



AGENDA

CLATSOP COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACTION PLAN (TSAP)

TASK FORCE MEETING #2

AUGUST 7, 2025; 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

BOYINGTON BUILDING (857 COMMERCIAL ST), ASTORIA

1. INTRODUCTIONS & AGENDA OVERVIEW 4:00 PM

- Introduction of team members – Name and what group you represent
- What will we discuss today?

2. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT UPDATES 4:10 PM

- Summary of recent and upcoming involvement opportunities

3. EXISTING SAFETY CONDITIONS SUMMARY 4:20 PM

- Overview of the existing safety conditions memorandum, with a focus on the countywide dataset
 - Note: The memo contains additional summaries for communities within the County, but we will not focus on these summaries for our overview.
- Discussion of trends and high injury network findings
- Discuss/Confirm the emphasis areas

4. VISION STATEMENT 5:20 PM

- Continuation of our discussion from prior meeting on drafting a recommended vision statement
- Recommendations for Board of Commissioners' consideration

5. NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN 5:55 PM

- What will we be discussing at our next meeting?

MEETING SUMMARY

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ATTENDEES

CONSULTANT TEAM: Garth Appanaitis (DKS), Harshala Sardar (DKS)

TASK FORCE MEMBERS: Terry Hendryx (Clatsop Co.), Gail Henrikson (Clatsop Co.), John Jerome (Cannon Beach Fire), Kurt Donaldson (Knappa Fire Dist), Joe Scott (Medix Ambulance), Chris Peters (Seaside SD), Bill Fritz (Knappa SD), Kevin Gorman (City of Warrenton), Mark Buffington (ODOT District 1), Jered Lyon (ODOT TMM), Andy Hasenkamp (OSP), Dylan McCoy (Warrenton PD), Jeff Harrington (City of Astoria)

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

- Garth Appanaitis (DKS) shared a powerpoint presentation to review the project process/schedule and cover agenda items 2-5.
- The two meeting objectives were identified as:
 1. Confirm/establish emphasis areas
 2. Draft the vision statement for Board of Commissioners' consideration

Public Involvement Updates

- Garth noted the website was live and shared the URL.
- Garth provided an overview of the planned public events and asked for input on locations and/or existing events that may be good to leverage.
 - Comment: Knappa Schools orientation is September 2 and would be a good opportunity. Or could consider a football game.
 - Comment: Tuesdays may be good since hospitality staff is likely off
 - Comment: Gearhart has a homeowners association
 - Comment: The scanner group pushes out a lot of information
- Terry may follow up with Task Force members to coordinate event opportunities and asks them to help get the word out.

Existing Safety Conditions

- Garth walked through an overview of the key tables and charts from the Existing Safety Conditions memorandum that was distributed to the task force. The overview focused on the Countywide data, but it was also noted that additional summaries were prepared for several communities within the County that could be used to help advance other local safety and planning efforts.
 - Comment: The amount of roadway departures make sense given that there is generally no recovery zone on many roads.
 - Comment: The number of troopers on the road has gone down.
 - Comment: There is a disparity in age and sizes of vehicles. The size and performance of newer vehicles is much difference and it is difficult for some drivers to understand and determine these differences.
 - Comment: Some places are striped for passing that now have higher traffic volumes and it is more difficult to pass.
 - Comment: On US 26, there is a problematic area around MP 15
 - Comment: Drug and alcohol use seems like it is going up and there are studies about the effects of COVID on human behavior.
 - Question: What is the prevalence of unlicensed drivers being involved in crashes?
 - Response: The team will dig into the data to determine if this can be summarized.
 - Comment: The impact of tourism may depend on where you are in the County.
 - Response: The team will look into the data within the driver records to determine if this can be summarized in a helpful way for the Task Force.
 - Comment: People come to the coast to have a good time, and that may contribute to some of the crash data trends.
 - Comment: Weather and visibility may play a role.
 - Comment: Distracted driving happens a lot. You see it all the time.
 - Comment: The Oregon State Police use the acronym SOLID to represent enforcement priorities for reducing serious injury and fatal crashes: Speed, Occupant Safety, Lane Safety, Impaired Driving, and Distracted Driving.
- Garth provided an overview of the potential emphasis areas that had been identified. There was discussion on the merits of each and others, but the task force ultimately determined to stick with the core 5 items that had been identified that each checked all three flags. These emphasis areas are: Roadway and lane departure, nighttime, risky behaviors (drug/alcohol, distracted driving, speeding), pedestrians, and aging drivers.

Vision Statement

- The Task Force was provided with a one page memorandum that summarized the requirements of a TSAP Vision Statement and included a draft statement compiled by the Project Management Team (PMT) based on the discussion that occurred at the prior Task Force meeting. In Task Force meeting 1 the Task Force discussed the idea of a vision statement, but wanted to see more safety data before determining an appropriate statement.
- The draft statement prepared by the PMT read:

Clatsop County is committed to the belief that no traffic fatalities or serious injuries are acceptable. Our long-term aspirational vision is to eliminate all roadway deaths and serious injuries for every road user while acknowledging that not every contributing factor can be controlled. As part of this commitment, the County has established interim goals to reduce fatalities and serious injuries by XX% by 2030, XX% by 2035, and XX% by 2040, while continually working toward the ultimate goal of zero.

- The two following modifications to the draft statement were proposed and supported by the Task Force members:
 - Rather than having multiple target reduction years, focus on a single interim target of 35% reduction by 2035. This could also be supported by a “35% by ‘35” campaign slogan to get support within the community.
 - Remove the second sentence to make the statement more concise.
- The resulting vision statement formulated by the Task Force for Board of Commissioners consideration reads as:

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Next Steps

- Provide any additional comments by August 20.
- Let others know about the project and direct them to the website, survey, and comment map.
- The County and Consultant are presenting the recommended Vision Statement to the Board of Commissioners August 27.
- The Open Houses and Tabling events will occur through September.
- In October and November the project team will be compiling the data, collected comments, and emphasis areas to identify the high priority network to focus on project and strategy identification.
- Next Task Force meeting will be in December.