
Meeting Summary
Central Oregon Safe Travel (COST) Team Meeting
A subcommittee of
Central Oregon Advisory Committee on Transportation (COACT)

Date: November 28, 2022
Time: 11:00am-12:30pm
Location: Virtual meeting

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Committee Website: www.CentralOregonSafeTravel.org for more information.

Staff: Sommers Taylor, Scott Aycock, COIC; Jovi Anderson, Tyler Deke, Bend MPO

Attendees: Lt. Curtis Chambers, Redmond Police Department; Tory Kurtz, Nicole McAda, CLEAR Alliance; Commissioner Patti Adair, Deschutes County; Barb Campbell, Bend City Council; Dave Thomson, BPAC; Commissioner Jerry Brummer, Crook County; Bob Townsend, Vanessa Churchill, Walter McAllister, ODOT

1. Call Order, Committee Roles & Introductions Scott Aycock, COIC

2. Safety Committee Objectives and Goals 5 min..... Jovi Anderson, Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Background: Discuss the Objectives and Goals

Attachments: None. Information will be shared at the meeting.

Action Requested: Information item.

The Central Oregon Safe Travel Teams purpose is to create regional efforts to eliminate deaths and life-changing injuries in Central Oregon’s transportation system. Jovi reviewed the short-term objectives of this group. Lt. Chambers spoke to the difficulty of recording an accident contributing to cellphone use. Members were interested in how many accidents are related to distracted driving. Although distracted driving rarely comes up in the top of data boxes for crash trends, Jovi will keep this on the list of priorities for this group to cover and discuss over the next 6 months.

3. Overview of Central Oregon crash trends 10 Min..... Jovi Anderson, Bend MPO

Background: Central Oregon Fatal Crash Trends to date

Attachments: None. Information will be shared at the meeting.

Action Requested: Information item.

Jovi reviewed the fatalities to date as well as the data related to speed related crashes. Since the last time this group met in August, the number of fatality related incidents increased to 19. Jovi was asked review a crash that was in Crook County and input this data into the “fatalities to date” table. Impairment related crashes and younger driver crashes data was also reviewed. ODOT’s messaging for promoting sober driving during the holidays was shared when reviewing the number of alcohol or drug related fatal and injury crashes in young drivers within Central Oregon. When reviewing worldwide data on fatalities while driving, the United States statistics is not decreasing. In 2021, there was a 16-year high of estimated traffic related deaths in the U.S. In Central Oregon, there were 338 bicyclists and/or pedestrians involved in a motorized vehicle crash from 2015-2022. Fatalities among all users has been increasing, but fatalities among pedestrians and bicyclists has been increasing even faster since 2010. Members are interested in seeing data about how many pedestrians and bicyclists are on the road now compared to before 2010.

4. Safety & Enforcement Status 10 min Bend/Redmond Police

Background: Safety enforcement updates in Central Oregon

Attachments: None. Information will be shared at the meeting.

Action Requested: Information item

City of Redmond PD, in partnership with Redmond Public Works, will be putting messaging out for sober driving and slowing down for the Christmas holidays. If this messaging is successful over the Christmas break, Redmond PD will look into continuing messaging. Redmond PD was able to put a traffic officer on the roads and is hoping to put another one out soon, staff depending. Redmond PD is working closely with Redmond PW to discuss transportation related concerns and issues. They are working closely to create solutions for areas on the road of high concern. Members would like to see the City of Bend working with the Police Department to create messaging similar to Redmond’s PD. Commissioner Adair is hoping the City of Bend will get a flashing sign for the corner near Drake Park that is on residential property that has had a history of crashes, Jovi will look into this. Police are saying that DUIIs are on the rise in Bend.

5. Oregon Department of Transportation Program Updates 10 min Vanessa Churchill, ODOT Region 4

Background: Overview of Region 4 Safety Initiatives and updates on programs and funding.

Attachments: Region 4 Update to Oregon Transportation Safety Committee, Report, September 2022 (Attachment A)

Action Requested: Information item.

Vanessa Churchill reviewed the amount of High Visibility Enforcement grants that ODOT has provided to each city and county agency within the Central Oregon tri-county area. She will be speaking with the state regarding potentially waving the match requirement for some grants. The hope is that the waiver will promote smaller areas, where raising funds for the match is hard, to apply for grant funding. Vanessa broke down each counties fatal and injury crashes between 2016 and 2020. The trend is that each counties crash is increasing rapidly. With the region grant, that focuses on smaller agencies and areas, Vanessa’s big focus will be on impaired driving. One of the ways ODOT is reaching out to the pedestrian community, specifically the houselessness community, is working with other organizations and groups that

are already involved with them to provide listening sessions. Members are interested in seeing information related to accidents with deer and other wildlife. ODOT is waiting on a Portland State study related to wildlife migration to start brainstorming solutions related to this topic. Vanessa will share more information with Jovi that Jovi will share with the group regarding wildlife crashes.

6. Committee Membership and Charter Review 5 minJovi Anderson, Bend MPO

Background: In 2021, COACT created a subcommittee to work toward safety on Central Oregon transportation issues. With new positions and roles, review, and update for potential new members. Review Charter for updates to goals and objectives.

Attachments: Membership & Charter (Attachment B)

Action Requested: Review Roster for potential changes in leadership. Consider approval of charter.

Jovi requested that all members review the purpose statement and goals, and let her know if anyone has any further suggestions or updates for this committee. Krisanna Endicott is no longer with the City of Redmond and this group should think about who the replacement should be. This group will wait until the COACT board makes their final appointments, and will review membership after that January meeting. Barb Campbell would like to recruit someone else from Redmond so that the representation is at the table. For those that are interested, they should reach out to Scott Aycock.

7. Review Communication Calendar 10 min.....Jovi Anderson, Bend MPO

Background: Review draft messaging calendar.

Attachments: Draft Messaging Calendar. (Attachment C)

Action Requested: Discuss communication details and provide guidance for safety efforts

2021 messaging included: slow down, drive sober, pay attention and buckle up. The 2022 Recommended Safety Topics were: drive sober, slow down, age directed messaging and others. This year, Bend MPO is working hard to coordinate with CLEAR Alliance to get clear and directed messaging out to the public. CLEAR Alliance has started working with Redmond PD to create messaging with specific groups. The hope is that this messaging could also make its way to Bend to decrease the number of DUlls in the area. Ideally, messaging would be lighthearted and focus on breweries & dispensaries. CLEAR Alliance is working on creating four different messaging boards that are in Spanish and English. CLEAR Alliance focuses on creating curriculums for prevention and education on impaired driving. Their curriculums have been used in the public system.

8. Comments and DiscussionScott Aycock, COIC

There was no further comments or discussions at this point.

9. Future Meeting Dates

February 27, 2023 and May 29, 2023 from 11:30 – 1pm

Calendar invitations for the next meeting have already been sent out. If anyone would like to be added to the calendar invite, they should reach out to Sommers Taylor at staylor@coic.org.

10. Adjourn



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