

FINAL

OREGON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Transportation Safety Office

Hybrid Meeting – DMV HQ – Salem, OR

Members in person: Chair Victor Hoffer, Jane Aiken, Matthew Bathke

Staff in person: Traci Pearl, Margaret Inoue

Staff and liaisons present via Teams: Shari Davis, Walter McAllister, Jody Raska, Rosalee Senger, Kelly Mason, Shelley Uselman, Colleen O'Hogan, Jeff Greiner, Suzanne Mullen, Heidi Manlove, Billie-Jo Nickens, Loree Nosack, John Bonnett, Nicole Charlson, Tiana Tozer, Nicole McAda, Jiguang Zhao

Guests/Presenters: Chen Yu Chien, Brooklyn Galeno, Bryan Peterson

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Victor Hoffer called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and held a moment of silence, to remember why we are here and all those who have suffered the pain of loss. Chair Hoffer then welcomed everyone and called for introductions of those present in the room.

New Projects – 2025 Grant Year

Traci Pearl stated that there are new two projects on the monthly consent calendar for the current grant year.

1. Safe System Research Roadmap

This project will be carried out in several steps to produce a final safe system roadmap report to inform the 2026 ODOT TSAP development, including identifying: gaps in traffic safety issue identification, barriers to addressing new/existing issues, and recommending solutions to overcome these barriers.

2. Law Enforcement Breath Testing

Reducing 2025 grant award for \$509,000.00 already spent in previous 2024 grant year. 2025 is year 2. This project will fund activities associated with the continued use of breath testing to determine the blood alcohol content of drivers suspected of driving under the influence of intoxicants. All the participating law enforcement agencies will conduct impaired driving enforcement as part of their normal patrol function. This project was approved for last year, but there was a delay in the procurement, etc., with OSP. They were able to spend a portion of the award for 2024 but have not spent \$1.5 million that they intend to spend this year. Therefore, TSO is asking for approval from the OTSC.

Jane Aiken then asked some clarification questions regarding breath testing. Traci responded by saying the OSP was not able to procure the necessary equipment by September 30, 2024, which was why it has been moved to this year.

Matthew Bathke asked if there are any other grant programs that are having similar procurement problems. Traci replied that part of the delay was due to NHTSA requirements to follow both the state and federal procurement rules. NHTSA didn't see that it had been done in the OSP contract with Intoxilyzer.

Approval of the Consent Calendar and February Meeting Minutes

Chair Hoffer called for a motion to approve the [03-12-2025 Consent Calendar](#) and the February 19 Meeting Minutes. No correction requests/amendments were brought forward, and the consent calendar and meeting minutes were approved by the members of the committee.

Chair Report

Chair Hoffer indicated that two names have been submitted to the Governor's office for OTSC membership

consideration. To do more outreach, the OTSC is looking at holding some of their meetings outside of Salem; current proposed locations are Pendleton, Burns, and Medford. The OTSC meetings could be prefaced by regional public outreach sessions on the previous day for people to come and voice their concerns about transportation safety issues in their communities. Under Oregon law, these events/meetings would need to be publicized. **Jane Aiken** expressed her enthusiasm about the outreach. She recommended inviting the municipal judges and justices of the peace in each of the planned locations to share their concerns and thoughts on local transportation safety issues.

Member Reports

Matthew Bathke reported he found much value in the well-attended Governor's Occupational Health and Safety Conference at the Convention Center in Portland March 3-6, 2025. There were several workshops, good discussions and networking. He was happy to see ODOT represented there.

Jane Aiken shared an article [about an ex-Oregon judge](#), suing over her termination due to use of her electronic signature without her consent. Some of the allegations are cases of one or more court clerks making improper entries into court and/or driving records by using the court judge's signature without her knowledge, consent, or delegation order of judicial discretion; non-Native-English speakers may be particularly disadvantaged by these practices. In turn, traffic safety records could potentially be affected by judicial processes.

Public Comment

No one signed up for public comment.

Liaison and Committee Reports

CLEAR Alliance: Nicole McAda provided a [CLEAR Alliance written report](#), which can be seen here.

GAC-MS: Traci Pearl reported in lieu of Jeff Greiner (out of town attending a conference), who also provided a [GAC-MS written report](#).

TSO Manager's Report (Traci Pearl)

Traci Pearl provided an update on the annual grant application process. Nicole is currently serving as the new grant management system administrator for the process; however, she will be starting a two-year rotational opportunity with the Crash Analysis and Reporting Unit this month. TSO recruitments for temporary, rotational, and permanent positions are ongoing. [The year-to-year CAR Unit Data](#) was also reviewed.

Salem Refugee Alliance Resettlement and Licensing

Jane Aiken spoke about several issues faced by refugees from countries that don't require a license to drive when navigating the laws and requirements in this country. Jane expressed a desire to put a program together for outreach to these underserved people.

2025 Legislative Session Update

Traci Pearl gave an extensive list of all the bills that are currently being tracked by the TSO.

The 2024 PRR Survey Report Presentation (Chen Yu Chien, Brooklyn Galeno, and Bryan Peterson)

A detailed [report on the Public Opinion Survey](#) was presented by **PRR, Inc.** This annual survey is conducted by TSO to understand the attitudes and knowledge of Oregonians regarding traffic safety issues.

3HSP FY2024 – FY2026: Deep Dive Presentation.

Presenters of this final installment of the deep dive included **Billie-Jo Nickens** (Region 5), **Nicole Charlson** (Region 2), **Walter McAllister** (Community Traffic Safety and Traffic Records Program). [The PowerPoint can be seen here.](#)

Next Meeting & Agenda Build

The next meeting will be virtual and in-person on April 16, 2025 (9:30 a.m., DMV HQ, Conference Room 316 and via Teams).

The committee members were asked to email their agenda item suggestions for the next meeting to **Chair Hoffer and Traci Pearl**.

XIII. ADJOURN

With no further business brought before the committee, **Chair Hoffer** officially adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.