

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: September 11, 2012 **Approximate Start Time:** 11:00 **Approximate Length:** 30 Minutes

Presentation Title: Transportation Safety Action Plan Overview

Department: Department of Transportation and Development – Engineering Division

Presenters: Joseph F. Marek, Mike Bezner

Other Invitees: Clackamas County Sheriff's Office representative

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

1. Support implementation of the TSAP.
2. Support creation of a County Safety Culture Work Group made up of Managers representing engineering, education, enforcement and emergency medical services.
3. Support exploring funding opportunities for the Safe Communities Program and the TSAP.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (why and why now):

Clackamas County Safe Communities received a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation – Transportation Safety Division during 2011/2012 to develop a county-wide Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) which will serve to help in the Countywide "Slow to Zero" campaign, a goal to eventually have zero fatalities due to vehicle crashes. This is the first county-wide TSAP in Oregon. The plan was developed using a combination of internal staff resources and a consultant with oversight and review by the Safe Communities Advisory Board, Safe Communities Working group and the Traffic Safety Commission.

The plan sets an ambitious goal of a 50 percent reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes in ten years. From 2005 through 2009, 160 persons were killed in vehicle crashes in Clackamas County, 61 of those on County owned roadways. Vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death in the County and the number one cause of death for persons ages 5–24.

With the plan complete, staff wants to implement the TSAP and continue to build a county-wide Safety Culture. Ultimately, TSAP implementation involves the State, regional and local agencies, elected officials, safety partners/advocates and County residents to achieve our 50 percent reduction saving at least 16 lives and preventing 125 serious injuries annually at the completion of the program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Some financial support has been identified as a proportion of revenue from Justice Court. Last fiscal year funds received from the General Funds covered staff costs but no other safety improvements. Near-term progress in implementing the TSAP will require additional funding from the participating partners.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

The County TSAP will be prepared as a background document that will be adopted by the Board or County Commissioners via resolution, and incorporated into the Transportation System Plan (Chapter 5 of the Comprehensive Plan). In addition, the plan will tie in with the County's Capital Improvement and Maintenance Program.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

The TSAP included review by the Safe Communities Advisory Board, Safe Communities Working Group and the Clackamas County Traffic Safety Commission. Additional review has been completed as part of the Transportation System Plan update, which is currently under way.

OPTIONS:

- Begin implementing the TSAP and adopt the TSAP formally through the County's TSP.
- Begin implementing the TSAP and adopt the TSAP separately from the County's TSP.
- Begin implementing the TSAP only after the TSAP is adopted through the County's TSP.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners support the implementation of the Clackamas County Transportation Safety Action Plan by:

1. Support implementation of the TSAP.
2. Support creation of a County Safety Culture Work Group made up of Managers representing engineering, education, enforcement and emergency medical services.
3. Support looking for funding of the Safe Communities Program and the TSAP

ATTACHMENTS:

Transportation Safety Action Plan document.

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval

Department Director/Head Approval

County Administrator Approval





