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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 13, 2015

In attendance:

Garrett Edmands
Joe Roberts
Richard Boucher
Jerry Lehman
Catherine Henrichs
Dan Dorrell
Eric Altman
Colleen Roberts
John Vial
Mike Kuntz
J Domis

Foss Road/Wagner Creek Citizen Rep.
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Bybee Corner Citizen Representative
Ashland Citizen Representative
Griffin Creek Area Citizen Representative
ODOT
Oregon State Police
Jackson County Commissioner
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Mike Kuntz called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Introductions around the table were made by all.

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Garrett E./Joe R.

- (☀) High speeds of vehicles along Foss Road near schools in Talent are a safety issue. Primary problem area is Foss Road immediately west of Wagner Creek Road out past the 20/25 MPH limit areas. Garrett has been in contact with the City of Talent and will continue to work with them. Additional resources may be available through the County Sheriff's Office such as enforcement as radar reader boards. Mike Kuntz will



contact the City of Talent as well to talk about issue. Some changes have already been made to speed limits further west – lowering from 45 to 35. An ‘End School Zone’ sign may help communicate to drivers they are still in a school zone after turning onto Foss Road and heading west. When requesting enforcement the peak violation times are helpful to law enforcement – around 8AM appears to be a peak time of violation. Dan Dorrell suggested signs in yards can sometimes help with education/awareness. Catherine suggested possible rumble strip application – City of Talent would need to approve. Jackson County does not approve rumble strips at this time on county roads. For commercial trucks such as delivery vehicles citizens should obtain company name and report details to company so they can speak directly to their drivers.

Richard Boucher

- (☀) Richard continues to be interested in the safety of Bybee Corner and is looking for an update on the status of future possible improvements such as traffic calming and other improvements. Dan reported ODOT is actively working on this intersection trying to identify root causes of recent crashes. Cameras have been set out to



obtain actual driving data including one set at a distance and one close-up camera to try and identify more specific driver behavior. Recent crashes involve left turn movements. ODOT has put out a flyer/survey as well to obtain driver input. Potential treatments may include additional striping, signing, delineation as well appealing speed limits to the Speed Board. Catherine inquired about the potential of grant money being found. Dan indicated the intersection will be back on the SPIS listing next time which will raise awareness and possible funding. Richard inquired about collaborative engineering options where other engineers can weigh in with ideas. Dan will post a question on the ITE website asking for ideas. Dan took some notes to share with maintenance on possible low-cost treatments.

Jerry Lehman

- (☀) Hwy 66 at Reiten – gravel is being kicked out from people cutting the corner. ODOT has added pavement to add width to the inside of the radius, but problem is still occurring. Dan will ask ODOT maintenance to monitor.
- Hwy 66 and East Main intersection. Guardrail has been struck and it still needs repaired. Dan will call Everett with ODOT maintenance to ensure it is on the list for repair.



- At Hwy 99 slide up toward Callahan's a lot of markings are showing up – are there plans to do something with the slide? Dan reported it will be fixed at some point, and he will look into timing and report back.
- What prompted the work on the bike lanes from Hwy 66 near Dead Indian Memorial Road out toward Emigrant Lake? Dan reported concerns by the bike community reporting the shoulder was bad. A project was done this summer to resurface, paint lines, etc.

Catherine Henrichs

- Garfield area near construction of developments. Citizen reports a concern with big trucks working on Myers Lane which swing corners wide into oncoming lanes. John shared many streets are not designed for large trucks and it is the company driver's responsibility to wait for gaps in traffic before swinging wide. The contracting company can be contacted so they can speak to drivers. City can require 'trucks' signs or some other warning. Mike will pass a message on to the City of Medford.
- Friend on Reiten Drive reports a great response time to a cleanup near Hwy 66 of loose debris on the roadway – well done!
- Citizen reported appreciation for recent improvements on Reiten Drive including patching, chip seal and striping.
- Daughter of a co-worker who lives in another Oregon city looked down for a brief moment to press dial on a phone to start a hands-free call. Moment of distraction caused a three-car crash – thankfully no serious injuries. Rather than typical community service such as picking up trash the driver requested to be allowed to develop a safety presentation to be shared with groups. To date, presentation has been shared at local ODOT office and is planning to take her show on the road. Catherine will email Rosalee to pass on the good story. Catherine asked if OSP will stop drivers for using cell phone on the freeway. Eric Altman indicated distracted driving is part of the 'fatal five' and is a high priority for them to be on the lookout for. Eric reported Southern Oregon seems to be much safer in the cell phone use category than more northern parts of the state he has seen. Catherine asked about marijuana use and any recent impacts to safety – Eric reports an upswing in impairment in general and marijuana use is only adding to the problems of impaired driving.
- (☼) Recent *Making an Impact* newsletter included an article on fog light use. Eric confirmed that fog lights are to be treated like high beam headlights (turn off when meeting other vehicles, etc.) Although not a high priority, they could ticket for it. (The vehicle in the photo is out of compliance with laws.)



Dan Dorrell

- Working on a Hwy 99 complaint about a quarter mile up from Hwy 66 where speeders are being reported. May be able to lower limit down to 45 in this area.
- Expressed a thank you to Eric from OSP for coming to meeting. It is very much appreciated.

Eric Altman

- Thanks you for the invitation to attend.

Colleen Roberts

- Next week will be at a statewide Association of Oregon Counties Conference and will attend a session on transportation. Will report back anything applicable to the group after returning.

John Vial

- Nothing to report.

Mike Kuntz

- All county projects are wrapped up for the season.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:05 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
J Domis