

CLACKAMAS COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
August 2, 2017

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:

Steve Fudali
Carol Vonderheit
Steve Adams
Chris Larsen
Bob Karl
Nathan McCarty
Jim Rough
Michael Wilson
Robert Ludwick
Brian Hitchcock

Absent:

Brian Burke
Kate Stinson

Staff Members:

Mallorie McDowell
Christian Snuffin

CALL TO ORDER: 7:07 pm start

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Approved June minutes with corrections (there was no July meeting)

CALL FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

- Welcome to new committee members.
- Danielson's Fair (Hilltop Health & Safety Fair) is September 16 from 10 am-2 pm. Christian will do a doodle poll to see who is available for that.
- Clackamas County Fair discussion: Christian distributed Fair tickets to everyone and supplied new members with maps of the Fair grounds. Everyone reviewed the sign-up sheet and contact information.
- Members expressed interest in continuing with guest speakers.
- Rosemont Trail bicycle signage update requested. Understood that this was to have been done by now, but no activity has been observed. Christian will look into this and provide more information.
- Missing delineators along Rosemont/Stafford?

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Guest Speakers- Brainstorm ideas and subject areas, potential speakers for scheduling. Reviewed guest speakers TSC has had so far, and next steps should be to come up with subject areas the group is interested in exploring in the future.

Aggressive Driving/Tailgating- A dynamic approach to addressing these problems is of interest to members. They would like to see energy and focus spent on aggressive driving/tailgating/harassment as it pertains to safety. Discussion around the relationship between road rage and the new law making it illegal to drive/pass in the left lane on I-5.

Distracted Driving Law, House Bill 2597- Effective October 1, 2017 in Oregon. Signed into law by the governor on the day of this meeting. It expands the definition of distracted driving, expands on handheld uses that can qualify for citation and increases penalties. Christian mentioned that Patty was reaching out to ODOT for some informational pamphlets or brochures that could be handed out.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Highway 43/McVey Signal - Discussion about a change in the signal head conversion here that is confusing drivers and stacking up traffic. Three heads for two lanes is odd. Also, the pavement markings are misleading - melted left turn arrows in the lane should be left turn/straight through combination arrows. Unclear on what the white line dictates. Pictures will be provided at the next meeting for clarification. Agreed that capacity has been reduced here. Christian offered to contact ODOT about this and bring something to the next meeting.

White Line Width- Discussion around the difficulty of the driving task these days. Great conversation about how many drivers don't know the difference between a four-inch and an eight-inch white line. Talked about the need to have a bike lane sign in addition to the bike dude symbol for it to be enforced. Talked about the various places that an eight-inch line and a double four-inch line are appropriate. Recommended adding something like this to the wheel.

Distracted Pedestrians - Discussion around the entitlement and false sense of security that pedestrians have and the common misunderstanding of pedestrian law by both pedestrians and drivers, e.g., every intersection is a legal crosswalk. Phased into a discussion about the challenges for pedestrians in the Mcloughlin area due to poor lighting and impractical spacing of crossings.

Article - About a more recent trend of resistance to multi-modal transportation and road diet-type treatments where lanes are being replaced with exclusive bike/ped lanes. Discussion about how the resistance to multi-modal accommodations could possibly be generational. Offered to distribute article to anyone interested in reading it. Segway into last month's discussion about adding some younger points of view to the commission.

High School Students - Discussion about not having full-time participation by students, but rotated on a fairly regular basis, due to the inevitable boredom for them. Perhaps even "one and done" for more exposure. Potential for nine students throughout the year. The idea was posed that we put an ad inviting younger people to attend in the Clackamas Review. Talked about Patty possibly using her contacts/connections with the younger people of our community to get the word out; Christian will speak with her. Callie Masters, West Linn High School student, may be another avenue with her column in the West Linn *Tidings*. The Wilsonville *Spokesman* is an additional possible channel.

Bylaws state we can have up to two high school students on the committee. Lengthy discussion about generating interest over recruiting so that they volunteer on their own volition and interest. Ideas shared included drivers education (X amount of hours participating on the TSC qualifies for X amount of "driving experience" hours logged), extra credit presentations, community service, high achiever-type students who would

want to put this on their resume. Talked about a possible motivator/incentive being a pair of tickets to World of Speed for student participants who speak at/attend the TSC.

Traffic Engineering Update:

Stafford Road Safety Audit (RSA) is happening in September; Kittelson is on board for three days. Waiting for school to start to begin the process. Steve will be serving on the RSA team. Christian and Steve will report back to the TSC with the findings of the RSA.

ODOT “Drive Healthy.Org” Campaign:

Brand new. Aims to deter distracted driving by utilizing an App called “Life Saver,” which monitors/measures the level of distractedness while driving. Drivers sign up for teams and compete against others.

2017 County Fair:

- Staff brought out the wheel and everyone practiced using it and setting it up.
- Bob Karl really liked the fish-eye mirrors that were offered last year and requested those be brought back because they generated a lot of interaction.
- Update traffic safety questions and send out to all members before the fair so they can get acquainted with them.
- Explanations of the complaint form and the yard sign request forms for the new members.
- Brian Burke is not in attendance tonight, so we need to arrange for him to receive his ticket/parking pass for the fair.
- Pedestrian manuals/ bike manuals in English and Spanish
- Requests for drivers manuals - Steve has a stock of 50 that he offered for use. He offered to call Salem DMV publishing house to request various manuals.
- Make sure we have rubber bands available to tie up pamphlets

2017 Hilltop Wellness and Safety Fair

Are we still using Bob’s Pop up Shade Tent?

ADJOURNMENT: 8:38 pm