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OREGON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 - Meeting Minutes
Transportation Safety Office
Hybrid Meeting - Salem, OR

Members in person: Vice-Chair Jerry Cooper, Marian Owens, Jane Aiken

Members via Phone/Teams: Will Anderson

Members excused absent: Chair Victor Hoffer

Staff, Guests, Liaisons: Amy Joyce, Traci Pearl, Walt McAllister, Brandy Anderson Gillock, Kelly Kapri, Heidi Manlove, Christina McDaniel-Wilson, Tiana Tozer, David Beatty, Doug Bish, Shari Davis, Jeff Greiner, Lt. Jason Lindland (OSP), Ryan Stone, Karen O’Fearnna. Vasily Alagoz, Kelly Mason, Colleen O’Hogan

Public Attendees: Matthew Bathke and Carl Lund (Marion Public Works)

Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chair Jerry Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and held a moment of silence, remembering those who have lost loved ones in crashes.

Consent Calendar and Minutes

Vice-Chair Cooper called for a review and approval of the Consent Calendar and the October meeting minutes.

MOTION: Vice-Chair Cooper moved to approve the Consent Calendar; Ms. Owens seconded. Aye from everyone present. Vice-Chair Cooper asked for review of October 2023 meeting minutes; Mr. Anderson moved to approve the minutes. Vice-Chair Cooper seconded. Ms. Aiken abstained because she wasn’t present. Aye from all other present members. Consent Calendar and October Meeting Minutes were approved.

Member Reports

Vice-Chair Jerry Cooper

Vice-Chair Cooper reported that the last GAC-DUII meeting was on November 3rd. The legislative concepts were shared that the GAC-DUII hopes to propose for the 2025 session. Those are:

- *Accident to Crash* bill
- Implementing an open container law for Cannabis and other drugs
- .05 BAC (MADD National is also supporting this)
- Automatic Manslaughter 1 for any DUII involving a fatality and felony for serious injury
- Zero tolerance for Cannabis use under the age of 21
- Sobriety checkpoints
- Bill that was passed in Utah: if a person is convicted of being under the influence of alcohol and any other substance, an additional fine will be required
- FDA approved medication will be the only drugs allowed during diversion

Jane Aiken

Ms. Aiken had nothing to report.

Marian Owens

Marian Owens reported that ODOT will be reducing the amount of snow-plowing this winter. She shared her concerns about this change. Mr. Bathke pointed out that the fire chief for each jurisdiction has incident pre-planning duties. Mr. Greiner said that ODOT Communications has two great publications on their website and that they just completed an outreach event on this very issue. Mr. McAllister said that this is something the State Office of Emergency Management should plan. Mr. Greiner said that ODOT just updated its emergency operations plan in July.

Will Anderson

Will Anderson had nothing to report but said he hoped to begin conversations soon about 2025 funding.

Public Comment

Carl Lund reported hiring a behavioral psychologist who is an expert in impairment, drug and alcohol use. They are hoping to be able to address road safety from an impairment standpoint, in addition to behavioral concerns.

At-Risk Drivers (Aging Road Users) (Karen O’Fearna)

Ms. O’Fearna shared the presentation on At-Risk drivers. The slides can be [viewed here](#).

3HSP and Annual Report

Traci Pearl reviewed the [3HSP](#) (Triennial Highway Safety Plan) and [Annual report](#) and requested approval of these documents. **Ms. Aiken moved to approve the reports and Ms. Owens seconded. All present members voted affirmatively. The reports were approved.**

Liaison Reports

DMV

Bill Merrill reported online knowledge testing began October 4th. Just under 3000 tests have been administered online since. Non-commercial tests have been most common, with approximately 2500 of those being administered. The pass/fail rate is about the same as it was for in office testing. There was discussion about the Oregon Friendly Driver Program, which can be [viewed here](#).

Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC)

Walt McAllister reported that the TRCC met on October 17th, where they discussed Crash Analysis and Reporting (CAR) Unit and their crash data viewer, which can be [accessed here](#). He also shared a link for the Oregon Transportation Safety Dashboard, which can be [viewed here](#). They plan to schedule another meeting before the end of the year.

Media Updates (Traci Pearl)

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is streaming public service announcements (PSA’s) and transit ads running through October. ODOT installed four new roundabouts in Region 4. They are running a media campaign teaching people how to safely drive in a roundabout.

TSO Update (Traci Pearl)

Monday was the deadline for grantees to return contracts to receive reimbursement, and 99.2% were received. The new fiscal year and new grants began on October 1st. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 10 staff was at TSO October 17-19th doing file reviews. John Westerhold is the new Deputy Regional Administrator for Region 10.

Program Manager Reports

Region 2

Nicole Charlson reported on updates for Region 2. Her report can be [viewed here](#).

Safe Driving

Kelly Kapri reported on her Safe Driving Program, and her report can be [viewed here](#).

Rest Areas (Jane Aiken)

Ms. Aiken shared a PowerPoint presentation, which can be [viewed here](#). Jim Denno is the chair of the Oregon Travel Information Council (OTIC) committee, which was formed to help manage the rest areas. They have a vacancy right now if anyone is interested in applying. Ms. Joyce suggested Ms. Aiken review the meeting recording from the October OTSC meeting to make sure the content was captured correctly. She also said highway funds cannot be used for these projects, and right-of-way could be a concern as well.

Current Fatalities were reviewed, which can [be viewed here](#), along with an Oregonian article, which can be [viewed here](#).

Next Meeting & Agenda Build

The next meeting will be held December 13, 2023 at the ODOT DMV HQ building and virtually.

Future meeting topics:

- *2025 Transportation Package Discussion for Legislative Session (December/January)*
- *Safety Corridors (December/January)*
- *Federal Hwy involvement in safety infrastructure/countermeasures (Nick Forte) (January/February)*
- *Rest Area Discussion (April/May/June)*
- *Vision Zero Discussion (Will requested- 2024)*

XIII. ADJOURN

With no further business brought before the committee, Chair Hoffer officially adjourned the meeting at 1:13pm.