



Oregon Transportation Safety Committee (OTSC)

Roadway Safety / Work Zone Safety Update

Quick Facts:

- “Ran off road” is again on the list of 2018 Top Ten Driver Errors (from ODOT CARS Unit).
- In the 5-year period from 2014 to 2018, Oregon experienced an average of 933 fatalities and serious injuries due to roadway departures; a very slight reduction from previous years.
- 2 Safety Corridors maintained, 1 added, and 1 de-commissioned
- WZ Education has made a large movement towards online education in light of pandemic

Funding - Revenue for 2021

\$218,000 FHWA [STIP] Roadway Departure Grant
 \$ 25,000 NHTSA [402] for Safety Corridors
 \$650,000 FHWA [STIP] for Work Zone Education

What - Primary Focus (From HSP 2020)

- Roadway departure crashes made up 38% of fatal and serious injuries in Oregon during 2018.
- Safety Corridors continue to add safety elements to those areas in Oregon where the fatality rates are 150% of the statewide average.
- Work Zone fatalities and injuries continue to be a priority for ODOT with 5 fatalities and injuries for work zone workers over the 2014-2018 period.

How - Strategies Put into Play (From HSP)

- Enforcement and Education to reduce the Roadway Departure fatal and serious injury crash numbers for each selected location, or **overall statewide by 3%**.
- Safety Corridors are under review and required to maintain minimum standards for funding.
- Work Zone enforcement is moving to D&O from TSD but TSD will retain the educative portions of the STIP funding for grants.

Who - Projects Started (From HSP)

- Oregon State Police
- Highway Safety Engineering Committee (HSEC) and other ODOT committees
- Delivery and Operations Delivery (D&O) taking a large part of work zone safety with enforcement moving to projects from grants.

Status - Progress of Strategies so Far

- Overtime enforcement for the priority ranked Roadway Departure locations.
- RTSCs actively working with Prgm Mgr to maintain Safety Corridor efficiencies
- WZ Transition at approximately 55% complete.
- Grants are out for all programs above.