



Safety & Mobility Policy Advisory Committee

MEETING SUMMARY (Draft)

October 23, 2024
 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS:

- Steve Bates, OTA
- Kevin Campbell, AAA
- Ed Chamberland, ACEC
- Marie Dodds, AAA
- Jason Fender, TFT Const.
- Stratos Flanders, Knife River
- John Gambatese, OSU
- Walt Gamble, AGC
- Mark Gibson, OTA
- Erik Havig, ODOT
- John Hickey, APAO
- Jana Jarvis, OTA
- David Kim, Chair
- Evan Sether, OSP
- Erik Zander, OTA

RESOURCES:

- Tamira Clark, ODOT
- Donnell Fowler, ODOT
- Christy Jordan, ODOT
- Angela Kargel, ODOT
- Mike Kimlinger, ODOT
- Justin Moderie, ODOT
- Audrey Lawson, ODOT
- Tova Peltz, ODOT
- Carla Phelps, ODOT
- Amy Ramsdell, ODOT
- Katie Scott, ODOT

GUESTS:

- Jody Raska, ODOT TSO
- Colleen O'Hogan, ODOT TSO

FACILITATOR:

- Bill Gross, Mobility Program

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS AND OUTCOME
Roll Call, Minutes & Agenda Review Bill Gross and David Kim	Bill Gross took roll call. Draft minutes from the August 28, 2024 meeting were approved. David Kim welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda topics for the meeting.
Recap of recent fatal accident on I-5 Mike Kimlinger Evan Sether	Mike Kimlinger said that he and Evan Sether have not yet had a chance to meet and put together some information from the meeting. Evan Sether said OSP is still waiting on some collision reconstruction reports. He said there were at least two vehicles that crossed over from the southbound to the northbound direction. David Kim suggested as part of the follow-up once Mike and Evan have enough information is to share some of the tools/technologies that ODOT provides when partnering with OSP for crash

	<p>reconstruction and efforts to get highways open sooner. David said this particular crash closed both directions of I-5 for several hours and had a significant impact on traffic mobility.</p>
<p>Work Zone Safety Technical Work Group Updates Mike Kimlinger John Hickey</p>	<p>Billboard Contest</p> <p>Mike said the contest has kicked off for the fall in the Willamette Valley. He said there is about a month left before the deadline for submissions near the end of November. He said they also received some feedback from the Willamette Valley education group that they work with, and that the timing at the beginning of the school year is very challenging for them. He said they are having discussions about possibly extending the deadline for submissions.</p> <p>Work Zone Speed Cameras</p> <p>John Hickey there is some draft legislation in the works regarding speed safety cameras in work zones when workers are present. He said there would be a grace range of about 6 MPH over the limit, and any speeds higher would result in a citation.</p> <p>Walt Gamble asked if the cameras could be placed in maintenance work zones, and not just construction. John said the legislation would not prevent that, as long as there are workers present. John said there are companies that own and operate the camera units. He said ODOT and OSP would potentially administer a contract with them to provide coverage in certain work zones.</p> <p>Ed Chamberland asked John Hickey if he could put together a one-page summary of the work zone camera legislation to share with the committee, so that the other members can share it with their respective organizations.</p>
<p>Driver Education on Work Zones: Research on efforts in other states John Hickey</p>	<p>John Hickey said he found three other states that are making progress on educating drivers on work zone safety: South Carolina, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.</p> <p>In South Carolina, he said they have mandated one hour of work zone training as part of the requirement to get a license. In Wisconsin, he said the state started making work zone safety training available for teenagers. Those who completed the training were entered into a drawing to win a \$500 scholarship. Based on the success of the program, John said the state now requires a minimum 30 minute training for teenage drivers.</p> <p>In South Carolina, he said the state DOT and the South Carolina chapter of the AGC partnered to create an hour long training video, which includes testimonials from road workers.</p> <p>John suggested that the SMPAC could organize a similar training video and scholarship contest, similar to the work zone safety billboard contest. He said the effort wouldn't require legislation, and that students who complete the training would be entered into a scholarship drawing.</p>

