



Program Manager Update Guide for  
**Oregon Transportation Safety**  
**Committee (OTSC)**  
**Region 4**

<p>Funding - Revenue for 2020-2021</p>	<p>Region 4 grant: \$25,000          Region 4 CPS grant: \$6,000          Region 4 Construction Grant 19-21: \$176,556</p>
<p>What - Primary Focus (From HSP)</p>	<p>Safety Corridors – US 26 Mount Hood Hwy Safety Corridor – decommissioned 09/25/20. US 140W also qualifies for decommissioning per the last evaluation. However recent crashes on 01/21/21 and 02/23/21 resulting in 4 fatalities make this a difficult period to do so. – Attempting to create a stakeholder group to restart awareness and education campaigns for this corridor prior to decommissioning.</p> <p>Occupant Protection  <b>Distracted</b>  <b>Impaired Driving</b> – alcohol, marijuana, poly drug use          Vulnerable Users – pedestrians, motorcyclists, pedalcyclists</p> <p>Roadway Departure  <b>Speed</b>          Work Zones</p>
<p>How - Strategies Put into Play (From HSP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to increase the number and effectiveness of partnerships with local agencies and non-profit groups with a safety focus.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wasco County Sheriff’s Office</li> <li>• LEAs: OSP, Wasco,</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Identify and increase the opportunities to provide state data (crash, health, fiscal, economic loss, etc.) to local jurisdictions and safety organizations.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Condon High School Driver Education Class</li> </ul> </li> <li>• New CPS program awarded grant funding in LaPine through St. Charles Family Care to cover large gap in Region 4 between Bend and Klamath Falls.</li> </ul> <p>* Of late, increased crashes with serious injuries and fatalities has been front of mind for Central Oregon. Local citizens, state legislators, and news agencies have reached out to Region 4 ODOT to explore interventions possible and ask for help improving safety on US 97 between Madras and Redmond. Although initially traffic volumes slowed during the COVID-19 stay at home order, as our counties transitioned to less restrictive levels, traffic volume resumed to normal and at times slightly higher than average as outdoor summer recreation and tourism also resumed. Solutions explored: Safety Corridor Program, Quick Fix engineering interventions, and increasing awareness via geo-fencing methods. Meeting with LEAs to explore increased enforcement also scheduled.</p>
<p>Who - Projects Started (From HSP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firebusters Program: Central Oregon Fire Chiefs Association – project planning starts for this year’s segment in April.</li> <li>• Wasco County: education and awareness materials for LEAs developed at TSD level to educate the most important message for each in Speed, DUII, Occupant Protection, Motorcycle, Bike/Ped, and Distracted Driving as a handout when contact is made by LEOs. In development with program managers now.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe Kids Columbia Gorge: Serves four rural counties in Region 4. Is shifting education to include online instruction options as COVID-19 restrictions slowed operations significantly.</li> <li>• Regional safety publication shared in house and with DMV for display</li> <li>• Develop and maintain partnerships to leverage efforts.</li> </ul>
<p>Status - Progress of Strategies so Far</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attached Crash Data graphs to review current fatal crash trends in Region 4</li> <li>• One on one and virtual education sessions have started again for car seat installation and distribution. Safe Kids Columbia Gorge has purchased a seat model for demonstration and is awaiting delivery.</li> <li>• Will partner again with Firebusters program to focus on various safety topics, including a segment or two on transportation for Jefferson, Crook, and Deschutes counties on television, radio, and internet (statewide access.)</li> <li>• Monthly production of safety newsletter</li> <li>• Held Multi-agency meeting about 97 fatal and serious injury crashes on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Discussed what LEAs are seeing on the highways and what their barriers are to accepting highway safety enforcement grants.</li> <li>• Waiting to hear from GARD how effective the geo-fencing motorcycle media campaign was.</li> </ul>