

CLACKAMAS COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

March 6, 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:
Carol Vonderheit Michael Wilson Jim Rough Bob Karl Steve Adams Chris Larsen Nathan McCarty	Austin Brown Matthew Stevenson Nathaniel Adam Robert Ludwick Jessica Harris
Staff Present	
Christian Snuffin Rob Sadowsky Laura Kitts	

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Approval of February meeting minutes with corrections.

CALL FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

- Standing agenda item: Radar speed feedback sign.

CITIZEN CONCERNS:

Stafford & Childs Discussion - Traffic signal at this location is at the top of the list for the VRF.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Guest Speaker:** Dan Johnson- Director of Clackamas County Transportation and Development, came and spoke about the VRF. He wanted to thank the Traffic Safety Commission for their support, and for the people who came and testified. There will be funds allocated to safety and the idea is to include the TSC in prioritizing the safety projects.
- **Reviewed:** Feb & YTD fatal crashes
- Two fatalities in February: Fixed object on OR-211 at MP 19.00 and an angle crash on OR-224 at MP 10.00.
- The committee reviewed and analyzed a diagram of data showing fatalities. There was a downward trend from 1985 to 2013 but then slowly started to increase through 2018.

Interesting that even though the population increases year by year, the fatalities still fluctuate rather than just increasing. The dips and rises are partially due to the economy.

Role of County in Driver Ed:

- Discussion around the work that Rob and Joe are doing with driver's education.

Changes to the County Fair:

- The fair wants to make some changes this year. They are no longer wanting the safety street; they want to use the area for other purposes. We did some brainstorming on ways to keep a Safety Street and TSC booth. The TSC still wants to be involved; how can we still have the effectiveness of past years? Possibly partner up with other agencies: Example: AARP to come out on senior day.

Legislative Update: SB 558, SB7

- **SB558**- City of Portland has a bill that states you can lower a speed limit 5 miles an hour in residential speed limits. Joe and OAES are wanting to amend this bill so that the basic rule is in effect when roads don't have signs.
- **This rule would allow to post a speed limit.** Rob to send out an article on basic rule to help everyone understand it better.
- **SB7**- Reducing the legal blood alcohol level to .05 from .08. Utah is the only state that has this level.
- There are also a couple bills relating to marijuana.

Molalla safety culture- Joe and Rob to come back and discuss what it looks like. Looking at Canby and Estacada outlets.

TSC Goals:

Reviewed our goals discussion from our last meeting.

Car seats: expiration dates and recall. Regular car seat fittings in Molalla and by Clackamas Fire.

Discussed car seats and education around them.

Additional events: Car shows: Carol spoke with a citizen who is active in car shows. She received a list of local events and contact information on shows where the TSC could potentially have a booth. Discussed wanting to do one or two, Rob to contact and ask if the TSC can be a part of the show.

Maybe think about farmers' market - Rob to ask.

Goals: Something positive around tailgating (Bob), discussion around tailgating and how can we reduce it. Christian to bring a "hot spots" map to show the area where the most crashes are.

Another goal: Bicycle education and maybe a helmet event, education about the downfalls of cheap helmets. Rob to touch base with trauma nurses at Emanuel to see what other events are invoked around bike safety.

Touched base on the adoption of the TSAP. BCC adoption hearing is scheduled for March 28th.

Drive to Zero in June presentation.

Chris is ready to come and talk about distracted driving - target new drivers and teens.

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:44pm