

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 5, 2023

**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

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent:</b>
Chris Larsen Ronna Keeney Bob Karl Andrew Labonte William Farley Jeanette DeCastro (via zoom) James Waddington Nathan McCarty (via zoom) Rafael Kaup (via zoom)	Michael Wilson Laurie Hedwall
<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Guest</b>
Christian Snuffin Rob Sadowsky	none

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## APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from December 2022 meeting were approved unanimously. Moved by Andrew and seconded by William.

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:** Bob asked for information about the County's response to I-205 tolling. We will work to invite someone to speak at the committee in April. County Traffic Safety staff have been reviewing the potential impact of tolling. The general theme of our concerns is that tolling will bring additional congestion and safety concerns to the county's road network. Rob will share with the committee any formal county public comment.

Will asked if the county has a process for requesting street lighting? Christian stated that we do not install street lighting outside of intersections. Will specifically asked about intersection lighting at Oakville and View Acres, and View Acres at the school district. Wendy Coryell is the contact person and Christian will make sure Will has that information.

Reminder to participate in the Walk and Bike Plan survey. Scott Hoelscher is open to coming to the committee to present the draft plan to the TSC when it is ready.

Nathan asked about traffic control operations with regard to crashes. There was a crash recently on Highway 224 just northbound of 211. Nathan shared concerns about a specific crash on an icy evening where traffic was being redirected to Eagle Creek which did not have de-icer on the road. Staff can share these concerns with the traffic team at CCSO and ask if they are considering rerouting road conditions and if they had access to the information about where or which roads are treated.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS:** None

**CRASH REPORT:** Christian shared the year end report. We were at 29 total fatalities for the county which compares to 25 for 2021 and 29 for 2020. We were tracking lower but caught up in December. One noticeable data point was that there 6 motorcycle fatalities and 9 pedestrian fatalities.

**PROGRAMS AND MARKETING:** Rob shared that the County recently submitted a grant proposal to fund a Post-Crash Triage evaluation that will help us better understand crashes and how we can better understand lessons from crashes to prevent future serious and fatal crashes. We, unfortunately, did not receive the grant to do work on Stafford Road from the Safe Streets for All Grant program.

Rob presented on his work in marketing and education including the why's and how's of our work. Following the presentation, the committee discussed potential focuses for future campaigns.

Ideas generated were:

- Asking for support for Triage project (possibly a separate pot of money).
- Motorcycle Safety
- Tail gaiting or following too closely.
- Speeding focused on entering curves
- Walking with reflective wear (note that ODOT does have a campaign on this)
- Be aware of vulnerable users, focused on highly populated areas? Busy areas?
- Get research funds to better understand the issues of DUI in Clackamas County and determine the best opportunities to do intervention work.
- Driving under the influence is a quiet secret. What are the DUI trends?
- **Expect the Unexpected: drive as if anything can happen. (Lot's of interest for this one)**
- Speeding in school zones.
- Could add some absurd things in the "expect the unexpected" like a camel crossing the road. Just a bunch of folks talking about what they hit or almost hit one day like the scene from Jaws.
- Racing to shoot the lights.

Rob will throw some of these ideas around with coworkers and our marketing company and then come back and share next steps with committee. Finally, we can tie the theme of the campaign to the next year's poster contest.

Rob shared that our Slow Down signs are available now in the Clackamas libraries.

**SCOUTERS MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY:** Our development team agreed to go out to the site of the school with parents as a follow up from our December meeting. Jeanette asked about continued funding for Nicole Perry's position (the county's PT safe routes to school organizer). There are changes coming up with that position and we'll keep the committee informed.

**SAFETY PROJECT UPDATES:** Christian reviewed recent projects. We are doing some safety signing in Damascus on 13 intersections and two corridors. The rural road safety project is close to finishing. We have six corridors to go from a total of 17. We are relocating six speed feedback

radar signs. We are installing an all-way stop at a T intersection at Luther and 72<sup>nd</sup>. We received a grant to spend up to \$100,000 to evaluate six intersections for potential improvements with a consultant:

1. Redland and Holly
2. Airport and Miley
3. Molalla and Vaughn
4. Arndt and Barlow
5. Beaver creek Leland Kamrath
6. Bluff and 327<sup>th</sup>

Another project at Arndt and Knights Bridge we are adding some ITS (smart system to detect queues) improvements.

We have identified twenty roads or so to prioritize for evaluating speed limits working with ODOT.

Could we use funds from ODOT to do directed marketing like door hangers for homes near recent improvements?

**RECRUITMENT:** The four new members are now officially members of the TSC appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The Board raised a concern that we do not have enough representatives from the rural areas of the county and suggested more effort in the next round of recruitment. We will have two positions open for selection in November, perhaps we can do some recruitment at the fair.

**SAFETY STREET:** After adjournment members were invited to experience our safety street demo.

Andrew asked about techniques and strategies to improve safety beat compliance by city employees. Rob shared he is available to consult with city staff to think this through.

Adjourned at 9pm.

Notes taken from recording by Rob Sadowsky.