

Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council Meeting Report

March 16, 2022

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Summary Notes

1) Funding and Legislative Updates by Mark McKechnie, WTSC Legislative Liaison

- 600-700 bills introduced, 130 passed, including many for transportation
- \$400K from Cooper Jones Safety Account approved for grant projects administered by WTSC in consultation by CJATSC
- SB 5974 & 5975 – “Transportation Package” by Senate and House Transportation Committees: many bills include repair to marginalized communities interrupted by vehicle-centric construction. 5975 includes \$157mil to WSDOT for 15 years: of that, \$50M to Seattle DOT Aurora Safety Improvements
- SB 5975 includes the program detail:
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billssummary?BillNumber=5975&Year=2021&msckid=ce6dc563a54c11ecb40cf30012c3fe90>
- SB 5974 addresses where the revenues come from
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billssummary?BillNumber=5974&Initiative=false&Year=2021>
- SB 5689 supplemental budget with several studies of interest to the group
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billssummary?BillNumber=5689&Initiative=false&Year=2021>
- “Due care” provisions passed
- Multiple bills that addressed use of speed cameras in public parks, hospital speed zones, school zones (50% of revenue after costs directed to CJATSFund, administered by WTSC)
- Background on the WSDOT city/county safety plan requirement to receive Highway Safety Improvement Program federal funding <https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/support-local-programs/funding-programs/highway-safety-improvement-program>

Next Steps: WTSC is working on a written summary – Mark will distribute that when it’s ready. Walt will work with Mark to make it accessible to the senior population.

Chat post by Guest Ryan Packer: My latest Move Ahead Washington article that includes details of the camera changes: <https://www.theurbanist.org/2022/03/13/welcome-to-the-move-ahead-washington-era/>

2) WTSC Funding by Jessie Knudsen, WTSC

405 H funds comes from National Transportation that funds ATS funding under education and enforcement, not for equipment nor infrastructure. “NHTSA awards grants for occupant protection, State traffic safety information systems, impaired driving countermeasures, distracted driving, motorcyclist safety, State graduated driver licensing laws, and non-motorized safety.”

2023 focus:

1. Growing traffic safety around walkers and rollers, Together We Get There walker/roller centric PSA

2. Continuation of walker/roller grants. 12 grants Oct 2022. Education and enforcement efforts to impact behavior

3) Announcements:

A) WSDOT sending out Call for Projects for Safe Routes to School and Pedestrian bicyclists – Subscription is the process to get info. (March/April) Deadline for application is mid-June

Subscribe to the WSDOT Walk + Roll E-News at <http://bit.ly/WSDOTActive-enews>. You can also subscribe to other WSDOT news sources through that system and manage your subscription preferences. Pages to bookmark and check back for the call for projects. It's one application system on the back end and webinars will cover both programs; many projects are eligible under both:

- PBP <https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/support-local-programs/funding-programs/pedestrian-bicycle-program>
- and SRTS <https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/support-local-programs/funding-programs/safe-routes-school-program>

B) City of Kirkland is significantly expanding traffic safety cameras around schools, hearing from other communities doing that as well.

- How do we get notification on other agencies using cameras?
- Can we get notifications on results of camera use?

MRSC info on traffic safety cameras <https://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Transportation/Traffic-Codes,-Regulation-and-Enforcement/Automated-Traffic-Enforcement.aspx>

Venu Nemani: Update on our Automated Enforcement Cameras in Restricted Lanes and Block the Box. All five of our Bus Lane Camera enforcement locations are active. They began issuing warnings on March 1st. We will continue this warning period for 30 days. After which, we will start issuing citations. More details on our effort is here: <https://sdotblog.seattle.gov/2022/02/16/dont-block-the-box-traffic-cameras/> We are still working on our Block the Box camera site, hoping to activate them soon.

WTSC Survey of automated enforcement in WA state 2020:

https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/documents/washington_ae2020_survey.pdf

4) Fatality Case Review Summary of Meeting #1 – Dr. Staci Hoff WTSC and Tony Gomez, King County

This Action Team reviews confidential information about pedestrian and bicycle fatalities and makes recommendations based on themes emerging from the reviews. Four reviews will occur in 2022, two focus on pedestrian, two focused on bicycle

- Topic for November is open: let us know your ideas
- Appreciation for the work of law enforcement in following up on the accidents
- Identify areas where the ATSC could follow recommendations for action
- Rumble strips: Adventure Cycling Association on rumble strips. Their report highlights Washington state practices. <https://www.adventurecycling.org/advocacy/safety-advocacy/rumble-strips>
- Do we explore legal obligations/outreach effort of auto body shops to report damage?

- Next Steps: Hit and Run Action Team can take these notes and start to work on these areas – elevate equity implications of recommendations

5) Action Team Organization

Groups broke out to get organized for the work.

- Lightings, Crossings, Sidewalks Action Team will focus on four areas: 1) need for statewide data on stateside facilities, 2) ADA compliance, 3) crossings related to roundabouts, on ramps and exits, bus stops; 4) expanded authority beyond cities for infrastructure – George will contact members for next meeting
- Reimagining Safety – Barb will send doodle poll to set meetings, seeking last version of long document. Group will review 2022 legislation and see what levels of safety it operated on;
- Hit and Run and Near Misses – Key topics need defn and scope of these elements, identify available data sources, and legal issues and technology to get data. Will H will hand off to Alex to set meetings.

Attending Committee Members: Walt Bowen, Senior Citizen’s Lobby; Max Cantu, Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office; Barb Chamberlain, Active Transportation Division-WSDOT; Charlotte Claybrooke, Active Transportation-WSDOT; Chris Comeau, Bellingham City Planner; Josh Diekmann, Tacoma Transportation Engineer; Tony Gomez, King County; Abby Griffith, Disability Rights-WA; Will Hitchcock, DOH; David Jones; Jessie Knudsen, WTSC Program Manager; Katherine Miller, Spokane Capital Programs; Venu Nemani, SDOT; Pam Pannkuk, Washington Traffic Safety Commission; Jon Pascal, Kirkland City Council; Dr. Amy Person, Benton-Franklin Health District; Portia Shields, Yakama Nation; George Watland, Feet First; Kerri Wilson, Intercity Transit; Kirsten York, Community Action Councils of Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties; Anna Zivarts, Disability Mobility Initiative);

Guests: Katherine Bendickson, Trauma Program Manager at Valley Medical Center; Ryan Packer, the Urbanist;

WTSC Staff: Max Roberts

Facilitator: Patricia Hughes, Trillium Leadership Consulting