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## **OREGON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

**Transportation Safety Office**

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

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

**Members via Teams:** Dani Schulte

**Staff in person:** Traci Pearl, Margaret Inoue, Jenifer Sether, Amy Joyce

**Staff and liaisons present via Teams:** Suzanne Mullen, Heidi Manlove, Shari Davis, Kelly Mason, Nicole Charlson, Jeff Greiner, Shelley Uselman, Walt McAllister, Ryan Stone, Tiana Tozer, Jody Raska, Jiguang Zhao, David Beatty, Nicole McAda, Stacey Goldstein

**Guests/Public members:** Paula Leslie, BikePAC Oregon

### **Welcome and Introductions**

**Chair Victor Hoffer** called the meeting to order at 9:30 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.

### **Approval of the Consent Calendar and April Meeting Minutes**

After committee review, **Matthew Bathke** made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes and the [May consent calendar](#) without corrections. **Roger Kuhlman** seconded. **MOTION: passed.**

### **Chair Report**

**Chair Hoffer** spoke of having an October meeting in Pendleton and provided a warm welcome to two new OTSC members, Roger Kuhlman and Dani Schulte. In June or July, a “new member orientation” will be held. There will likely be no August meeting. Due to open meeting laws, an OTSC agenda will not be changed after the published deadline passes. Mr. Bathke will be formally recommended to the Governor’s Office to become OTSC’s Vice-Chair. Chair Hoffer also attended the recent [TSAP](#) meeting.

### **Public Comment**

**Paula Leslie**, Legislative Director from BikePAC Oregon joined the committee to speak about HB 3542.

### **Member Reports**

Matthew Bathke welcomed the new OTSC members. Work Zone Awareness Week was April 21-25, and Mr. Bathke attended a press event at the Capitol coordinated by DMV-TSO.

Roger Kuhlman, new OTSC member, introduced himself and provided information from his resume.

Dani Schulte, another new OTSC member, introduced herself and also provided information from her resume.

Jane Aiken distributed an article to staff for possible future discussion related to photo red light systems.

### **Liaison and Committee Reports**

GAC DUII: **Victor Hoffer** reported attending the most recent GAC DUII meeting, held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at DPSST. The pursuit of a 0.05 BAC continues to be a discussion topic in meetings.

CLEAR Alliance: **Nicole McAda** shared a [written report](#).

DEAC: **Jody Raska** shared a [written report](#).

HSEC: **Jiguang Zhao** reported a temporary pause on HSEC meetings due to some intra-committee intersections. Traffic safety engineering involves all 5 ODOT Regions, and funding is spread between them all according to need. There may be upcoming program changes due to the Capital Investment Plan (CIP) rollout. Roger Kuhlman suggested the OTSC investigate having a liaison on this committee.

EMS: **Victor Hoffer** reported that Oregon's Emergency Medical Technicians are recertifying and working on continuing education requirements.

### **TSO Manager's Report**

**Traci Pearl** reported that 2026 grant projects have been awarded. About 22 million dollars of this is Federal funding; 12 million dollars are considered carry forward funds from the prior grant year. The awards list will be provided to OTSC in the June or July meeting. There are currently 4 Program Analyst (PA) vacancies in TSO that the office is working to fill on an exception. In grant year 2026, the office will go fully live on SGMS, its automated grants management system, wherein grantees will be able to submit reports and claims electronically. This was the first grant year TSO put out an open call for grant projects, versus the traditional process being invite-only (program-based). NHTSA Region 10 visited the week of April 21 and reviewed current project files; feedback was that documentation provided has improved since their last site visit. Ms. Pearl also held a brief review of the [most recent available CAR Unit data](#).

### **2025 Legislative Session Update**

**Amy Joyce** provided an ODOT maintenance and operations funding package update. ODOT currently is under a hiring freeze, but director-level exceptions may be possible for some currently vacant TSO positions. Ms. Joyce provided summaries and information on multiple bills of interest to the Committee.

HB2990: pertains to providing the Oregon Driver License knowledge test in languages other than English.

HB 3323: authorizes courts to offer a diversion course for under-18-year-old drivers with no prior convictions or traffic violations.

SB9: gives rural teens priority for DMV driver's test at local field offices.

HB2671: regulates autonomous vehicles.

HB 3542: pertains to lane filtering and motorcycles.

HB 3626: this bill places more structure and statutes around the definition of "powered micromobility device".

HB 2154: makes permanent a pilot program for rural safety corridors (PASSED).

HB 2522: requires headlight use when windshield wipers are in use.

SB 1042: repeals ORS 810.412; limitation on issuing citations for traffic offenses related to vehicle lighting.

HB 3174: authorizes an increase for Alcohol and Other Drug Screening Specialist (ADSS) fee amount.

SB 711: proposes to add automated speed enforcement in work zones.

SB 848: establishes a statewide "DUI Task Force."

**Traci Pearl** gave an extensive overview of the legislative bills currently being tracked by the TSO.

### **Next Meeting & Agenda Build**

The next meeting will be virtual and in-person on June 11th, 2025 (9:30 a.m., DMV HQ, Conference Room 316 and via Teams).

*Possible future meeting topics:*

- Roundabouts (efficacy and use). Adding in behavioral education in roundabouts*
- BIL rules, grant stipulations (402 funding/local expenditure requirements, specifically).*
- Transportation Grant management, project scoping*

### **XIII. ADJOURN**

With no further business brought before the committee, **Chair Hoffer** officially adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.