

Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes
August 7, 2024

Order: Chair Grant DeJong (substituting for Jeff Peterson) called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m..

Present: (voting) - Bird, Chiotti, Russell, Peterson, Hennesey, MacFarlane, Garrett, Sukau, Barlow, Fluellen

(non-voting) - King, Buffington, Miller

(Guests) Jessica Perkins (Valley Veterinary Clinic), Janell Lawrance (Oregon Impact)

Meeting called to order 7:00 A.M. by Grant DeJong substituting for Jeff Peterson as chair.

Guest Comments: Jessica Perkins presented a plan that the team from Valley Veterinarian Clinic came up with to make the left turn into their business from the highway safer.

Reports - LAW ENFORCEMENT -

City of Scappoose - Fluellen - There's been an increase in the flow of traffic and accidents are up - most are a result of driver error. Scappoose would like to decrease speed to 35 from Havlik. Advised to contact ODOT for a speed limit change.

Columbia County - MacFarlane - Fatals have increased. H&R got an overtime grant for DUII + Safety. There is a new Marine Patrol + jail transport officer with added value of being trained as a drug recognition expert. A new patrol officer will be graduating from the Academy soon. There will be 17 to 13 officers on the road.

OSP- King - Two major crashes back to back west of Rainer. There have been increased patrols and saturations. There are three officers on the road and two more coming.

Bike/Ped - Barlow - Hood to Coast Aug 23&24

ODOT - Buffington - re: crash at Valley Vet ... Public is clamoring for rubber tubular barriers to prevent left turns - but there are maintenance issues with the tubes. Grant Creek project is active. US 30 paving is almost finished. Traffic flow on Hwy. 30 is higher because of construction on I-5 on the Washington side.

Miller - Doing general maintenance on 47 and 202 and moving on Hwy. 30 to get caught up.

CITIES -

City of Vernonia - Hennesey - Getting ready for school to start.

City of St. Helens - Strand St. will be closed for about a month starting today. Traffic counts for the transportation plan will be coming soon. Eighteen patch locations have been identified. Stripping coming soon.

City of Scappoose - Sukau - Railroad has contracted for advanced signs.

Adjourned: 7:53

Minutes submitted by Rosemary Lohrke, Secretary