

CLACKAMAS COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

June 2, 2021

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 James Rough Jessie Harris Laurie Hedwall Robert Ludwick Nathan McCarty Bob Karl Carol Vonderheit Rafael Kaup Ronna Keeney Chris Larsen	Absent: Michael Wilson (excused) Jake Ensminger
Staff Present Christian Snuffin Rob Sadowsky	Guest Abe Moland, Public Health Ginny Jorgenson (resident)

Note: Due to COVID-19 social distancing measures, this meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from April 7, 2021 (moved by Robert, 2nd by Laurie) were approved unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: Ginny Jorgensen presented concerns that she and her neighbors have about dangerous driving and speeding. She lives at Starlight Court in Canby. Pulling out on Barnards Road is very dangerous. Ms. Jorgensen was requesting that the county analyze the area for a speed reduction to 45 mph or other potential solutions such as rumble strips to make this area safer and reduce traffic bypass volumes. She also suggested trimming vegetation.

Christian Snuffin, Senior Engineer, responded to some of the concerns. Barnards was not designed to handle the volume loads that it currently bears. He also shared some of the projects we have in the works such as ARTS Rural that will install and enhance the visibility of intersections and curves. With regards to speed zones, he suggested looking over the ODOT speed regulations that is available at www.drivetozero.org. We will examine if the area warrants a speed zone reduction with ODOT. We will also look to see if there is adequate width for an edge line.

After some discussion, Chris volunteered to be a point person for the TSC to work with Ms. Jorgensen. He also suggested we look at the location for a potential site for a radar speed sign.

PRESENTATION: Abe Moland, Dept of Public Health

Abe Moland, with the Public Health Division, presented on the County's Health Improvement Plan. See update here: <https://dochub.clackamas.us/documents/drupal/a6f39b3f-5727-4533-a572-d8d8588e2e7d>. There are several overlaps with transportation including access to equitable transportation systems, transportation related barriers to accessing health and food systems, and opportunities for physical activity through transportation such as walking and biking.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. **Community Engagement Lessons from COVID and Wildfire:** Rob shared some key lessons that we are learning from our other activities in the county to further community engagement, particularly for involving communities that have traditionally been less active in the TSC. This might include reconsidering the TSC bylaws to allow for representatives from community organizations serve rather than be appointed/elected by the TSC. Laurie recommended reaching out to elementary schools and PTA's. Chris recommended expanding that to other schools. Jim mentioned working to get students involved on the TSC again.
- b. **Meeting Location:** We discussed moving the meeting back to an in-person meeting. There was support for both and we will be thinking it through as we go along. Rob will poll the group prior to each meeting and we will determine if there is enough people attending to hold it at the office. We will always allow remote access for every meeting even if we hold them in person.
- c. **Monthly/YTD fatal crash update:** Christian reviewed the most recent Fatality chart including a May 31st triple fatal of three teenagers. The driver survived and was charged with several counts including DUI and manslaughter. We have 13 fatalities through May. This is slightly below our averages. This sparked some conversation about Drive to Zero and steps we can take to better understand crash causes and communicating this to communities and to reinforce the creation of a fatal crash review team recently authorized at DTD. Nate suggested that the TSC consider reviewing citizen concerns and crashes to be more on the front end. The committee requested Troy and Mallorie to attend the next meeting to present how they respond to citizen complaints.
- d. **Teen Distracted Driving Campaign:** Rob gave an update on the campaign. We have switched from FOMO (fear of missing out) to Phone Chill (your phone and you need a break from one another) due to teen focus group testing. Video production starts soon.
- e. **Radar Sign on 362nd:** Should be installed early next week. We are also going to be adding new curve warning signs in the same area which should complement one another well.
- f. **ARTS Rural:** The county is moving quickly on this work and it should start late June through October. Keep an eye out for changes!
- g. **Redland Radar speed sign:** should be done soon.
- h. **August ideas:** have Troy and Mallorie attend. The fair may be on, so we'll do a training. Field trip ideas for October: could we tour some of the curve warning sign projects as they wrap up?