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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 9, 2015

In attendance:

Al Van Varick
David Korublatt
Melissa Korublatt
Bob Gannon
Colleen Roberts
Bikram Kahlon
Rosalee Senger
Dan Dorrell
Dace Cochran
John Vial
James Philp
Julie Slaughter

Central Point Citizen Representative
Shady Cove Citizen Representative
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Jackson County Commissioner
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James Philp called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Bob Gannon/David and Melissa Korublatt

- Highway 62 through Shady Cove – Citizens are concerned about the truck traffic going through Shady Cove on Highway 62, and the use of Jake brakes. They would like to have the truck traffic use Highway 140 instead of Highway 62. John explained the established truck is Highway 140 but truck drivers have the option of choosing the route they desire. Any change of road usage would have to go through ODOT. Jerry Marmon is the person they should speak with regarding that issue. John also explained that ODOT views Jake brakes as a safety device. The local entity can determine to prohibit the use of Jake brakes within their city limits. Also of concern was the speed of truck near the school while people are picking up children. Dan respond there will be sidewalks, a flashing beacon and a crosswalk as part of a future project. He also suggested they get a name off the truck and call the company. They are usually quite responsive to the public. There is a possibility ODOT may have an extra speed reader sign that could be placed there. Dan will check on it.

Al Van Varick

- Hanley Road (Beall to W. Pine) – The speed is 45 mph. He would like to see a speed reduction. He would also like to see extra law enforcement in the area around 7:00 a.m. and

4:00 p.m. James will set out traffic hoses and pursue a speed zone investigation, coordinating with City of Central Point.

Bikram Kahlon

- Nothing to report.

Dan Dorrell

- Nothing to report.

Catherine Henrichs

- Griffin Creek and South Stage Crash Reports – No word from Mike on these at this time.

Dace Cochran

- Several eludes lately. One went all the way to Diamond Lake.
- Federal grants for dui, seat belt, and speed for are complete. They wrote 200 speeding ticket during the 100 hours of overtime. Averaged 2 citations per hour. 121 of those speed citations were for speeds in excess of 81 mph. 2 were over 100 mph.
- West Main Street at Albertsons – It is now a right in/right out. He would like to see a left turn permitted there. Bikram responded they will look into it.

Rosalee Senger

- Traffic fatalities are up a little over 30% compared to last year. Motorcycle fatalities are up as well. Pedestrian fatalities are up also. Oregonian Crossing Campaign is under way. She distributed cards and brochures to be posted and available for the public that explain pedestrian responsibilities, and crosswalk regulations.
- Walk and Bike to School – Several local schools participated. Encouraged “Walking School Bus” program.
- Team Oregon Motorcycle – They have added some online motorcycle training. Statewide transportation program partially funded by Transportation Safety. Highly encourage for any motorcycle riders.
- A State campaign is under way to encourage driver attention to watch for deer and elk.
- Halloween is on Saturday this year. Remind everyone to watch out for kids and adults as well. Federal grants have been distributed for extra dui enforcement during this time.
- Daylight Savings Time ends November 1, 2015. Traffic behaviors change during this time. Pay extra attention.
- “Active Shooter” – A new online training safety course that will help to prepare people for what to expect in that type of situation.

Colleen Roberts

- Mental Health Staff – Commended our Mental Health staff for willingness to help where needed during the Umpqua Community College shooting incident.
- Thanked everyone for working to improve traffic safety in Shady Cove.

John Vial

- Is there any training available to teach drivers to not swerve for animals in the roadway?

Dace responded that he does cover that in traffic school under the ‘decisions to make before driving’ and ‘decisions to make while driving’ elements of the class.

James Philp

- Table Rock Road – They have had 2 nights of paving on the overlay project. There were some traffic issues because they closed Vilas one night and Hamrick the next night. One or two more nights on Vilas for striping and then some day work raising manholes then Vilas will be complete.
- Greenway: Highway 62 Connections – Project is finalizing today. Working on some punch list items. It should be opening up soon.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:35 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2015 9:30 a.m.