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OREGON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 - Meeting Minutes
Transportation Safety Office
Hybrid Meeting - Salem, OR

Members in person: Chair Victor Hoffer, Vice-Chair Jerry Cooper

Members via Phone/Teams: Will Anderson, Marian Owens

Members excused absent: Jane Aiken

Staff, Guests, Liaisons: Amy Joyce, Walt McAllister, Billie-Jo Nickens, Brandy Anderson Gillock, Kelly Mason, Colleen O'Hogan, Jody Raska, Kelly Kapri, Ryan Stone, Kristin Twenge, Vasily Alagoz, Vanessa Churchill, Michelle Godfrey, Heidi Manlove, Christina McDaniel-Wilson, Rosalee Senger, Tiana Tozer, Nicole McAda (Clear Alliance), David Beatty, Doug Bish, John Bonnett, Logan Denney

Public Attendees: Matthew Bathke

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Victor Hoffer called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. and held a moment of silence, remembering those who have lost loved ones in crashes and feel that pain every day.

II. Consent Calendar and Minutes

Chair Hoffer called for a review and approval of the Consent Calendar and the September meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Cooper moved to approve the September 2023 meeting minutes; Mr. Anderson seconded. Chair Hoffer moved approval of the Consent Calendar; Vice-Chair Cooper seconded. Unanimous approval by the committee. Motions approved.

III. Member Reports

Will Anderson

Will Anderson reported being appointed to be a representative on the Jurisdictional Transfer Advisory Committee.

Vice-Chair Jerry Cooper

Vice-Chair Jerry Cooper reported that he is retiring at the end of the calendar year if his replacement has been identified. He will remain in place until his successor is appointed. He reported that Chuck Hayes retired from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

Marian Owens

Marian Owens had nothing to report.

IV. Chair Report (Victor Hoffer)

Chair Hoffer reported that in November, Vice-Chair Cooper will be running the meeting. Chair Hoffer will be on the east coast and will try to call in but might be unable. Ms. Joyce pointed out that the reason Chair Hoffer was going to be on the east coast was to receive a national award called the Star Award in Washington, D.C. from the American Ambulance Association.

V. Public Comment

Matthew Bathke reported that overall fatality numbers are trending downward, but injuries are increasing.

VI. Liaison Reports

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)

David Beatty reported on the backlog of officers who have been hired but haven't been able to be trained because of class limitations at DPSST. There is approximately a six-month waitlist. They are increasing classes from 40 to 60 students and offering evening classes. Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) instructors need to increase as well for DUII

training. Regional training continues, as well as Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) classes and wet labs. The DUII Task Force Conference will be April 4-5th at the Riverhouse in Bend.

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

Jerry Cooper reported that the GAC-DUII met last Friday. They will no longer be holding meetings at the DPSST after December. Legislation was discussed, and legislative concepts will be discussed at the next meeting. The .05 bill is still going to be pursued. Mr. Cooper stated that arrests are down, convictions are up, and deaths are way down in Utah after this law passed.

Highway Safety Engineering Committee (HSEC)

Christina McDaniel-Wilson reported on the ARTS program. Her slides [can be viewed here](#).

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Ms. Cue reported that she is an alcohol and other drug specialist in the public health division. She reported on their recent campaign called "rethink the drink." The evaluation of the success of that campaign is posted on their website, and [can be viewed here](#). They are developing a new, broader reaching campaign and all are welcome to attend if they would like to learn more about the process creating these campaigns. They are also forming focus groups to help inform the content and strategies. Mr. Bathke asked if they considered creating a campaign targeting a younger audience, like college-aged students. Ms. Cue said they are having conversations about that. She shared another resource on excessive alcohol use that [can be viewed here](#).

Oregon State Police (OSP)

Lt. Logan Denney reported on OSP updates. His report [can be viewed here](#). Mr. Cooper asked how police training was going. Lt. Denney said that they are bringing on 38 troopers in October for a pre-academy training. There are currently approximately 100 vacancies at OSP.

VII. Annual Grant Application

Ms. Pearl shared information on the Annual Grant Application. TSO requested \$30.8 million for 2024. The entire document can be viewed here. Submitted Aug 1st.

