

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 4, 2019

**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> Michael Wilson Robert Ludwick Laurie Hedwall Jake Ensminger James Rough Bob Karl Chris Larsen Carol Vonderheit	<b>Absent:</b> Steve Adams Nathan McCarty Jessie Harris
<b>Staff Present</b>	
Christian Snuffin Joseph Marek	
<b>Guests:</b> Ronna Keeney Bill Osburn Rafael Kaup	

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00pm

### APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Jim noted one minor correction in the June meeting minutes, then the minutes were approved.

### CALL FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

#### Aldercrest truck restrictions

The City of Milwaukie has posted signs restricting trucks over 50 feet at the intersection of Oatfield & Lake due to a tight switchback at Oatfield & Aldercrest where trucks sometimes get stuck. There are no truck restriction signs at the intersection of Oatfield & Park, which is a County intersection. Christian will follow up with Motor Carrier Safety for potential new signs at Oatfield & Park.

### CITIZEN CONCERNS

#### McLoughlin and Arlington Intersection

Carol brought up a concern about turn lane markings. Concern is that there is so much traffic that left turners block thru traffic because of shared thru/left lane. Why can't thru movement be shared with the right turn lane? Answer: because the opposing streets do not line up. ODOT has looked at reconfiguring Arlington and Gloucester, making River Rd one-way southbound, which would help operations and address the concern. Bill Osburn from Gladstone traffic safety

commission noted that the intersection is the highest priority for City, noted other problems including pedestrian safety. Osburn suggested that County TSC support for improvements at this location would be welcome.

### **Aldercrest closure status**

Mike asked about the status of the closure. Joe explained that the closure may extend into next year. County hasn't hired contractor yet. Lots of groundwater that caused slumping of the road. Still working on plan to handle groundwater, then has to go to Procurement, then out to bid.

### **Sunnybrook Rd & 97th Ave**

From Laurie Hedwall: Lane extension lines for movements between NB 97<sup>th</sup> and WB Sunnybrook direct left-hand lane into the left-most lane on Sunnybrook, which becomes LT lane for I-205 SB. This results in lane imbalance and a lot of delay on this approach. Laurie believes that the lane line extension for the inside NBL lane should direct drivers to EB lanes 1 and 2 instead of just lane 1. UPDATE: The [CRC Mobility Project](#) (construction to start January 2020) will fix this and implement the changes that Laurie suggested.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Announcements (Christian)**

Welcome to the new members Laurie Hedwall and Jake Ensminger.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work at the County Fair. You are very much appreciated!

Please sign up for the Hilltop Health and Safety Fair on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. Need people to help set up starting at 9:00, and take-down after 2:00.

The ODOT Transportation Safety Conference will be held on 10/23 and 10/24 at the Spirit Mountain Casino and Conference Center in Grand Ronde. Clackamas County will pay admission for any TSC member who wants to attend. Please let Christian know if you would like to attend.

Field trip next month at County Sign Shop at 902 Abernethy Rd. We will meet there at **6:00 p.m.** Christian will provide more details as the date nears.

### **Monthly/YTD Fatal Crash Update (Christian)**

22 fatalities through August 2019, below where we were this time last year (28). Eight fatalities since June, only two on County roads.

### **TSC Radar Speed Sign (Christian)**

Engineering will be purchasing a couple of new signs within the next month. Members voted unanimously to order a sign at the same time using TSC funds. Estimated cost \$6000.

### **Takeaways from last month's meeting with other TSCs / County Fair Recap**

In the interest of time, the TSC agreed to table the discussion on these items until next regular meeting.

## **County Road Fund Projects Prioritization (Joe and Christian)**

BCC recently enacted a vehicle registration fee. Revenue from that fee, now called the Community Road Fund, will bring about \$5M per year into the County Road Fund. Of that, \$500,000 is dedicated to safety projects. Traffic Engineering has been tasked with developing a recommended list of safety projects for consideration for funding by CRF. The list was culled from various sources: TSP, CIP, TSAP, SPIS, and other safety projects. Projects were ranked based on SPIS score (crash frequency and severity), benefit/cost for potential projects, and health index, which considered three criteria: percent population over 65, percent population below poverty line, and percent population of color. The list included 60 projects, which ranged from modest signing upgrades of a few thousand dollars to multi-million dollar capital projects.

Some of the questions raised included the following:

- Should some of the larger projects be considered capital projects rather than safety projects? It hasn't yet been determined where all of the projects will land but it seems likely that the larger ones will be completed with Capital or Development Agency dollars. Even with \$500k per year that is not enough for a larger project, but can easily fund several smaller ones. Maybe projects over \$250,000 could be funded through other funding sources or shared.
- Does DTD have the staffing to design all the projects in-house? Most of the work would be contracted out. Some of the minor signing projects could be done by county staff.

TSC members voted to endorse the list, recognizing that the list was subject to change based on staff refinements. Higher-cost projects (\$250,000 or more) should be funded by Capital projects.

### **Recruitment: Interview candidates**

Christian gave an overview of what the TSC is all about, the commitment and mission statement. The candidates introduced themselves and the committee members interviewed the candidates. Group discussion from members and questions from candidates.

### **New member selection vote:**

Following an Executive Session during which the TSC discussed the applicants, the TSC members voted to invite Ronna Keeney to join the Commission to serve a four-year term.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:45pm