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OREGON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 12, 2025- Meeting Minutes
Transportation Safety Office
Hybrid Meeting – DMV HQ – Salem, OR

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

Members via Phone/Teams: Dani Schulte

Members absent (excused): Matthew Bathke

Staff in person and via Teams: Traci Pearl, Jenifer Sether, Jody Raska, Walt McAllister, Vanessa Churchill, Margaret Inoue, Ryan Stone, Colleen O'Hogan, Jeff Greiner, Heidi Manlove, Kelly Mason, Tiana Tozer, Shelley Uselman, Rose Senger, Billie-Jo Nickens

Guests/liaisons present in person and via Teams: Bill Merrill (DMV), Sarah Litkie (Legacy Health, Trauma Nurses Talk Tough), David Beatty (DPSST), Kevin Haas (ODOT), John Bonnett (CAR Unit), Mary McGowan (ODOT), Jiguang Zhao (HSEC)

Public Attendees: N/A

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Victor Hoffer called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and held a moment of silence, in remembrance of those lost in motor vehicle crashes. In-person and virtual attendees introduced themselves.

Consent Calendar and Minutes

Chair Hoffer called for review and approval of the [November consent calendar](#) and the [October meeting minutes](#). Two corrections were noted: items 2 and 3 on the consent calendar pertain to the 2026 Highway Safety Plan, not 2025. Also, "PDAD" should be "Policy Data and Analysis Division". **MOTION: pass the November consent calendar and the October minutes with these corrections. Result: unanimous approval. MOTION PASSED.**

Chair Report

Chair Hoffer shared updates on personal milestones and noted the implementation of 20-mile-per-hour speed limits in Mount Angel, achieved in collaboration with ODOT.

Public Comment

No one signed up for public comment.

Member Reports

Dani Schulte

Shared updates on winter planning, some local transportation system plan updates, and cited collaboration with Umatilla County.

Jane Aiken

Ms. Aiken had nothing to report.

Roger Kuhlman

Mr. Kuhlman was appointed to the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee, and reported his attendance at the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) meeting.

Liaison Reports

Driver Education Advisory Committee/DEAC (Jody Raska)

The DEAC meeting was held October 2, 2025; the committee welcomed new member Aaron McEwan. Three adaptive strategy grants were awarded. The program has 319 certified instructors (the highest number to date). OTSC member Jane Aiken was appointed as OTSC liaison to the Driver Education Advisory Committee.

DMV (Bill Merrill)

Mr. Merrill announced his pending retirement; Kimberley Patton will be attending future OTSC meetings in his place. TSA is still allowing some flexibility regarding Real ID enforcement.

GAC-Motorcycle Safety/GAC-MS (Jeff Greiner)

Preliminary 2025 motorcycle-involved fatalities are down approximately 30% YTD, compared to 2024. The GAC meetings have been suspended due to lack of quorum, but recruitment is ongoing for the GAC-MS. Work is also underway on e-bike and micromobility crash data and legislation.

DPSST (David Beatty)

In a DUII and traffic safety training grant update, Mr. Beatty shared that in 2025, 403 officers have been trained in SFST; 502 officers received refresher training, and over 1000 officers were trained in radar/LIDAR.

TSO Manager's Report (Traci Pearl)

ODOT peer support resources were shared for trauma-exposed employees. TSO's physical move to PDAD is underway, with a full transition expected by January 2026. Governor Kotek signed the ODOT transportation budget. 171 grants were awarded for 2026; 111 have been executed. The online-based grant management system, called SGMS, is now live. The most recently available [CAR Unit data](#) was reviewed.

Presentation: Roundabouts on State Highways (Kevin Haas)

Mr. Haas gave his presentation on roundabouts, [which can be seen here](#).

Presentation: Transportation Safety Action Plan (Walt McAllister and Mary McGowan)

In a joint presentation, Mr. McAllister and Ms. McGowan gave their presentation on the TSAP, [which can be seen here](#).

2026 Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings will be held the second Wednesday of every month through 2026, except the November meeting will be held on the 4th, due to the Veterans' Day holiday.

Next Meeting & Agenda Build

The next meeting will be virtual and in-person on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 (9:30 a.m., DMV HQ, Conference Room 316 and Teams).

Future (discussed) meeting topics:

--December: CIP update (Kayla Hootsmans)

--2026: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and rest area commercialization

--Potential site visits and conference coordination in 2026

XIII. ADJOURN

With no further business brought before the committee, Chair Hoffer officially adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

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