VIII. 3 HSP (Triennial Highway Safety Plan)

Ms. Pearl shared information on the Triennial Highway Safety Plan (3 HSP). TSO requested \$30.8 million for 2024. The document [can be viewed here](#). It was submitted August 1st. Ms. Pearl thanked TSO staff for all the hard work. Amy Joyce added her kudos for Ms. Pearl and Mr. Lopez, and the NHTSA team. Ms. Mcdaniels-Wilson shared information on the [Safe System Approach](#), the Federal Highway Administration's [Proven Safety Countermeasures](#), and the [Crash Reduction Factor Manual](#).

IX. HB 2095

Kristin Twenge shared the changes taking place after the passage of HB 2095. The information shared [can be viewed here](#). She shared the statutes that apply, which are [viewable here](#).

X. TSO Update (Traci Pearl)

Amy Joyce addressed the current fatalities. The most current numbers [can be viewed here](#). We are on course to end the year with 570 deaths if this trend doesn't change. In 2022, there were 600 fatalities. Ms. Owens suggested sharing these numbers with the media, to help the public be aware and more cautious. Ms. Pearl said she will share them with our Public Information Officer (PIO). Ms. Pearl reported that the TSO has been busy working on the 3HSP, the annual grant application, and closing out FFY 2023. There is a November 5th deadline for all grantees to get their final claims for the current year to NHTSA. TSO is working on improving public participation and increasing partnership with underserved

communities and populations. They are hoping to bring on a contractor to be an outreach coordinator for TSO, to help schedule and plan events in different regions throughout the grant year.

XI. Measures and Countermeasures

Ms. Pearl reported on the [Countermeasures that Work](#) document created by NHTSA, and reviewed the information included in the report.

XII. Program Manager Reports

Impaired Driving Program

Ryan Stone reported on his program and shared a PowerPoint presentation [that can be viewed here](#). He also reviewed his traditional report, which includes the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) touchpoints, and [can be viewed here](#).

Police and Traffic Services

Kristin Twenge reported on her program updates and her TSAP touchpoints, which [can be viewed here](#).

XIII. Rest Area Closures

Karen Morrison reported on why rest areas are being closed around the state. There are 14 maintenance districts in Oregon who respond to incidents and weather events. They also repair and maintain the highway and all features. The funding for maintenance comes from tax dollars. When state parks left ODOT to become its own agency, ODOT entered into an agreement with them, providing financial support, and this allowed drivers to use certain day-use areas, so ODOT was able to give funding to them. Three of the day-use parks that ODOT partnered with recently determined that they no longer want to allow this 24/7 availability, due to vandalism and other concerns. ODOT modified the agreement, so these parks will no longer be given ODOT funding assistance. Seven of the parks will remain partners with ODOT, allowing this use. Safety is a core value at ODOT, but the budget crisis has required some hard choices to be made regarding funding. Ms. Owens remarked on local rest areas that have been closed and the safety concerns this has caused, with trucks parking on the side of the highway.

Next Meeting & Agenda Build

The next meeting will be held November 8, 2023 at the ODOT DMV HQ building and virtually. This meeting will be facilitated by Vice-Chair Cooper. Vice-Chair Cooper said he would like to discuss his GAC-DUII replacement in December. Chair Hoffer said he will begin to attend the GAC-DUII in January, along with the appointed liaison.

Future meeting topics:

- *2025 Transportation Package Discussion for Legislative Session (December/January)*
- *Media and Education Campaigns – Status Update (November)*
- *Aging Road Users (Karen O’Fearn) (November)*
- *Safety Corridors (December/January)*
- *Portland Police Bureau (PPB) to Report on Effects of Reinstatement of Traffic Team (November)*
- *Discussion of GAC-DUII Liaison Replacement (December)*
- *Federal Hwy involvement in safety infrastructure/countermeasures (Nick Forte) (January/February)*
- *Chair/Vice-Chair Elections (December)*

XIII. ADJOURN

With no further business brought before the committee, Chair Hoffer officially adjourned the meeting at 12:49pm.