

**Oregon Transportation Safety Committee  
December 13, 2023  
CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Approve the minutes of the November 8, 2023, Committee meeting**
- 2. Approve new projects to the 2024 Highway Safety Plan:**

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
<b>AL-24-24-11 00</b>	<b>Hood River County Server Training and Compliance Checks</b>	<b>\$10,000 402</b>

This project will fund two retailer education trainings by a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) in Spanish and English that will focus on how to identify if a person is under the influence of poly-substances. It will also fund one compliance check in collaboration with the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) and local law enforcement efforts conducted along with at least one Alcohol Reward and Reminder event. The Alcohol Reward and Reminder program is an educational survey program conducted by private citizens and young- looking persons of legal age.

Program volunteers between the ages of 21-26 go into an alcohol retailer establishment and attempt to purchase alcohol without their ID, having left it in the car. Salesclerks who do ask for identification, and do not sell to them without it are given a “reward,” a congratulations letter. Those who do not ask for ID and are willing to sell alcohol without proof of age are given a “reminder” letter to remind them and provide education on their responsibilities regarding laws to not sell to minors and the importance of checking ID. Funds will provide for reimbursement of travel expenses to cover the volunteers’ travel mileage to implement the Alcohol Reward and Reminder program events. This project addresses the problem identification on pages 67-71, specifically pages 69-70.

- 3. Review 2024 grant adjustments to the 2024 Highway Safety Plan:**

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
<b>24DRVED-006</b>	<b>Region 2 Driver Education Initiative</b>	<b>\$100,000 Student Driver Training Fund</b>

Request is to move \$100,000 from the DE Reimbursement grant to establish the Region 2 Driver Education Initiative which is a proposal to revitalize a driver education initiative in rural Lane County. Lane County has a disproportionately high rate of rural road crashes and a lack of ODOT-approved driver education instructors and providers in the rural areas. A prior grant to Lane Education Service District provided initial groundwork but was discontinued in 2020 as they lost their coordinator. Lane Council of Governments has expressed an interest in picking up this project and project goals include:

- increasing the number of driver education instructors in rural Lane County
- increasing the number of teens participating in approved driver education in rural Lane Co.
- establishing a scholarship fund for teens who are otherwise unable to access driver education
- seeking alternative grant funding to maintain the scholarship fund

The grant aims to establish a self-sustaining driver education program through meeting the first 11grant.

Project #  
**24DRVED-001**

Project Name  
**Driver Education  
Reimbursement**

Project Total  
**\$2,013,037 (-\$100,000)  
Student Driver  
Training Fund**

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The grant aims to establish a self-sustaining driver education program through meeting the first four objectives. Grant funds will be taken from the DE reimbursement fund and moved to this grant.