

Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council Meeting

August 18, 2021

10 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Attending: Walt Bowen, Senior Citizen's Lobby; Barb Chamberlain, Active Transportation Division-WSDOT; Dongho Chang, Seattle City Traffic Engineer; Charlotte Claybrooke, Active Transportation-WSDOT; Chris Comeau, Bellingham City Planner; Josh Diekmann, Tacoma Transportation Engineer; Tony Gomez, King County; Will Hitchcock, DOH; David Jones; Amanda Morse, RHINO Program at DOH; Dr. Amy Person, Benton-Franklin Health District; Julia Reitan, Feet First; Eveline Roy, Region 12 Target Zero Manager; Portia Shields, Yakama Nation; Harold Taniguchi, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs; Kirsten York, Community Action Councils of Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties; Anna Zivarts, Disability Mobility Initiative;

WTSC Staff: Mandie Dell, Debi Besser, Shelly Baldwin (12:05-12:30)

Guest Speakers: Steve Mooney, Harborview Injury Prevention Center, and students: Allyson Connor, Eran Fann, Benjamin Cordova Herrera, and TA's Julian Takagi-Stewart, Esther Solano, Aarthi Yogendran

Facilitator: Patricia Hughes, Trillium Leadership Consulting

Decisions and Actions

1. All things Speed: Edit and send to Pat for Sept pre-reading
2. Pat to edit Safety, send to team and then out for September's pre-reading
3. Pat and Debi to prepare draft Annual Report
4. Volunteers to facilitate the Reimagining Safety workshop at the Summit

Summary Notes, submitted by Facilitator Patricia Hughes

Congratulations to Charlotte Claybrooke for winning the APBP 2021 Public Sector Professional of the Year Award! (Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals)

Charlotte's Acceptance speech: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fO3A1C3bhA>

Guest Speaker Steve Mooney and students, Harborview Injury Prevention Center

INSIGHT Curriculum – Clinical practice, injury research, research skills

- <https://hiprc.org/training/high-school/insight-hs/>
- <https://hiprc.org/training/undergrad-grad/insight/>

Steve's email: sjm2186@uw.edu

Action Team: 1) All Things Speed Related "Implementing Speed Limit Practices" Recommendations:

1. Provide guidance in State Traffic Manual and State Design Manual for traffic calming tools, especially at intersections and crossing locations.
2. Reduce barriers for setting speed limits by changing RCW to eliminate traffic studies at specific context.
3. Provide examples of speed limit changes made by agencies that includes project scope, administrative/legislative mechanisms used, and costs.
4. Highlight 20 mph speed limit change that can be implemented on non-arterial highway without engineering and traffic investigations per RCW 46.61.415 and flexibility to revert within one year.
5. Consider gateway signing at locations entering jurisdiction boundary.
6. Develop statewide access to collision, traffic volume, and speed data tools for local agencies to use.
7. Consider using a public and private partnership to generate the information.
8. Develop funding specific to speed limit changes at school/walking zones, business districts (could be matching), residential districts and high priority streets based on data

Provide a layperson summary

Include Whatcom example of lowering speeds?

The celebratory blog post when the Neighborhood Safe Streets Bill passed:

<https://wabikes.org/index.php/2013/05/17/safe-streets/>

Action Team: 2) Reimagining Safety

- ✓ Exec Summary approved with edits as noted

Key question: do we organize recommendations around individual/policy, or around mobility safety, mobility justice, freedom of movement. Yes.

- Add cost burden of all injuries - to continue to monitor.

BWR summit facilitators – Safety Team: David,

The questions: Imagine moving in a world without fear: What would it really mean/feel like if you felt safe?

What would you see, feel, hear in the spaces you inhabit?

What was your group's size: 4-5, keep the same.

Context of Reimagining Safety

- Focus on what you feel – use the whiteboard + to focus on feel/see/hear?
- Make sure the group focuses on the first question – before moving to results desired!
- Time to discuss items that come forward
- How to capture the responses – visual? Word cloud?
- Order of questions carried us forward – got progressively harder
- Our group did talk a bit about how our destinations and journeys (including route choices) would change.
- Can discuss multiple elements of time: Freedom to go when you want, freedom to take the time it takes to get there, what's different by time of day such as behaviors when it's dark.
- Process: Can ask people to remember when they did feel free
- Process tool ideas: Whiteboard, word cloud. Need to consider accessibility of mechanisms used.
- A summary of reimagining safety

3) With Shelly Baldwin

- Block the Box and Transit Lane fine funding update: available for spending July 1, 2022
- Feb-June amount collected (after first warning/translation) – \$6 million fined, \$700K received (11%), 50% goes to Cooper Jones, 50% to City of Seattle for accessibility, of that \$218K after costs was sent to Cooper Jones covered. Scale is huge.
- Update on hiring - good candidates have been interviewed

4) Action Team: Fatality Review

- Staci will lead the team!
- Will review cases for three years from 2019-2021
- Staci will create a schedule beginning in early 2022 - indefinitely
- Will do four reviews a year, two focused on pedestrian and two focused on bicycles
- Reviews will focus on these topics: 1) Hit-and-run, 2) Walk scores, 3) Misuse of facilities (did the engineering fixes but a fatality still occurred), 4) Poverty-BIPOC health equity issues

Feedback:

- Include speed related on the list of topics
- Walk scores may be inconsistent?

Announcements:

1) Dongho's transition to WSDOT! There will be an interim SDOT engineer - will need to replace on ATSC

2) Washington Walk, Bike, and Roll Summit, Online, 9/27 – 10/1

- BWR Summit registration and program info at <https://cascade.org/summit>
- Registration is free, with the invitation to donate to support Cascade's work when you sign up (suggested donation of \$10)
- Summit time blocks are every day 8:30-9:30, 12:30-1:30, and 4-5, with the afternoon times slightly adjusted on Thur/Fri. They'll have the detailed program up soon.

Action Item Review

Closing