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## **OREGON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2024- Meeting Minutes**

**Transportation Safety Office**

**Hybrid Meeting – DMV HQ – Salem, OR**

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

**Members via Phone/Teams:** N/A

**Members absent:** N/A

**Staff in person and via Teams:** Amy Joyce, Traci Pearl, Jenifer Sether, Margaret Inoue, Ryan Stone, Colleen O'Hogan, Suzanne Mullen, Heidi Manlove, Kayla Hootsmans, Shelley Uselman, Shari Davis, Zhao Jiguang

**Guests/liaisons:** Amanda Pietz (ODOT PDA), Josh Moyes (OSP), David Beatty (DPSST), Janelle Lawrence (Oregon Impact)

**Public Attendees:** Paula Leslie, BikePAC of Oregon

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Victor Hoffer called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and held a moment of silence, remembering those who have lost loved ones in crashes.

### **Consent Calendar and Minutes**

Chair Hoffer called for review and approval of the [current consent calendar](#) and [the March meeting minutes](#). Judge Aiken requested some clerical edits to her March member report before approval; March minutes were then approved with those edits.

### **Chair Report**

Chair Hoffer reported his attendance at the DRE Conference/MDT DUII Conference last month, where former members Marian Owens and the late Judge Jerome Cooper were individually honored for their body of work in roadway safety. Chair Hoffer suggests a traveling OTSC meeting in Pendleton, possibly in October.

### **Public Comment**

Paula Leslie, lobbyist from BikePAC Oregon, joined the committee to speak about [HB3542](#); in support of "lane filtering" and shared an informational video explaining the concept.

### **ODOT Capital Investment Strategy (Amanda Pietz, Business Operations Administrator, ODOT)**

Administrator Amanda Pietz discussed ODOT's Capital Investment Strategy for the future. Her presentation [can be seen here](#).

### **Member Reports**

#### Jane Aiken

Ms. Aiken thanked the committee for timely information on the passing of OTSC Vice-Chair Judge Jerome Cooper on March 19<sup>th</sup>. She is also curious about data results of new photo red lights in Salem. At the recent Judges Conference, over 70 attendees, including 5 or 6 Tribal judges were also present. Ms. Aiken has been working on a beta-stage document to organize judicial member data, color coded by region for easier reader reference.

#### Matthew Bathke

Mr. Bathke reported April 21-25 is Work Zone Safety Awareness week, and that April 23<sup>rd</sup> is [Go Orange Day for work zone safety](#). There is a forthcoming media safety campaign which includes Marion County Public Works; Mr. Bathke will share the final product after publication. Ms. Pearl mentioned an ODOT press conference being held at the Capitol Mall on April 22<sup>nd</sup> re: same and invited members to attend.

## **Legislative Update (Amy Joyce)**

Administrator Joyce spoke of ODOT's Capital Investment Strategy as delivered by Administrator Pietz; this project came from a strategic review of ODOT project delivery. A review board has recommended more cohesion in code of conduct review among ODOT's 54 advisory committees. With ODOT input, an external committee has been working on an electronic speed enforcement program in work zones ([HB 3337](#) and [SB 711](#)). There is a current bill in the legislature, [HB 3626](#), changing and adding to some statutes regarding micromobility devices, definitions and riding rules.

## **Liaison Reports**

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

## **DMV (Bill Merrill)**

May 7<sup>th</sup> is the Real ID enforcement deadline. The Parents' Guide for Teen Drivers may possibly change titles to become a manual for a *new driver* instead to include adults; may be adding Spanish as an available language.

**DEAC (Jody Raska)** deferred to May for a report, post-conference and DEAC meeting (April 25-27).

**GAC-MS (Jeff Greiner)** in a report for Mr. Greiner, Ms. Pearl advises there has been a formal request made to the Governors' Office to declare May Motorcycle Awareness Month. There will be a May 3<sup>rd</sup> rally at the Capitol. Interviews are being scheduled for new member applicants.

**DPSST (David Beatty)** reported that his organization is on track to meet their grant objectives for 2025. He also reported holding a successful and well-attended annual DRE Conference/Multi-Disciplinary DUI Conference in Bend, OR on April 2-4.

## **TSO Manager's Report (Traci Pearl)**

Traci Pearl reviewed the most up-to-date figures provided by [the Crash Analysis Reporting \(CAR\) Unit for roadway fatalities](#). TSO has received approval from NHTSA for the 2024 grant year's Annual Report; overall program expenditures increased by 12% in 2024, and fatalities decreased 11.9% from 2023 to 2024 (preliminary numbers). NHTSA Region 10 staff will be in the office the week of April 21-25 conducting project file reviews. Additionally, TSO is working on development of its 2026 Annual Grant Application as well as its next Triennial Highway Safety Plan for 2027-2029, as well as continued efforts with TSAP implementation. The [Transportation Safety Action Plan](#) is also being updated for 2026-2030.

## **Healing Behind the Wheel: Trauma-Informed Driving (Janelle Lawrence, Oregon Impact)**

Ms. Lawrence visited the committee and shared copies of the book she wrote, funded by the Safe Community Grant and available [for free by request here](#). This was based on a request from Jane Aiken in 2024. The book has been well received by community partners who want to share it with their members and clientele.

## **Next Meeting & Agenda Build**

The next meeting will be virtual and in-person on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 (9:30 a.m., DMV HQ, Conference Room 316 and Teams).

Possible future meeting topics:

- Pendleton OTSC meeting?
- Future 30 minutes for Amanda's CIS presentation discussion?
- Jane will provide articles for discussion
- MB: bring Work zone Awareness Week materials to show

*-June meeting: recommendations for OTSC? Jane wants orientation for the new members.*

*-Consider having longer meetings? Jane requests rearrangement of chair report/member reports to the bottom of agenda.*

### **Replacement for Vice Chair of OTSC**

Chair Hoffer added this agenda item during the meeting. Jane Aiken nominated Matthew Bathke be the new Vice Chair. No other nominations or discussion was put forward. Chair Hoffer motioned to approve Matthew as Vice Chair, with two 'Ayes' and one 'Abstain' (Matthew). Question arose if this must be approved by the Governor's Office where Chair Hoffer indicated that only the Chair needs that approval.

### **XIII. ADJOURN**

With no further business brought before the committee, Chair Hoffer officially adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.