

CLACKAMAS COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

June 1, 2022

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:
James Rough Nathan McCarty Ronna Keeney Chris Larsen Bob Karl Laurie Hedwall William Farley* Jeanette DeCastro* James Waddington* Rafael Kaup (joined @ 7:30)	Michael Wilson Andrew Labonte* (excused)
Staff Present	Guest
Christian Snuffin Rob Sadowsky	David Gonzalez Steve Adams (City of Milwaukie)

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm *Note that William, Andrew, Jeanette, and James are waiting formal appointment by the Board of Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from April 6, 2022 (moved by Ronna, 2nd by Nathan) were approved unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: Intersection of Walmart and Hidden Spring.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: David Gonzalez who lives on SE Bell Avenue across from a retirement senior housing facility and came to express concerns about traffic on SE Bell. Bell recently changed from 35 to 25 mph, but the high volume and speed has created some safety concerns. Some additional concerns raised were risk of additional traffic from future I205 tolling. David requested the consideration of traffic calming devices such as speedbumps, adding protected bike lanes, etc. Christian responded with what the county has done and is planning on Bell. He shared the importance of contacting the Sheriff's office with regard to enforcement. The county is looking at either moving the crosswalk or adding a new crosswalk to assist with crossing. Bob asked if a temporary radar speed sign could help? The committee will take this under consideration for a location for the next placement of the TSR radar sign. He suggested just north of SE King going down the hill on Bell. Jeanette recommends using the phrase "enhanced enforcement" when asking for assistance with CCSO.

Back to Bob's concern regarding Hidden Spring and 43. This is a city of West Linn and ODOT managed intersection, not Clackamas County. The signal is ODOT. Timing issues should be addressed to Ask ODOT at <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/pages/ask-odot.aspx>.

INTRODUCTIONS: The committee members introduced each other since this is the first meeting with the new members.

GUEST SPEAKER: Steve Adams, former TSC member and now the City Engineer for the City of Milwaukie. Steve presented on the design and installation of the Linwood Project. He shared a slide show that covered the before and after images and the rationale behind the design to help slow traffic and facilitate walking and biking in the neighborhood, particularly for young children attending two schools. While there were bike lanes present, there were many missing sidewalks.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS: James is moving to Arizona and is stepping off the TSC. James nominated Chris Larsen for Chair. The committee approved the election of Chris unanimously.

SAFE STREETS FOR ALL GRANT: Rob shared a concept paper for grant proposals for a new stream of funding Toward Zero Deaths activities out of the federal infrastructure bill. Rob solicited feedback from the TSC. The county can apply directly. The application is due September 15th. If you are asking for funding for a project, it must be in the TSAP. Rob reviewed several projects under consideration including:

- TSAP's for All: building traffic safety plans for our local municipalities.
- Speed Campaign for NW Counties: large scale rural campaign focused on speeding modeled after our Phone Chill campaign.
- Behavioral health strategy for triaging crashes to develop intervention models
- Connecting transit to safety projects connecting an east/west route (Jennings Rd as example) to a N/S transit line.
- Stafford Road safety project
- Rural Commuter and Transit Corridor Safety Project

Will asked about projects from the 2020 Bond list, emphasizing the C2C/181 St. project as a possible project that might work well. Jeanette suggested expanding Safe Routes to School to early childhood education centers or Safe Routes to Parks. Rob added Safe Routes to Seniors might also be neat. The committee would like to be kept informed of the process and projects along the way. The Board of Commissioners will need to formally approve the application and may seek input from other groups such as C4C. Jeanette asks if we will seek input from LEDIC.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. **Monthly/YTD fatal crash update:** In 2022, as of May 24, we are at 11 fatalities. Low relative to recent years (typically 15-16). We are down for the past few years. Christian also shared that we are moving to managing speed zone management.
- b. **Community Engagement Projects:** Rob shared that the Phone Chill campaign on distracted driving. Our campaign is over. The research showed that 60% of those responding to our survey saw the ad and 60% said that they are now more aware of do not disturb while driving. 70% of the parents surveyed said they saw or heard the message campaign and 52% said they talked to their teenagers after seeing or hearing the ad. These are very good numbers. Now we are starting a new campaign focused on Driving under the influence of cannabis (DUIC). We are going to borrow Washington's campaign to build out a great campaign and reduce the timeline for developing a campaign. The campaign branding will be specific to us, but the creative will be the

same. The focus is on “real friends” who take action to make sure their friend doesn’t drive under the influence of marijuana.

- c. **Fairs:** Rob reminded committee members to look out for a recruitment email from him to sign up for both the County Fair (August 16-22) and the Hilltop Safety Fair (September 10th).
- d. **Radar Speed Sign:** Rona recommended one at the Union Mills Feed Store at the corner where people are speeding. Christian mentioned that we do not install speed boards in areas that are advisory speed zones rather than regulatory zones. There may be other options such as radar activated flashing advisory signs. Christian suggested running this corner and corridor through our Vision Zero software to see if there are other candidate treatments for the curve. Laurie asked about the tipping truck sign as an option?

For the next placement of our radar sign, we will come back in August to evaluate for next location, but in the interim, we will place this on Bell related to David’s concerns. The committee asked about speed radar data. Christian will talk to Luke about bringing data back to the committee in August.

- e. **SS4A:** Add as a regular item on the agenda.

The committee adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Notes taken by Rob Sadowsky.