

Oregon Transportation Safety Committee
April 14, 2021
CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Committee meeting.
2. Approve new projects to the 2021 Highway Safety Plan:

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>New Project Total</u>
M8CL-21-80-01	Vehicle Equipment Safety Media/Education Resource	\$60,000
(405e Flex Funds)		

Part of the program for Vehicle Equipment Safety Standards is to answer questions for both internal co-workers and the public at large. Questions range from legality of different types of lights, height of bumpers, degree of tint on windows, seatbelt replacement and dozens of other inquiries... sometimes on a daily basis. Based off the frequency of inquiry and the availability of web site provision, **the Vehicle Equipment Safety program would like to host an online web page/ User Interface where customers can click on the area of a vehicle to obtain access to Oregon vehicle laws, Federal motor vehicle safety standards, and custom questions often asked and answered.**

Similar to what was done recently for TSD's curriculum for the Driver Education Program, <http://www.oregondriveredplaybook.org/>. TSD would like to hire a contractor to build a similar graphic interface that can reside on the Internet. With hundreds of Ask ODOT responses as well as internal inquires, this web site would 1) reduce the amount of time needed to respond to individual inquiries (on the same subject), and, more importantly, encourage the public to click and participate in the interface for educational purposes. As increasing public awareness of vehicle standards related to everything from tires to light lumens is a direct strategic countermeasure found within the current HSP, this project would help to increase traffic exponentially.

3. Review 2021 grant adjustments to the 2021 Highway Safety Plan:

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>New Project Total</u>
M8DD-21-20-05	DISTRACTED DRIVING STATEWIDE	\$ 400,000 - (\$ 60,000) = \$340,000
(405e Flex Funds)		

A grant adjustment to this project was recently approved in the March 10, 2021 OTSC meeting to assist other TSD programs with their media needs, increasing this project's award then from \$200K to \$400K (Distracted Driving Flex funds carried forward from FY2020); the above proposed project is the first of the 'other' TSD safety programs to propose a **new** project for a public information and education resource tool to utilize these flex funds, where the Vehicle Equipment Safety program is not abundantly funded, nor does it have 'targeted' funds.

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>New Project Total</u>
MC-21-80-04	Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Fleet Replacement	\$ 50,000 + 60,910 = 110,910

In March of 2020 ODOT-TSD and Team Oregon agreed to a two year budget related to the 80-04 and 80-05 grants for the 2020 and 2021 grant years. COVID 19 created a training motorcycle shortage through a customer demand for on and off road motorcycles (which aligned with social distancing guidelines and outdoor activity recommendations) that the power-sports industry has not seen in decades. Team Oregon attempted to purchase new training motorcycles but was largely unsuccessful due to the lack of availability of any motorcycles in Oregon due to the demand created by impacts related to COVID 19. This left a balance of unspent money in the 2020 fleet replacement grant. **The grantee would like to have access to those unspent carry-forward funds in 2021 to purchase needed training motorcycles** and this aligns with ODOT-TSD's commitment that the overall amount of money dedicated to the project over the period of two years remains at the agreed upon total.

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>New Project Total</u>
M9MT 21-50-02 (405f Motorcycle Funds)	Motorcycle Safety Training Enhancement	\$ 37,800 + 26,000 = 63,800

This project is designed to pay for the construction and outfitting of a utility trailer which will carry a crashed motorcycle that was involved in a distracted driver versus motorcycle rider collision. This trailer is intended to be used at public gatherings and at safe driver events to encourage drivers to watch out for motorcycle riders. COVID 19 created an overwhelming demand for utility trailers - with an estimated wait time of at least 24 weeks before construction of a purpose built trailer could begin. Additionally, in Oregon most mass gathering public events like fairs along with public school operations were limited by executive order to limit the spread of COVID 19. This project was delayed in 2020 due to the extreme limited ability of trailer manufacturers to meet the request for this purpose built trailer coupled with the lack of demand for the trailer due to the cancellation of most public events in the summer of 2020. **The request is for the \$26,000 to be carried forward into the 2021 grant to complete the trailer and make it available for public events as COVID 19 related restrictions ease.**