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## **OREGON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

**Transportation Safety Office**

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

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

**Members present via Teams:** Dani Schulte

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

**Staff and liaisons present via Teams:** Ryan Stone, Kelly Mason, Jeff Greiner, Walter McAllister, Colleen O'Hogan, Shelley Uselman, Shari Davis, Heidi Manlove, Janelle Lawrence, Tracy Olander, Nicole McAda, John Bonnett, David Beatty

**Guests/Presenters:** N/A

### **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 of 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 June Consent Calendar and May Meeting Minutes**

**Chair Hoffer** called for a motion to approve [the June consent calendar](#) and the [May meeting minutes](#). No correction requests to the minutes were brought forward, and the new consent calendar item and meeting minutes were approved by the members of the committee.

### **New Projects – 2025 Grant Year**

**Traci Pearl** stated that there is a new project on the monthly consent calendar for the current grant year.

#### **1. MIRE Roadway/File Improvement**

### **Chair Report**

**Chair Hoffer** attended the DAS public records seminar. A committee must have a roll call vote for approval.

### **Member Reports**

Matthew Bathke reminded the Committee and those present that we are approaching fire season; and to be aware of those first responders and their equipment on roads.

Jane Aiken shared an article about [driving after brain injury](#) for discussion. Ms. Aiken spoke of the importance of education in prevention.

Dani Schulte reported that there had been an update on the local level to the National Flood Insurance Program; this can affect civic development in the flood plain area.

Roger Kuhlman is the OTSC representative for Safe Routes to School and attended the May meeting.

### **Public Comment**

No one signed up for public comment.

## **New Member Orientation**

Traci Pearl shared the [OTSC new member orientation](#), which is [linked here](#) and also [here](#). The [most current bylaws](#) and [statutes were also shared](#), and a discussion ensued [about possibly following](#) an [alternative model](#) to Robert's Rules of Order.

## **Liaison and Committee Reports**

CLEAR Alliance verbal report (Nicole McAda): In the first quarter, prevention education reached 1,000 students (in grades 7 and in grades 9-12) . Vape education course (VAPEC) is offered in Spanish now. 97,000 people were reached in Central Oregon using anti-cannabis education messaging (delivery via combination of social media platforms, streaming services, and local news website). A lower perception of harm persists around cannabis-impaired driving.

DMV verbal report (Tracy Olander): DMV is wrapping up 2025 legislative session; no bills with potential negative safety impacts of note have passed to date. There are some new discussions surrounding lightweight classes of vehicles imported from overseas (called "kei vehicles"); Oregon will not title or register these because they are not made to United States safety standards ([FMVSS, or Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards](#)). Work continues on [HB 2025](#), the "transportation reinvestment package."

GAC-MS verbal report (Jeff Greiner): as of June 5, there have been 18 rider deaths in 2025. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, interviews were held for the GAC-Motorcycle Safety committee member applicants. All current members are working on expired terms, and Mr. Greiner took a moment to thank them for their continued support and participation. There will be no June meeting due to lack of quorum. Oregon State Police (OSP) conducted a saturation patrol over Memorial Day weekend; they contacted and cited a rider for riding over 150 miles per hour in a 50 mile per hour zone. Riders must ride in a compliant manner. In this same saturation event, there were 265 logged stops; 132 were speed violations and there were 12 DUII arrests. Mr. Greiner also [shared a recent news article](#) with the committee on a road rage incident involving a motorcyclist.

Speed Zone Review Panel verbal report (Victor Hoffer): there has been no meeting scheduled, so a report was deferred by Victor Hoffer.

DPSST verbal report (David Beatty): reported on the Law Enforcement Training Grant (which provides law enforcement officer training on radar/LIDAR/speed measuring and device training across the state); halfway through the grant period, 514 officers have been trained. In regard to the Law Enforcement DUII Training Grant (for training police officers specifically in DUII enforcement/standardized field sobriety testing classes and refreshers); six classes holding 197 officers have been completed. There have been five regional Inxtoxilyzer classes holding 47 students. Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) classes are also projected to be on track for objectives this grant year.

**TSO Manager's Report (Traci Pearl):** NHTSA is in the office for the week of June 9-13, performing file reviews. TSO is in the process of launching SGMS (Safety Grants Management System), an online-based grants management system. Oregon is one of 20 states that has filed a lawsuit protesting DEI exclusion requirements as of a recent Executive Order. TSO awaits further instruction from NHTSA on the annual grant application this fall; answers may be delayed considering decisions made by the current Federal administration. The current Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is set to expire in September 2026, so work on all levels is ongoing with Congress for the forthcoming Transportation Act. Within the current BIL, significant administrative burdens are placed on State Highway Safety Offices (SHSOs). This takes away from actual project implementation and monitoring. Four TSO recruitments are

now open for Program Analysts: Impaired Driving, Driver Education, Region 2 RTSC, and EMS/Distracted Driving programs. [Current CAR Unit data](#) was also reviewed by Ms. Pearl.

**2025 Legislative Session Update (Amy Joyce):** sine die is on or by June 29<sup>th</sup>. Any specific bill questions can be routed to Administrator Joyce. [HB 3323](#) and [HB 3626](#) are not likely to pass. [HB 2025 was reviewed](#); a lot of its content is focused on how to raise revenue for the transportation system on the state/county/civic level. Administrator Joyce spoke of putting together a memo detailing and describing the package for members.

**DMV Administrator's Report (Amy Joyce):** ODOT has been under a hiring freeze; any hiring needs are coming from a special dispensation by the Director for requested exemptions on a case-by-case basis.

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

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

Future meeting topics:

--Bylaws discussion (all Oregon committee and board by-laws are now under review; more info forthcoming as of fall 2025).

#### **XIII. ADJOURN**

With no further business brought before the committee, **Chair Hoffer** officially adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.