, the committee was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.