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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 11, 2015

In attendance:

Garrett Edmands
Jerry Lehman
Catherine Henrichs
Doug Sabin
Bikram Kahlon
Dan Roberts
Dace Cochran
Mike Kuntz
Julie Slaughter

Foss Road/Wagner Creek Citizen Representative
Ashland Citizen Representative
Griffin Creek Area Citizen Representative
F. V. Martin
City of Medford
Oregon Department of Transportation
Jackson County Sheriff's Office
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Mike Kuntz called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

November 13, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Bikram Kahlon

Nothing to report.

Jerry Lehman

- Old Highway 99 – There appear to be markings on the roadway now. Is there a plan for repair now? Dan responded they are monitoring the slide closely. Geologists are still working on a solution. He will check on the status.

Doug Sabin

- Table Rock Road (I-5 to Biddle) and proposed Costco – As a representative of F. V. Martin, he is concerned with the impact the proposed project will have on truck traffic, and if it will still be considered a truck route. Mike responded Table Rock Road will continue to be a truck route. The County project will consist of 5 lanes from Biddle Road south to Airport Road. From Airport Road south to I-5, it will have 3 lanes. There will be a signal installed at Airport Road and Table Rock Road. We are negotiating with Costco at this time regarding the number and placement of driveways. A Planning Commission hearing will take place in January, 2016 to hear comments and concerns. Costco will be opening in October, 2016. Our project will be constructed in 2017. A turn lane at Hamrick Road will be in place before the Costco opening.

- Foothill Road Extension – He understands there is a project under way to extend Foothill Road to Highway 140, and will this become a truck route. Mike responded it is highly likely this will become a truck route. The new Transportation System Plan (TSP) will create truck routes. Long term plan will include Foothill Road as a truck route eventually. The connection is scheduled for 2018. Truck traffic is allowed on Foothill Road at this time, however, they must comply with current weight restrictions.
- Highway 62 & Highway 140 – When are the traffic revisions going to take place? The new intersection configuration is good, but there is still a problem with turns being made on and off Highway 62 and Merry Lane. Dan responded nothing is in the works yet.

Catherine Henrichs

- Citizen was very complimentary to Dace and his Traffic Team.
- Thanks to Jerry for all the volunteer efforts with the reader board.
- Keene Way and McAndrews Road – Citizen observed some official looking people there. Are there plans for the intersection? Bikram responded, they are considering installing a flashing beacon for a pedestrian crossing.
- Coker Butte Road and Lear Way – Why is there a stop sign to turn left when there are no other alternatives? Mike responded it could possibly be set up for future development, with a smaller radii it may help to eliminate cutting the corner. Bikram will check on it.
- Medical Center Drive and Barnett Road – What were the details of the accident at this location on 12/1/15? Bikram has not received the data yet.
- Murphy Road and Barnett Road – What were the details of the accident at this location on 12/2/15? Bikram has not received the data yet.
- Reiten Drive and Highway 66 – Citizen reported loose gravel at the corner. It appears drivers continue to cut the corner throwing gravel onto the road. Dan will look into it.

Garrett Edmands

- Foss Road – High speeds of vehicles along Foss Road near schools in Talent continue to be a safety issue. Mr. Edmands submitted a letter regarding the speeding and signage issues on Foss Road. He wants to continue to keep this issue open. Mike Kuntz went to the site. It is signed appropriately. Jurisdiction change is at the city limits. He has been in contact with City of Talent regarding signage. He suggested to Zac that in addition to 25 mph sign, 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. Zac noted the City of Talent is looking at placing flashing signs in the area. Ultimately, it will be up to the City of Talent to make the changes. They are listening and taking it seriously.

Dace Cochran

- Traffic Team has been reduced from 6 deputies to 4. Hopefully, they will be able to devote all their time to traffic duties. Numbers are down because they have been doing other things.
- Grants are complete.
- DUII event starts today and last for the next 3 weeks.

Dan Roberts

- Bybee Corner – Survey posted in the ODOT publication *Moving Ahead* is complete. They have gotten some feedback. It appears the majority of those responding to the survey would like to see an all-way stop at this intersection. They are continuing to study the situation. Nothing has been decided yet.

Mike Kuntz

- Mike distributed coasters from Oregon Impact as a part of their campaign against drunk driving.
- Speed Zone – A joint speed zone investigation was completed with ODOT and Jackson County on West Valley View Road. The new speed zone is 40 mph from the southbound on ramp of I-5 to Suncrest Road and 45 mph from Suncrest Road to S. Valley View Road.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2016 9:30 a.m.