

CLACKAMAS COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 06, 2019

MISSION: To give the citizens of Clackamas County a forum to voice traffic safety concerns, evaluate related issues, provide a liaison with County agencies and promote traffic safety.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present	Absent:
Robert Ludwick Jake Ensminger James Rough Bob Karl Chris Larsen Carol Vonderheit Nathan McCarty Jessie Harris Laurie Hedwall Ronna Keeney	Michael Wilson
Staff Present	
Christian Snuffin Rob Sadowsky	

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00pm

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from September 4, 2019 were approved.

CALL FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Aldercrest closure status

Aldercrest is now open.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

CRF Update

A policy session with the BCC is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 at 2 p.m. DTD staff is recommending that they authorize moving forward with a list of proposed road projects to be funded by the CRF.

- 50% for the county to use on its roads for paving, safety and congestion relief (~\$5.6 M)
- 40% for cities, distributed based on population (~\$4.6 M)
- 10% for a Strategic Investment Fund to be used jointly by county and cities on road transfers and transportation projects of mutual interest (~\$1.1 M)

- The revenue will be used to meet three types of county road needs:
- Congestion Relief (\$3.5M - \$4M/year)
- Local Road Paving (~\$1M/year)
- Safety Improvements (~\$500,000/year)

Nathan shared his experiences on the CRF Advisory Committee.

No changes were presented to the committee as far as safety funding is concerned.

The committee looked at the long range transportation safety plan and created criteria determining a ranking system to start categories. Among the five categories was safety specifically, it was given additional weight as far as numbering system. The direction of safety was looked at very strongly throughout the entire process and in all conversations and groups, the feedback was that the safety element was very important, even though the funding is for congestion. This was looked upon as favorable because as we deal with congestion and selection of projects, safety was at the forefront and focus.

The projects were ranked and a list was created of the top six projects that funding is projected for in the next decade. Of those top six, a lot of them had safety impacts. One of them is a ped/bike project along with vehicle traffic. Another project, the intersection of Amisigger Rd. and Hwy 224, was low on the list but has risen to the top because of concerns of safety and is being pursued by this first group and it will get addressed before 2029.

Eventually, the 37 projects listed as Tier I in the TSP will get addressed through this funding. This commission meeting was to determine the priority order to present to the board.

- ❖ Project 1 is Johnson Creek Blvd. at Bell- widening to three lanes
- ❖ Project 2 is Redland Rd. at Ferguson/Bradley Rd. - left turn lanes
- ❖ Project 3 is Stafford Rd. at Childs Rd. - traffic Signal
- ❖ Project 4 is Welches Rd. – Ped/Bike lane widening
- ❖ Project 5 is Barlow Rd. at Hwy 99 - feasibility
- ❖ Project 6 is Amisigger Rd. at Hwy 224

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Announcements

Steve Adams resigning, TSC voted to try to recruit Rafael Kaup, runner up from the previous recruitment. Christian will check with HR if a motion is possible or if a new recruitment will need to be done.

Monthly/YTD Fatal Crash Update (Christian)

29 fatalities through October 2019, equal to where we were this time last year.

TSC Radar Speed Sign (Christian)

A new sign is expected to be ordered by December's meeting and expected delivery by February.

Takeaways from August meeting with other TSCs

Generally positive feedback from joint TSC meeting. Robert suggested that one member from County TSC could attend other TSC meetings, possibly a rotating assignment. Happy Valley, Lake Oswego, Canby, Oregon City, Milwaukie, West Linn, Gladstone have TSCs. Rob will get schedules for them. Some meet quarterly and some meet monthly.

County Fair Recap (Rob)

Rob wants feedback, and also discuss 2020. Jake thought that the booth was more inviting when both sides opened up on Saturday. We got 561 pledge signatures at the fair. Now have about 650 because of other appearances at high schools, etc. Rob is leaning towards putting out pledge banner again next year. People will be able to sign a safety pledge on the new crash trailer.

Preview for next year; we will be moving back to our old location with pedal cars. We may take up less space because of the acrobatic dog show are so close but will still have plenty of space for all partners spread out. The Fair wanted us to stay open until 10:30 every evening this year but because of budget, 9:00 was agreed upon. Rob will ask for enough budget to hire a fifth temporary staff to be able to stay until 9:00. This is new because of the dog show in the area going until 8:45. He is looking for other adult engagement, i.e. the pledge or other.

TSC cards will be redone, focusing on younger audience and more relevant issues. We might have some cards targeting teens that might be taking the driving test soon. May entertain a new idea to use fewer categories on the wheel and fewer cards. Anticipated feedback questionnaire and action plan possible in June 2020.

Other ideas –

- New activity mat for teens and adults to illustrate how distracting texting is when driving. Concern is keeping it clean in the outdoor fair environment.
- Drunk goggles need to be discussed with attorney because of safety concern.
- Alta is an Engineering firm that did a demonstration on peripheral vision in relation to speed.
- Think First is a brain injury group from OHSU that does a reaction time test on people before and after drinking in beer tent because we will be staying late in the future and focusing on adults.
- More to come

NSC South county project (Rob)

Just signed a contract for a grant awarded in April to a consultant, C + C. \$75k will be used to hire a consultant to do marketing and communications strategy, micro-targeting and teaching our team how to do integrate micro-targeting into other work. The County received a \$69k grant from ODOT to expand that work to produce materials; PSA, videos, print materials and that is not limited to this area. Rob will manage this portion of the work. Additional project funding will pay for low-cost infrastructure improvements in the rural communities surrounding Molalla & Canby. This portion will be managed by Christian and will include striping, signing, and delineation.

The results and experiences from this project will serve as models for other areas of the county and we will be able to share with other counties. There is anticipation of a better understanding using existing crashes and demographics to know how to better communicate to eliminate crashes. There was a conversation to use the existing marijuana funding to do a survey of county residents in relation to marijuana and driving and also marijuana, alcohol and driving. The consultant has already done these surveys in Washington and the results are very interesting. There is a huge misconception about driving and marijuana. This information is helpful to target education towards people. Rob is looking forward to share concepts as early as January or February with this board for feedback.

Funding for the grant is available until August 2020 with a possible one month extension. The ODOT money is available until September 30, 2020. The work can continue past that but the contract will end on those dates.

Discussion transitioned into how officers determine if someone is under influence of marijuana? Police can only pull someone over for a traffic violation, then start a variety of tests, looking for signs of alcohol impairment. Many officers are trained in signs of impairment. If there are signs of impairment, they can order blood test or breathalyzer. Problem with marijuana is that tests cannot determine whether person is impaired. Tests can only determine presence of marijuana, not actual impairment.

Rob also talked about his guest lectures at high school health classes.

Preview of December's Safety Trivia Event

This will not be a Jeopardy style game. There will be teams of 2-3 with an answer sheet so no pressure of time to hit a button. This will highlight popular culture time line from 1930-2014ish. There will be a wide range of categories all related to transportation that might stretch that boundary.

- ◆ History
- ◆ Bridges
- ◆ Time line
- ◆ Books never made into movies
- ◆ Television/actors
- ◆ Movies
- ◆ Oregon or Florida Man
- ◆ Picture from traffic cam

Points for correct answers will be added at the end of game and a possible prize/certificate will be awarded.

Conclusion

There will be no meeting in January and July.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:45pm