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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 12, 2015

In attendance:

Franklin Corbin	Jacksonville Citizen Representative
Richard Boucher	Jacksonville Citizen Representative
Kristen Brown	Talent Citizen Representative
Catherine Henrichs	Griffin Creek Area Citizen Representative
Colleen Roberts	Jackson County Commissioner
Bikram Kahlon	City of Medford
Rosalee Senger	ODOT Transportation Safety
Dan Dorrell	ODOT
John Vial	Jackson County Roads
Mike Kuntz	Jackson County Roads
Julie Slaughter	Jackson County Roads

Mike Kuntz called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Minutes from the May 8, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Franklin Corbin/Richard Boucher

- Bybee Corner (Highway 238 and West Main Street) – There are still concerns about the many accidents and near accidents at this intersection. After the redesign project, crashes declined (2011-12; 2012-7; 2013-5). They appear to be increasing now. They still see quite a bit of crash residue on the roadway and do not feel all crashes are being reported, and rates are much higher than reported. Dan discussed the process they went through to fix the intersection, possibly the elevation of the intersection. John asked about the crash rate compared to other similar intersections. Dan responded that Dan Roberts has the information and he will have it next time. Fixes to the intersection are limited by a historic site, creek, and elevation. They will continue to look into different safety and traffic calming measures. A three-way stop can be requested if crash rates validate it. Rosalee noted that education may be part of the issue. He will have Mike Burch look at the speeds again. He will see about additional flashing signs that indicate traffic on side roads.

Kristen Brown

- Foss Road (Wagner St. to Walden Ln.) – This is a rural road which is heavily used by pedestrians, bike riders, joggers, and agricultural equipment. It is also used as a bypass road. There are no shoulders, and vehicles travel at high speeds creating hazards. She would like to

see the speed reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph. She would also like to see some way of designating the road as a residential area. Mike Burch will be doing a speed zone investigation. We will be installing the new style of speed zone sign to slow vehicles down sooner. John suggested she request more enforcement. Mike suggested she request the reader board be posted there. It slows vehicles down as least temporarily. Dan also suggested she attend the Talent Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

Dan Dorrell

- Bear Creek Bridge on Fern Valley Road – Traffic has now been switched to the new bridge. Signals are not running as efficiently as it should. TSSU will be here next week to straighten out the phasing.
- I-5 Speed Zone – A change in the speed zone on I-5 south of Ashland has been approved. The 55 mph zone will be shortened by one mile and posted in the near future.

Rosalee Senger

- Nothing to Report

Colleen Roberts

- Nothing to report.

Catherine Henrichs

- Reiten Drive – There are some large potholes. John responded they will be ground out and repaired in late summer.
- I-5 Exit 24 – There are no reflectors on the curves around the concrete median on southbound North Phoenix Road. Dan has requested durable yellow paint on curves. He will request it again.
- Table Rock and Vilas Intersection – There is a concern for safety when power is out. If there were some kind of reflective marking on the traffic lights, they would be seen even in the dark. Dan responded that ODOT is putting reflective back plate on all signals. Mike noted that Table Rock and Vilas intersection was selected for upgrading by the ARTS program. This probably won't be done until 2018. John responded that when there is a power outage, usually people drive much more carefully and there is no increase in traffic accidents.
- Stewart Avenue and Holly Street – Heading west on Stewart. Left turn signal from Stewart onto Holly changed so quickly the person was in the middle of the intersection.
- Barnett and Ellendale – Same as above. Bikram will check the timing at those intersections.

Bikram Kahlon

- Nothing to report.

Mike Kuntz

- Nothing to report.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:02 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2015 9:30 a.m.

