

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 7, 2024

## COMMISSION MEMBERS

<b>Present</b> Jeanette DeCastro (by zoom) Bob Karl Michael Wilson William Farley James Waddington Chris Larsen Andrew Labonte (by zoom)	<b>Absent:</b> Nathan McCarty
<b>Staff Present</b> Christian Snuffin Rob Sadowsky	<b>Guest</b> Robert Bittle Patricia Oleson Jaimie Lorenzini

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**April 3<sup>rd</sup> Minutes:** Bob Karl moved and Chris Larsen seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Citizen Concerns:** Bob brought up aggressive driving. Rob shared that would it be covered later in the agenda.

**Interviews:** The committee interviewed four candidates for appointment to the TSC:

The committee can appoint from 4-6 people. We put out a call for candidates and we had seven applicants, one of which did not respond to the request for an interview. Six interviews were scheduled. However, only four of them came this evening.

Robert Bittle, Michael Wilson, Patricia Oleson and Jaimie Lorenzini were interviewed. Afterward, the committee voted to recommend all four candidates to serve a full term.

**Decommissioning South Union Mills and South Redland Road Safety Corridors.** These two corridors were set up in 2008. They were intended to last three years. The legal framework for safety corridors is spelled out in ORS 8.11.483. They are designated by the County Commissions and must be decommissioned by the Board of Commissioners. They were established for areas with high crash rates. It included signs, higher rates of enforcement and improvements. They were intended to be of limited duration. The county has also embarked on a more system-wide approach rather than one corridor at a time. We have done a lot of improvements on both these roads. Essentially, this is an obsolete mechanism. We need to rescind the designation to remove the signs. Commissioner Savas reached out to ask about the safety corridors that sparked a conversation about decommissioning them.

Will asked if we can see five years before and after crash improvements. Christian pointed out that since improvements happened over time, it may be hard to show a specific improvement at a point of time. We will table to the December TSC meeting.

## **Project Updates:**

- Rob reported on fatal crashes January to June. At that time we were slightly up from 2023.
- Rob shared the general framework for the upcoming planning contract work and marketing work funded through ODOT and the US DOT.
- The county recently conducted an analysis of the friction of our roads systemwide.
- Andrew asked about the Oatfield speed reduction analysis. He also asked about a guard rail just outside of the Gladstone city limits. Christian shared that the data did not justify a speed reduction below 35 mph. Rob will reach out to the Gladstone TSC about making a presentation on speed reduction efforts with Kelly French from our team.

**October Field Trip:** the committee decided to do the October field trip on Sunnyside Road and look at the signaling, road alignment.

Adjourned at 9pm.

Notes taken from recording by Rob Sadowsky.