	<p>Jana Jarvis commented that she has been trying to get a drivers education program for how to operate around heavy vehicles. Jana suggested that perhaps both the work zones safety and heavy vehicle safety could be combined.</p> <p>Jody Raska with the ODOT Transportation Safety Office said driver education is not mandatory in Oregon. However, she said their education curriculum does include a chapter and lessons dealing with more complex driving situations such as driving around trucks and traversing work zones. Jody said they recently updated their parent guide to teen driving, but some information about work zones and trucks was removed. She said she will look at getting that content back into the guide.</p> <p>John Hickey suggested that if they incorporate a scholarship contest with a training video, the scholarship money could be contributed from partner organizations such as AGC, APAO and ACEC. Erik Zander suggested forming a sub-group of volunteers chaired by John Hickey to continue to pursue the concept offline and then report back to the SMPAC with a more detailed plan.</p> <p>David Kim agreed that SMPAC should form a work group to continue to develop the concept and partnership to move it forward. David said the SMPAC could then have more conversations about how to leverage the training video for other outlets such as a traffic school course, a traffic diversion course for those who get ticketed, the annual Work Zone Safety Awareness Month promotional efforts, or potentially incorporated into DMV's materials. David said ODOT could discuss internally to see who from ODOT should participate on the work group.</p>
<p>Roundtable/NOAs (items not on the agenda)</p>	<p>Erik Zander:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erik mentioned an incident in September at the Martin Road roundabout on OR47 where a truck trailer tipped over. He said he wanted to make sure ODOT was aware of the incident. • Erik said he also noticed on two occasions that the roundabout has been experiencing significant queuing and traffic stopping between 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Mike Kimlinger said he could provide that information back to the Region to look at. • Erik followed-up on his recent email regarding the Mobility Program metrics presentation that was removed from the October SMPAC agenda until ODOT could report back on its internal audit of the program. Erik said he wants the committee to be able to look at the program data to see if the program is on track or if there are adjustments needed. He said he thinks the information shows some great work being done by the Mobility Advisory Committee and he wants to be able to highlight that work. David said that with the recent leadership transitions at ODOT, they want to make sure Amy Ramsdell and others are briefed so that they are aware before any information gets disseminated. David said they also got a preview of the audit

results, and it looked good with no recommendations stemming from the information. Erik added that he would like for the MAC to be able to provide feedback to the Regions on their presentations. He said he can follow-up and provide Bill Gross with an agenda topic request with some more context.

Walt Gamble: Walt suggested to John Hickey that the work zone video education concept (including the South Carolina example) could be included on the agenda for the upcoming Work Zone Safety Symposium. He also suggested a future SMPAC discussion topic could be to learn more about work zone safety driver education efforts that ODOT and DMV has done (potentially asking Jody Raska to come back) so that the SMPAC is better informed on those efforts.

John Hickey: John agreed with Walt's suggestion to mentioning the work zone training video concept at the Work Zone Safety Symposium. John suggested he and Walt should reach out to the South Carolina AGC to see if they could be involved.

Regarding the upcoming symposium, John said there has been a lot of interest among consulting engineers and public works departments across the state and expects more attendance from those groups. John said the event is planned for February 28th at the Salem Convention Center, and their planning group expects to have a draft program developed soon. Some potential content includes:

- Recognizing the billboard safety contest winners.
- A presentation about safety around commercial vehicles from OTA.
- An update on the work zone safety speed enforcement camera efforts.
- An ODOT presentation on the full closure of I-5 during the bridge replacement project this year.
- New technologies and "smart" work zones.

Mark Gibson: Mark said he is hoping there can be a way to track statistics on roundabouts, including truck rollover incidents. He said he is getting calls on a regular basis from truckers concerned about potential roundabouts being built in their area. He said although the roundabout study has been concluded, it is still important to continue providing education and outreach to the public.

John Gambatese: John submitted an interim report for an ODOT study that looks at technologies that can be used to facilitate preventing and mitigating work zone intrusions. He said the report will be available soon and can share at a future SMPAC meeting. Another study he's working on is looking at predicting the likelihood of a work zone intrusion based on certain factors. The data will be coming out in the next month or two and can share with the SMPAC as well. The next steps in the research will be to gather data on actual intrusions and near misses. John also posed a question to the group to consider, whether the SMPAC should also include representation for rail. Christy Jordan commented

	that the first version of the Mobility Procedures Manual talked about collaborating with rail on projects that affect mobility but was challenging to get participation from them.
Final Comments David Kim	David thanked everyone for their time in the meeting. Bill reminded the committee that the December meeting has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, January 7, 2025 due to the holidays.
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Kimlinger and Evan Sether to follow-up with more information about the recent I-5 crash involving vehicles that crossed the cable median barrier. Also include a discussion about tools/technologies that ODOT provides when partnering with OSP for crash reconstruction and efforts to get highways open sooner. • John Hickey to provide SMPAC members with a one-page summary of the work zone speed camera legislation concept. • John Hickey to organize a work group for creating a work zone safety training video and scholarship contest aimed at teenage drivers; report back at the next SMPAC meeting. • Erik Zander to provide Bill Gross with more context for a potential agenda topic related to providing feedback to the Regions on MAC presentations. • John Gambatese to share information on two work zone studies that he is working on at Oregon State University, once the data is available.