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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 14, 2015

In attendance:

Franklin Corbin
Richard Boucher
Jerry Lehman
Colleen Roberts
Bikram Kahlon
Dan Roberts
Dan Dorrell
Dace Cochran
James Philp
Julie Slaughter

Bybee Corner Citizen Representative
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Ashland Citizen Representative
Jackson County Commissioner
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James Philp called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Bikram Kahlon

- Stewart Avenue/Holly Street Intersection – Regarding the complaint about signal timing. The timing was off, and the yellow bulb was out. Bulbs have been replaced and timing has been reset.
- Springbrook Road/Spring Street Intersection – Regarding the request for a roundabout at this intersection. They are looking into it. Study has been done. It is on the list, but it will be a while before it is done.

Jerry Lehman

- I-5 – The speed zone has now been moved about mile up freeway.
- I-5 at 2 mm – Bump in the road at mile marker 2 southbound is marked. He would like to know why. Dan Dorrell responded it was marked for repair by maintenance.
- Reiten Drive – The recent chip seal looks really good.

Dace Cochran

- Traffic Team - Extra patrol requests from residents are stretching resources. Many times they team members get pulled out of service for other assignments making it difficult to cover patrols.

- They have had a significant increase in fatalities this year.
- Seatbelt Enforcement – August 21, 2015 starts the statewide seatbelt enforcement. Will have people working overtime for that.
- Pedestrian Enforcement Grant – August 7, 2015 they helped Phoenix with a pedestrian enforcement operation. They had 6 chase cars. Wrote 14 pedestrian citations and 42 pedestrian warnings. They also wrote citations for cell phone, no insurance, seat belt, driving while suspended, and a warrant arrest.
- Speed Grant – Ran the operation a couple of weeks ago. In 5 hours he wrote 14 citations. Only one vehicle was going under 85 mph. The rest were 86 mph to 94 mph.
- DUII Grant – They will be working on this at a later date.

Dan Dorrell

- Bybee Corner – The crash rate is still very high at this intersection. They are aggressively pursuing a solution. They are trying to get this project funded through the All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) Program. It will probably become a signalized intersection or a roundabout. Apprehensive about a 3-way stop because of public backlash. It will definitely be in the Safety Priority Index System next year. It meets crash warrant No 7 for a signalized intersection. There needs to be 5 crashes, and this intersection has had 9. It meets the volume component and a prior attempt to resolve the problem as well. Mike Burch did a speed study. The speeds averaged 51 mph. Speed limit is posted at 45 mph. Because of the number of crashes, he may be able to have speed reduced to 40 mph.
- Highway 238 – No site distance from the parking lot to Britt coming down Jacksonville Hill. This issue has been delegated to Scott Parker. It will possibly have more visible signage.

Dan Roberts

- Bybee Corner – They will be doing another video study of this intersection. He plans to set up 2 cameras at this intersection to see what people are actually seeing as they approach and proceed through this intersection. It will be videoed for several days to capture all activities at this intersection. He encouraged Franklin and Richard to continue to communicate concerns and incidents to him.

Rosalee Senger

- Pedestrian fatalities have increased by 84% to date this year statewide.
- Traffic fatalities in general are up 40%-50% to date this year.
- Dedicated traffic team is really great for Jackson County. They do make a difference.
- Putting continued effort into engineering, education and enforcement to reduce fatalities in Oregon.
- She will try to be here next month to discuss the new legislation regarding the legalization of marijuana and how it relates to driving under the influence.

Colleen Roberts

- Nothing to report.

Catherine Henrichs (via email)

- Griffin Creek and South Stage Intersection – There were two accidents at this intersection in the last month. She would like to know if there is an obvious reason they happened. No information was available.
- Griffin Creek School – Residents remain concerned about the back up during drop off/pick up times at the school. James responded he has looked at the drop off/pick up situation. There is only about a five minute back up, and only about 4 cars at a time. Dace responded they had met with the Principal and walked through it. It is a very short back up time and moves quickly.
- Griffin Creek Road – Residents are concerned about excessive speeds. Resident offered driveway for use by enforcement.

James Philp

- Clay Street and E Main (Ashland) – A church driveway access sight distance is being blocked by neighbors parking two vehicles in a small parking zone near the driveways. James asked for Dace's opinion where the parking space ends and driveway begins. After discussion, James responded he will either stripe the area in question to single vehicle parking or establish a 'no parking' zone
- S. Stage Road – In response to S. Stage Road resident's complaints. Hoses were placed at four locations on S. Stage Road from Highway 99 to Bellinger Lane. The 85th percentile was is pretty high there. He will put more hoses out to look at it a little closer.
- Chip Seal – We will be wrapping up the chip seal project in the next couple of weeks.
- Table Rock Road (Vilas to Biddle) – Overlay project to start soon on Table Rock Road. Requested additional enforcement from Dace during that project.
- Foss Road – The 35 mph speed zone sign has been moved out about 400'.
- Valley View and Exit 19 – An LED stop sign has been installed here. It is the third one in the county now.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:33 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2015 9:30 a.m.