

Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council Meeting

July 21, 2021

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

Attending: Walt Bowen, Senior Citizen's Lobby; Max Cantu, Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office; Barb Chamberlain, Active Transportation Division-WSDOT; Dongho Chang, Seattle City Traffic Engineer; Charlotte Claybrooke, Safe Routes to Schools-WSDOT; Chris Comeau, Bellingham City Planner; Eric Edwards, Richland Police; Tony Gomez, King County; Will Hitchcock, DOH; Staci Hoff, Research Director, WTSC; David Jones; Katherine Miller, Spokane Capital Programs; Jon Pascal, Kirkland City Council; Dr. Amy Person, Benton-Franklin Health District; Julia Reitan, Feet First; Eveline Roy, Region 12 Target Zero Manager; Pam Pannkuk, Washington Traffic Safety Commission; Harold Taniguchi, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs; Anna Zivarts, Disability Mobility Initiative;

WTSC Staff: Debi Besser, Mandie Dell

Advisor: Ryan Peters, NHTSA.

Guest Presenter: Amanda Dylina Morse, WA DOH

Facilitator: Patricia Hughes, Trillium Leadership Consulting

Actions and Decisions:

- All Things Speed Related will send doc for preview prior to August meeting
- Barb, Anna and Will volunteered to help with the Communications review
- Safety Action Team will meet to determine inclusion in Annual Report
- Fatality Review Action Team will create process for now to November
- Pat will plan Fatality Review with Staci Hoff
- Pat and Debi will create Annual Report Timeline
- Exec Comm will review implications to ATSC re: pilot project funding

Summary Notes

Welcome back

- Introduce Mandie, Debi
- Update on hiring: received apps, still hoping for a September onboarding

Action Team Updates

- All Things Speed Related - working on document for August review
- Safety Definition next steps (July 26) – will determine what to include in Annual Report and what to make public, report back in August
- State Policy Committee (table until new staff comes on)
- Communications (hold until new staff comes on)

Fatality Review Update

- Staci Hoff will supplement the process. Pat will meet with Staci to plan July 28 meeting. Action Team will create process from now to November (July 28)

Amanda Morse, WA Dept of Health Epidemiologist 2 (non-Medical)

Emergency Data presentation Q&A, *PPT Attached to notes*

Q: Would love to look at hospital admissions that were a result of patients being unable to access preventative or less urgent medical care, due to lack of transportation access. A: Sometimes we know how the patient arrived – could be a request to hospitals by ATSC, do add a note in triage notes, arrived via EMS, Police, POV

Q: Do you see/try to account for differences in the medical notes/biases in nursing staff? A: Open to exploring that in context of traffic injuries.

Q: Are you doing anything that can help identify people who don't seek care, period, due to fear of official processes? We have data on admittances. Could look at distribution of medical conditions by race in diff neighborhoods... social determinants of health and health equity is very important to our department. (Barb: In an FHWA workshop someone shared the story of a pedestrian safety audit conducted because a stretch of road had 9 deaths. But when they talked to the local priest, he said no, it's 18--I've conducted the funerals. 9 of them were people who would rather die than risk their family's status being discovered.)

Q: Do you have data about where the incident occurs? A: It depends on whether patient provides, or whether provider enters it. Usually just “intersection, sideway, surface street”. Could ask hospitals to provide more info in the triage notes.

Story about Sweden clearing walkways before roads in weather conditions

<https://usa.streetsblog.org/2018/01/24/why-sweden-clears-walkways-before-roads/>

Q: What training do people reporting data to have uniform info? A: It's not specially reported to us, but Sinbad format is an international standard of transmission of health data, but it's only what is put into the triage notes and diagnostic codes. Will be big differences between facilities, some have social determinants of health, others have Sepsis checklist.

Q: What's happening on categorization on race/ethnicity and not using binary code of gender M/F?

A: Race and ethnicity have flat codes, have been working on a project to better understand racial classification (more than half of native could be mis-classified as white/other). And how the fields are aggregated/not. AM is part of many work groups on addressing and fixing the long-standing issue of "data genocide."

For SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity) Sinbad only has M/F/Other. Would have to be a national conversation, is a big oversight,)

Pilot Project for Block the Box, Restricted Transit Lanes – Dongho Chang

PPT Attached to notes

[Block the Box](#) SDOT Blog

Background: <https://www.seattle.gov/police/community-policing/ws-low-bridge-enforcement>

Our background info on the Spokane St is in our blog post is here:

<https://sdotblog.seattle.gov/2020/10/21/were-installing-signs-around-the-west-seattle-low-bridge-starting-oct-24-to-let-everyone-know-bridge-access-will-be-monitored-with-automated-photo-enforcement-fines-begin-as-early-as-january-1/>

- In 2020 legislative session, City of Seattle got authority to expand safety enforcement cameras for Seattle-specific areas. Blocking intersections at a red in 20 locations.
- And automated enforcement in transit lanes on Spokane St. Started collecting fines in Feb, growing as traffic resumes to normal.
- 50% of excess revenue from these two pilot projects has to be used for safety and will be dedicated to Cooper Jones. To date, \$148K, expecting \$800K for the year. Other 50% earmarked for accessibility, automated ped signals. *(financial snapshot below)*
- Who to thank for the funding? Alex Alston at Washington Bike and Anna Zivarts at Disability Mobility Initiative!
- Next locations – W Seattle buses and heavily used transit routes (Aurora Rapid Line E Line, block the Box South Lake Union on Mercer St., streetcar on Valley/Westlake, 4th and Jackson, 5th and Olive,
- It's a pilot and will have to be reviewed by the state Legislature for continuation
- 80% learn from a warning (don't get a ticket) but 20% are repeat offenders, "paying for the privilege" – due to privacy/equity issues can't yet implement an escalator clause for repeat offenders
- Some data stories we can tell about the values of investments made, how the \$ has been put to good safety use
- Exec Comm is researching how this year's funding can be used and how it might change the nature of the committee structure

Financial

ATEC Summary					
<i>Calculation for Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Account payment</i>					
	21-Feb	21-Mar	21-Apr	21-May	Total
Ticketed Violations					
SEAR001 - EB SW SPOKANE ST	4,965	4,790	7,730	5,472	22,957
SEAR002 - WB SW SPOKANE ST	7,849	7,457	10,454	10,472	36,232
Total Violations	12,814	12,247	18,184	15,944	59,189
Revenue	\$ 9,750	\$ 151,396	\$ 110,114	\$ 265,655	\$ 536,915
SDOT Expense - TOD (TRG0277)	\$ 2,560	\$ -	\$ 4,075	\$ 10,403	\$ 17,037
SDOT Expense - RWS WSB (TRC1147)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,350	\$ 20,678	\$ 43,029
SPD Expense	\$ 14,658	\$ 16,071	\$ 45,226	\$ 12,591	\$ 88,545
SMC Expense (\$1.53/violation)	\$ 19,605	\$ 18,738	\$ 27,822	\$ 24,394	\$ 90,559
Total City of Seattle Expenses	\$ 36,823	\$ 34,809	\$ 99,472	\$ 68,066	\$ 239,170
Net Revenue	\$ (27,073)	\$ 116,587	\$ 10,642	\$ 197,589	\$ 297,745
Amount Due to Cooper Jones Account	\$ (13,536)	\$ 58,294	\$ 5,321	\$ 98,794	\$ 148,873

Announcements:

2021 Washington Walk, Bike, and Roll Summit is online, September 27 – October 1

Legislative Update by Barb: When transportation budget is adopted, that gives funding for safe streets for schools. Also, directive to WSDOT recommendations to changes in process to encourage more participation from jurisdictions under-represented. Our process will get into inequities. Ideas for us to test changes and barriers that exist today – targeted and informative.

Barb: Working on Active Transportation Part II, going to internal review, public comment this fall.

Anna: Will soon release a white paper based on our transportation story map; will invite ATSC to the press conference (likely Aug 4). Link to the white paper, (not final!) is here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sQvhevYf5SR_5dJp14QT5qSURCikRpe5HBBKL6VYTM/edit?usp=sharing)

Action Item Review

- All Things will send document for review prior to Aug
- Pat/Debi working on timeline for Annual Report
- Pat/Staci meeting to organize Fatality Review AT meeting
- Barb, Will and Anna will provide feedback on the Creative

Closing: Enjoy your summer!